

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
June 10, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.; Joe S. Frank; William F. Haskins; Madeline McMillan;
Sharon P. Scott; Joseph C. Whitaker; and Charles C. Allen -----7

ABSENT: None-----0

1. The invocation was rendered by Father Joe Majewski, Saint Jerome Catholic Church.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilman Bateman.

3. Public Hearings

(a) Sanitary Sewer Connection Fee

1. Increase in Fee

Mayor Frank presented AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 33, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II., CONNECTIONS TO PUBLIC SEWER, SECTION 33-19, CHARGES. He advised this amended the City Code to establish the Sanitary Sewer Connection Fee rate at \$47.00 per foot, and the subdivision front footage per lot at \$7.70. This increase represented a change from the rate of \$46.00 per front foot. In addition, the subdivision front footage per lot rate would increase by \$0.20, from \$7.50 to \$7.70. By State Code, the City was allowed to recover up to 50% of the actual cost of sanitary sewer extensions/connections. Current actual cost recovery was approximately 25% of the total operating cost.

(No speakers)

Mayor Frank presented A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY'S "POLICY REGARDING SEWERS" TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY WHICH SEWER ASSESSMENTS ARE CALCULATED. He advised this authorized an amendment to the City's Policy regarding sewers. This revision would update the policy to reflect the increase in the front footage rate increase previously presented.

(No speakers)

Councilwoman McMillan moved closure of the public hearings; seconded by Councilman Haskins.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

3. Public Hearings Continued

2. Amendment of City's Policy Regarding Sewers

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above ordinance and resolution; seconded by Councilman Haskins.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

(b) Lease of GAT Tower Space to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Mayor Frank presented A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN TOWER ATTACHMENT LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC DATED THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2008. He advised this authorized the execution of a lease of space on the City-owned GAT Tower located in York County to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. This was a five-year Tower Attachment Lease for designated space on the tower and land immediately adjacent to the tower for specific wireless telecommunications equipment. The rent was \$26,400 per annum and would be paid annually by an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the rent for the prior lease year. These negotiated terms were reflective of current market rates and were consistent with existing City Tower Attachment Lease transactions. The lease terms, specific equipment requirements, and location were negotiated in coordination with the City's consultant for cell tower issues.

Councilwoman McMillan moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Vice Mayor Allen.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

4. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items A through E, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman McMillan.

4. Consent Agenda Continued

(a) Minutes of Work Session of May 27, 2008

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

(b) Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 27, 2008

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

(c) Waterworks Right-of-Way Permit with the National Park Service

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST IF NECESSARY, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT (RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT NO. 4290-08-001) BY AND BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ISSUED ON THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 2008. This ordinance authorized the execution of an agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, and National Park Service, to grant Newport News Waterworks a Right-of-Way permit for the installation of Waterworks facilities within the boundaries of Colonial National Historical Park. This agreement permitted Waterworks to operate and maintain an underground sprinkler control detector assembly and associated water lines on Park Service property. This agreement was a deviation from the Service's standard easement in order to accommodate Waterworks unique requirements. Additionally, this agreement granted City Council's authority to execute similar right-of-way permits in the future with the National Park Service.

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

(d) Resolution of Recognition – Shirley T. Wells

A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR SHIRLEY T. WELLS. This resolution recognized Shirley Timberlake Wells, General Manager, Video Production Services, who served the City of Newport News since 1987. Ms. Wells retired June 1, 2008.

(No Speakers)

4. Consent Agenda Continued
- (d) Resolution of Recognition – Shirley T. Wells Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

- (e) Adoption of Recent State Code Change – Jury Duty Pay for City Employees

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IV., EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, SECTION 2-97, JURY DUTY PAY AND SECTION 2-98, EMPLOYEE APPEARANCE IN COURT MATTERS. This ordinance amended the City Code to revise certain jury duty provisions, and to clarify that part-time and temporary City employees were not eligible for job-related pay while serving on jury duty. City policy treated time spent by full-time employees on jury duty and in certain appearances in court-related matters as work time or leave with pay; however, the policy did not address part-time and temporary employees. The ordinance specified that employee were not eligible for pay, they, like regular full-time employees, would be eligible for time off or leave in qualifying circumstances. The ordinance also clarified that employees who appear in court, or who participate in other aspects of case preparation related to their job, were considered to be working and would be compensated.

