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AGENDA

Newport News City Council

April 10, 2007

City Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

Presentations

- A. Proclamation: National Volunteer Week – April 15-21, 2007
- B. Resolution in Recognition: Dr. Mostafa Sabbah
- C. Resolution of Recognition: Miss Kelsey Stall

7:30 p.m.

- Item 1. Invocation - Reverend Lawrence Willis
Carver Memorial Presbyterian
- Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- Item 3. Public Hearings - Conveyance of City Owned Property to Newport News Green Foundation, Inc. – 10295 Jefferson Avenue

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTION OF ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10295 JEFFERSON AVENUE TO NEWPORT NEWS GREEN FOUNDATION, INC.

BACKGROUND: ! This is a 2.0 acre undeveloped parcel recommended for conveyance to the City's Green Foundation to ensure that it remains in its natural state as green space.

- Item 4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of Work Session of March 27, 2007
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting of March 27, 2007
- C. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 27, 2007
- D. Hampton Roads H2O – Help to Others

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE CITY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE HAMPTON ROADS H2O – HELP TO OTHERS – PROGRAM, AND SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM.

BACKGROUND:

- ! This program was established in 1999 by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission along with 15 other localities in this region.
- ! The program provides financial assistance to individuals and families in danger of losing residential water service due to non-payment of a local water or sewer bill.
- ! Administrative costs are paid for by the region's water utilities, HRSD and HRPDC, which also act as the coordinating agencies.
- ! The establishment of a non-profit organization for program administration is necessary to ensure that all contributions to the program are tax deductible.

- E. Acceptance of Properties from Newport News Green Foundation, Inc. – 125B and 139 Sandpiper Street

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF PROPERTIES AT 125B AND 139 SANDPIPER STREET FROM THE NEWPORT NEWS GREEN FOUNDATION, INC.

BACKGROUND: ! These are two undeveloped, marshland parcels that will be used to support the City's open space and stormwater programs.

! In total, they represent about 6.8 acres.

F. Acceptance of Streets in City Street System – Port Warwick Subdivision, Phase 3

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL ACCEPT INTO THE CITY'S STREET SYSTEM THE STREETS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN PHASE 3 OF THE PORT WARWICK SUBDIVISION.

BACKGROUND: ! A final inspection of these improvements has been made by the City's Engineering Department which determined that they were constructed in accordance with City standards.

! The following streets and their associated public improvements are included:

- Walt Whitman Avenue
- Herman Melville Avenue
- Eugene O'Neil Street
- William Faulkner North
- William Faulkner South
- T.S. Eliot Street
- Mark Twain North
- Mark Twain South
- James Baldwin Street
- Robert Frost Street
- Emily Dickinson North

-Emily Dickinson South

G. City Code Amendments – Fire Prevention and Protection

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT TWO ORDINANCES THAT WILL AMEND THE FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION SECTION OF THE CITY CODE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF FIRE CODE INSPECTION FEES, AND PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CENTRALLY CONTROLLED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS.

BACKGROUND:

- ! The first proposed ordinance revises upward the schedule of fees charged to business owners who are subject to inspection under the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.
- ! The current fee schedule has not been adjusted since its inception in 1991.
- ! The fee is proposed to increase by \$25 for smaller square footage occupancies and \$75 for larger occupancies.
- ! The second proposed ordinance clarifies responsibility, penalty-wise, to include landlords of premises which have central fire alarm systems that are controlled by the owner or manager of such facilities.

Item 5. Extension of Conditional Use Permit CU-06-191, J. Clyde, LLC

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL GRANT A TWELVE (12) MONTH EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CU-06-191.

BACKGROUND:

- ! This conditional use permit was granted in April 2006 to allow a used car dealership on

a 0.91 acre parcel located at 947 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard.

- ! The City's Zoning Ordinance allows an applicant to request from City Council an extension of up to twenty-four (24) months.
- ! The applicant on this particular permit cites a need for more time because of the difficulty in obtaining construction bids.

Item 6. Extension of Conditional Use Permit CU-06-192, Cars, LLC

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL GRANT A TWELVE (12) MONTH EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CU-06-192.

- BACKGROUND:
- ! This conditional use permit was granted in May 2006 to allow a used car dealership on 2.29 acres located at 11282, 11284, 11286, 11292, and 11296 Jefferson Avenue.
 - ! The City's Zoning Ordinance allows an applicant to request from City Council an extension of up to twenty-four (24) months.
 - ! The applicant on this particular permit cites a need for more time for site planning and design.

Item 7. Extension of Conditional Use Permit CU-06-194, Michael F. Carpenter

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL GRANT A TWELVE (12) MONTH EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CU-06-194.

- BACKGROUND:
- ! This conditional use permit was granted in May 2006 to allow a car wash on a .0927 acre parcel located at 9512 Warwick Boulevard.

- ! The City’s Zoning Ordinance allows an applicant to request from City Council an extension of up to twenty-four (24) months.
- ! The applicant for this particular permit cites a need for more time to meet all the requirements of the conditional use permit, and is prepared to proceed with the construction upon approval of the site plan.

Item 8. Amendments to the Project Administration Agreement and Appropriation of Funds – “USS Monitor Center”

A. Project Administration Agreement Amendments

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE PROJECT ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE “USS MONITOR PROJECT”.

- BACKGROUND:
- ! These recommended amendments reference additional monies that have been received from VDOT for this project.
 - ! The original administration agreement was approved last May by City Council, along with \$325,000 of Federal and State pass through funding.
 - ! The City’s role in this agreement is as sponsor and is limited to the handling of reimbursement transactions related to VDOT’s funding of the project.

B. Appropriation of Funds

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WILL APPROPRIATE \$565,526 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
"USS MONITOR CENTER" PROJECT.