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

5. Receipt of Bids for the Grant of a Utility Easement Over City-Owned Property – Rivers Ridge Circle

One (1) bid was received and opened from Dominion Virginia Power for the grant of a utility easement over City-owned land located on a portion of Rivers Ridge Circle and forwarded to the City Manager for review and evaluation. This proposed grant of utility easement was advertised pursuant to State Code requirements pertaining to such transactions that were for a term of greater than five years. This easement was for 15 feet in length to accommodate underground electric service conduit and cables. A public hearing was advertised for the June 24, 2008 Regular Meeting of City Council to consider the ordinance that would grant the actual easements to the successful bidder.

6. Sheriff's Office Amended Fiscal Year 2008 Salary Plan and Fiscal Year 2009 Salary Plan

A. Amendment of Fiscal Year 2008 Salary Plan

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A RE-

6. Sheriff's Office Amended Fiscal Year 2008 Salary Plan and Fiscal Year 2009 Salary Plan Continued
 - A. Amendment of Fiscal Year 2008 Salary Plan Continued

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN FOR SWORN EMPLOYEES OF THE SHERIFF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008. This resolution amended the Sheriff's Office 2008 Salary Plan for sworn employees effective July 1, 2007. At the time that the FY 2008 Salary Plan for sworn employees was adopted in 2007, it was noted that the City's Human Resources Department staff would conduct a thorough job analysis and salary study during the year with any employee salary changes to be made retroactive to July 1, 2007. That study was completed and there were some recommended salary range adjustments for ranking officers. This ordinance reflects those salary range adjustments.

(No Speakers)

- B. Fiscal Year 2009 Salary Plan

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE SHERIFF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009. This ordinance approved the Fiscal Year 2009 Salary Plan for employees of the Sheriff's Office, effective July 1, 2008. With this new plan, the salary ranges of sworn and civilian Sheriff's Office employees would increase by 2% at the minimums and 2% at the maximums, similar to that of the salary plan for other City employees. Employees would be eligible for a total salary adjustment of up to 4% based on job performance with an overall employee average increase of 3%.

(No Speakers)

Councilman Bateman moved adoption of the above resolution and ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Councilman Haskins stated the State awarded funds for Sheriff's Departments and was supposed to provide money for the Police Department under 599, but had been short. He inquired whether the City was suffering with having both a Police and Sheriff's Department, and whether counties were receiving more revenue than the City was for Sheriff's work. City Manager Hildebrandt promised to review the matter and determine whether there was a disparity between the Sheriff's Departments in counties that were largely paid for by the State and the significant amount of assistance the City received under 599. He added that salaries for deputies had not been raised to the necessary extent to meet the cost of living. The City of Newport News decided, several years ago, to include deputies in its pay plan. Councilman Haskins questioned whether the State was living up to its responsibility.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

7. Shields Road Property Acquisition

A. Appropriation of Funding

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (\$121,140.00) AND CITYWIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (\$80,760.00) TO ACQUISITION OF 748 AND 756 SHIELDS ROAD (\$201,900.00). This resolution appropriated \$121,140.00 from the Economic Development Fund; and \$80,760.00 from Citywide Drainage Improvements to acquire two parcels located at 748 and 756 Shields Road, which were owned by W & W Enterprises, LLC. These parcels were bisected by the proposed alignments for the future Atkinson Boulevard, also known as Snidow Boulevard Extended. The owners offered the City these parcels for the combined assessed value. The City's Stormwater Fund contributed \$80,760.00 toward the acquisition of these properties because of their contribution to the stormwater drainage system.

(No Speakers)

B. Authorization to Acquire

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 748 AND 756 SHIELDS ROAD. This ordinance authorized the acquisition of 748 and 756 Shields Road for the combined assessed value of \$201,900. 748 Shields Road consisted of 3.27 acres and was assessed at \$130,700.00. 756 Shields Road consisted of 1.78 acres and was assessed at \$71,200.00.

(No Speakers)

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above resolution and ordinance; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

8. Residential Parking Permit Program – West Avenue

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 26, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IX., RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM, SECTION 26-226, DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREAS. This ordinance approved the inclusion of West Avenue from 30th to 31st Streets in the City's Residential Parking Permit Program. This proposal to add this portion of West Avenue to the Residential Parking Permit Program was in response to a petition submitted to the City involving a majority of the residents in the area. The residents were having difficulty with parking due to the overflow of patrons from the Shipyard in front of 3105 West Avenue. This action met all of the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the RPPP. Funding from the approved operating budget would be used for the cost of sign materials, installation and maintenance.

8. Residential Parking Permit Program – West Avenue Continued

(No Speakers)

Mayor Frank inquired whether the Shipyard and Navy had been conferred with regarding this program. City Manager Hildebrandt responded no. He indicated the program was established and put in place because Shipyard employees and Navy personnel parked in residential areas prohibiting the residents from parking in their neighborhoods. The program would allow residents to park on the streets where their houses were located.

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilman Haskins.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

9. Resolution to Address Virginia's Transportation Funding Crisis

A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS VIRGINIA'S TRANSPORTATION FUNDING CRISIS. This resolution urged the Governor and the Virginia General Assembly to act swiftly and decisively to approve legislation that would address the State's transportation funding crisis. Governor Kaine scheduled a Special Session of the General Assembly for June 23, 2008 to address the transportation funding situation. Every local government had a stake in transportation, whether it was a matter of public safety, economic development, relief from traffic congestion, or quality of life. The Virginia Municipal League urged local governments across the Commonwealth to adopt resolutions and forward them to their respective State legislative delegation prior to the Special Session. City Manager Hildebrandt recommended that City Council take some action to signal to the General Assembly the importance of resolving this funding issue to the City of Newport News.

(No Speakers)

Councilman Haskins recommended changing language in the resolution that originally supported efforts of the Governor and the General Assembly to act swiftly and decisively to approve legislation that would address the transportation funding crisis at the statewide, regional and local levels; to “. . .address the transportation funding crisis at the statewide level.”

Councilwoman McMillan recommended changing language in the resolution that originally stated “. . . such legislation should recognize that it is the Commonwealth's responsibility to impose the new taxes and fees; that the funding purposes must be restricted to ensuring safe roads, relieving traffic congestion, maintaining and increasing transit investments, promoting economic development. . .” , to “. . . such legislation should recognize that it is the Commonwealth's responsibility to provide safe roads, relieve traffic congestion, which in turn promotes economic development. . .” Vice Mayor Allen recommended changing language in the modified resolution that stated “. . . such legislation should recognize that it is the Commonwealth's responsibility to provide safe roads, relieve traffic congestion, which in turn

9. Resolution to Address Virginia's Transportation Funding Crisis Continued

promotes economic development. . ." by inserting the words "while maintaining and increasing transit investments," so that it read ". . . such legislation should recognize that it is the Commonwealth's responsibility to provide safe roads, relieve traffic congestion, while maintaining and increasing transit investments, which in turn promotes economic development throughout the state, without imposing a financial burden on local governments or solely on residents of regions where road improvements are required and traffic congestion must be relieved."

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

10. City Code Amendments Pertaining to Employee Paid Personal Leave and Retirement Credited Service

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IV., EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, DIVISION 2., PAID PERSONAL LEAVE, SECTION 2-108, AMOUNT PRESCRIBED; SECTION 2-110.1, CARRY-OVER OF PAID PERSONAL LEAVE; SECTION 2-111, LEAVE EXCHANGE; DIVISION 3., PAID MEDICAL LEAVE, SECTION 2-119, AMOUNT PRESCRIBED; ACCRUAL.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 31, PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II., EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND, DIVISION 4, CREDITED SERVICE, SECTION 31-35. CREDITED SERVICE FOR WORK PERFORMED FOR A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER.