- BACKGROUND:
- ! The Mariners' Museum has received these additional Federal and State grant pass through funds from a SAFTEA-LU High Priority Fund Allocation.
 - ! The Museum will use these funds to reimburse expenditures made in the construction of the landscaping, lighting, sidewalks, and parking lots that support the Monitor Center Exhibit.

Item 9. Appropriations

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ACTION: A REQUEST FOR A MOTION OF CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT AS A BLOCK THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS.

- A. \$90,000 from General Fund Reserves that are designated for the Information Technology Fund to upgrade the Cashiering System in the Treasurer's Office.

- B. \$7,768 of revenue from the State Compensation Board for purchase of Operating Equipment by the Sheriff's Department.
- C. \$93,459 of Federal Grant Revenue for the City's Independent Living Program.
- D. \$51,563 of Federal Grant Revenue for the City's Child Care Quality Initiative Program.
- E. \$206,300 to the Technology Investment Fund from Fiscal Year 2006 General Fund Reserves to purchase LANDesk Information Technology Asset Management Software.
- F. \$5,000 of State and Grant Revenue from the Virginia Tourism Corporation, and \$5,000 from the City's Tourism, Promotions and Development Fund for a Student and Youth Tourism Marketing Program.
- G. \$20,535 of State Grant Funds for a Cities Readiness Initiative Program that is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Health.

A. Cashiering System Upgrade – Treasurer's Office

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WILL APPROPRIATE \$90,000 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES THAT ARE DESIGNATED FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND TO UPGRADE THE CASHIERING SYSTEM IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE.

BACKGROUND: ! This funding will upgrade the current cashiering system computer platform to the new iNovah software platform.

- ! This upgrade is consistent with the City's strategic plan to replace current legacy tax systems that are scheduled to occur in the 2009-2010 timeframe.
- ! In addition to the software upgrade, these monies include funding for a new server and new receipt printers.

B. Sheriff's Department Operating Equipment

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WILL APPROPRIATE \$7,768 OF REVENUE FROM THE STATE COMPENSATION BOARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF OPERATING EQUIPMENT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

- BACKGROUND:
- ! This represents additional revenue received this fiscal year from the Compensation Board which will be used to purchase operating equipment by the Sheriff.
 - ! Specifically, it will be used to purchase four (4) laptop computers which will be used in the Civil Process function of the department.
 - ! No City funds are needed as match for this additional State revenue.

C. Independent Living Program Grant

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WILL APPROPRIATE \$93,459 OF FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR THE CITY'S INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM.

- BACKGROUND:
- ! This program is administered by the City's Department of Social Services.
 - ! The program assists foster care and former foster care youths in

developing the skills necessary to make the transition from foster care to independent living.

- ! Program activities are focused on personal development skills such as self esteem, communication, decision making, conflict resolution, and anger management.
- ! The Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board will provide the required in-kind local match for these grant funds.

D. Child Care Quality Initiative Program Grant

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WILL APPROPRIATE \$51,563 OF FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR THE CITY'S CHILD CARE QUALITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM.

- BACKGROUND:
- ! This program is administered by the City's Department of Social Services.
 - ! The program focuses on the development, enhancement, and strengthening of initiatives to increase the quality of child care delivered to children.
 - ! Program activities include consumer education, referrals, training and technical assistance, and other quality initiatives that will increase parental choice and improve the quality and availability of care.
 - ! No City funding is needed as match for this Federal Grant.

E. Information Technology Asset Management Software

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WILL APPROPRIATE \$206,300 TO THE TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT FUND FROM FISCAL YEAR 2006 GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO PURCHASE LANDesk INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE.

BACKGROUND:

- ! The LANDesk software system will allow the City's IT staff to improve the efficiency and effectiveness in the management of technology assets.
- ! The system has remote capacity which will further decrease maintenance costs and increase productivity.
- ! Deploying this new software will eliminate the need for an additional PC engineer in Fiscal Year 2008, and reduce licensing costs.

F. Virginia Tourism Corporation Marketing Grant

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WILL APPROPRIATE \$5,000 OF STATE GRANT REVENUE FROM THE VIRGINIA TOURISM CORPORATION, AND \$5,000 FROM THE CITY'S TOURISM, PROMOTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR A STUDENT AND YOUTH TOURISM MARKETING PROGRAM.

BACKGROUND:

- ! This project is a co-op advertising and promotional plan between the Newport News Tourism Development Office and area museums and cultural attractions.
- ! Its purpose is to increase visitation by student tour groups.
- ! This particular project will conclude in December upon exhaustion of the

grant funds, but the co-op is planning to continue this marketing effort into 2008.

G. Cities Readiness Initiative Grant

ACTION: A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WILL APPROPRIATE \$20,535 OF STATE GRANT FUNDS FOR A CITIES READINESS INITIATIVE PROGRAM THAT IS SPONSORED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

BACKGROUND:

- ! The CRI is a federal program to help cities increase their capacity to deliver medicines and medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile during large-scale public health emergencies.
- ! These planning grant funds are intended to be used to set-up and maintain a computerized system to help ensure citizens needing disaster related medications get them in a timely manner.
- ! The City's Department of Emergency Management will administer this program, and there is no local match required for this grant.

Item 10. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council

Item 11. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk

Roll Call for New Business

McMillan
Scott
Whitaker

Allen
Bateman
Frank
Haskins

***THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING WILL BE CONCLUDED NO
LATER THAN 10:00 P.M. TO ALLOW PERSONS TO ADDRESS CITY
COUNCIL UNDER "CITIZEN COMMENTS ON MATTERS GERMANE TO
THE BUSINESS OF CITY COUNCIL**

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL WILL
BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL24, 2007, IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**