These ordinances amended the City Code to coordinate provisions of two applicable sections to reflect changes made in 2007 to the Employee Leave Carryover and Leave Exchange Program with the recodified pension and retirement section. In 2007, City Council approved amendments to the City Code pertaining to the leave program, and subsequently recodified Chapter 31 pertaining to pensions. These ordinances revised Chapters 2 and 31 to coordinate the provisions of both chapters with respect to leave carryover and leave exchange, and updated the recodified version of Chapter 31 as to these revisions. The proposed ordinances simply coordinated leave retirement and related policies.

(No Speakers)

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above ordinances; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

10. City Code Amendments Pertaining to Employee Paid Personal Leave and Retirement Credited Service Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

11. Appropriations

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of Items A through C, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

- (a) Healthy Families Partners in Prevention Program

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE (\$70,000.00) TO FY 2008 HEALTHY FAMILIES PARTNERS IN PREVENTION (\$70,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$70,000.00 in Federal Grant Revenue for the City's Healthy Families Partners in Prevention Program. This federal program was administered by the City's Department of Human Services under contract with the Virginia Department of Health. This was a continuing program that provided comprehensive, long-term interventional outreach designed to reduce non-marital pregnancies, particularly among young adults aged 20 to 29. No local grant match was required,

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

- (b) Special Needs Emergency Shelter Generators

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM VIRGINIA HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION (ASPR GRANT) (\$100,000.00) AND NONDEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCIES (\$153,000.00) TO SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER GENERATOR GRANT (\$253,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$100,000.00 of Federal Grant Revenue, and \$153,000.00 from the City's Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget for the installation of Emergency Shelter Generators at Menchville High School. The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response provided these federal pass-through funds to localities to meet the special needs criteria established by FEMA. The City was approved for two such generators that would be installed at Menchville High School. This emergency shelter would then support individuals who were power-dependent or need medical assistance above and beyond their caregivers' capabilities at regular shelters.

(No Speakers)

Councilman Bateman inquired whether other emergency shelters had similar generators. City Manager Hildebrandt responded the City was working to provide generators in its primary shelters. The shelter in question did not have an emergency generator and had been

11. Appropriations Continued
 - (b) Special Needs Emergency Shelter Generators Continued

designated as a new shelter for special needs evacuees.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

- (c) Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH – VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR THE HUMANITIES GRANT (\$6,000.00) TO VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR THE HUMANITIES LITERARY SERIES (\$6,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$6,000.00 of Grant Revenue from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities for a literary program series sponsored by the Newport News Department of Libraries and Information Services. This literary program series was a collaboration by the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium and the Newport News Public Library System which was a founding member of the Consortium. This literary program series included author Walter Mosley's appearance at the Ferguson Center for the Arts, as well as seven book discussions held at the seven libraries that were members of the Consortium. The events were free and open to the public. There was no local match required for this grant.

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

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

Mr. John Procyson, 305 Normandy Lane, Newport News, commented on purported City budget cuts were reported in the June 2, 2008 edition of the Daily Press. He reminded the operating budget had increased by 3.5% from FY 2007. He took exception to the cuts set forth by the City Manager. He urged further cuts in the City Manager's staff and other areas of the budget, such as closure of the Midtown Community Center and the Huntington Park Tennis Center on Sundays, no annual environmental calendars, fewer lifeguard hours at Huntington Park Beach, and slower repairs on residential city streets. Mr. Procyson questioned annual allocations to the Marriott Convention Center and the Mariners' Museum. He suggested cutting meals after work sessions, and cease all unofficial travel to conventions and meetings not required by law. Mr. Procyson stated that the Council members did not have the needs of the citizens in priority.

Ms. Shirley N. Jones, 313 Crittenden Lane, Newport News, Lane, encouraged the rebuilding of the Deep Creek Pier, along with the public access boat ramp. She stated there had been parking access for years. She questioned the lease of nearly four acres of prime waterfront property to Christopher Newport University for \$1.00 per year, which was unreasonable. Ms.

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Continued

Jones stated the watermen were as much a part of the City's history as the shipyard was to Newport News' history, and stated the citizens were obligated to respect that history and the gift from the Melzer family. She urged City Council to support the City's history.

Mr. Freddie B. Allen, 346 Blair Avenue, Newport News, noted that the City had not responded to the problems that he brought forth two years prior regarding a public nuisance at 350 Blair Avenue and the trenching on his property at 349 Chesapeake Avenue and 16th Street. Readdressing the issues, Mr. Allen stated a 'yes or no' response would have been appropriate and felt they had been placed on the back burner.

Mayor Frank requested that the complaint made by Mr. Allen be investigated. City Manager Hildebrandt indicated the matter would be investigated, and that he would be in direct contact with Mr. Allen.

Mr. C. W. Powell, 3 Gay Drive, Newport News, expressed concern about future requirements for insurance and mooring fees for boats docked in Deep Creek. He further advised that there was not ample space to work on the boats. He urged the rebuilding of the Deep Creek Pier.

Ms. Carol Hogge, 3 Gay Drive, Newport News, expressed concern about insurance and fee requirements for work boats in Deep Creek. She expressed concern about the lack of access to work boats at the Menchville wharf.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, provided his conclusion on the Oyster Point Transportation Study presented by Mr. Dwight Farmer of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission in April 2008 (a copy of the report is attached and made a part of these minutes). The study looked at the traffic situation in Oyster Point, the significant growth expected by 2030, as well as traffic improvements and alternatives. Mr. Gergely concluded that Oyster Point, and its surrounding streets, in 2030, would be totally gridlocked, no matter what improvements were made. He indicated the solution was to stop organized growth in Oyster Point.

Councilman Haskins indicated that City Council had an obligation to respond to the report.

Councilwoman McMillan suggested that a copy of the report be downloaded to CD and distributed.

13. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager presented AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED PURCHASE PRICE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 503 OYSTER POINT ROAD TO IMPLEMENT THE RELOCATION OF A WAREHOUSE AT THE CITY OPERATIONS CENTER AT 513 OYSTER POINT ROAD AND PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSED. This authorized the increase of the purchase price for the acquisition of the

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property at 503 Oyster Point from \$325,000.00 to \$345,000.0. This would allow the purchase without proceeding with eminent domain.

Councilman Haskins moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

Mayor Frank presented A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN ADDENDUM NO. 4 DATED THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2008, TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND MABEL V. WASHINGTON, CITY CLERK. This resolution was an addendum to the City Clerk's Employment Contact with the City of Newport News. Mayor Frank advised that Council had conducted a performance evaluation on the City Clerk, and as a result would grant a salary increase to \$77,000.00.

Councilman Whitaker moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Vice Mayor Allen.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen

Nays: None

Mayor Frank advised receipt of an e-mail message from Ms. Jeanette Davis, requesting consideration of a reduction from five 8-hour work days to four 10-hour work days. The intent was not to close departments, but rotating staff, to cut gasoline costs. Mayor Frank forwarded the same to the City Manager for review and consideration.

Councilwoman Scott announced the next North District Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 368. Retiring Council member William F. Haskins and Vice Mayor Allen were scheduled to be guests. There would also be open discussion about a pilot program, "Virginia Kids Eat Free." Citizens in the North District were committed to taking a bite out of hunger. The program was scheduled for June 16, 2008 through August 31, 2008. Citizens were encouraged to contact the Newport News City Clerk's Office or visit the website www.kidseatfree.com in an effort to help take a bite out of hunger.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:19 P.M.

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Mabel V. Washington, CMC
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank
Mayor
Presiding Officer

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