

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
June 10, 2008  
5:00 P.M.**

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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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stuart E. Katz; Mabel V. Washington; Randy W. Hildebrandt; Allen Jackson; Neil A. Morgan; Alan K. Archer; Cynthia D. Rohlf; Richard Caplan; Collie Owens; and Pamela Foshee

After ascertaining that proper meeting notice had been provided to each member of City Council, Mayor Frank called the meeting to order and stated the meeting was being held for the following purposes:

(1) To call a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, subsections: (1) a discussion or consideration of appointments to boards and commissions, and the evaluation of the performance of the City Clerk; and (3) a discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose in the northern portion of the City, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiation strategy of the City; and

(2) To make appointments to fill vacancies on the City's various boards, commissions, and committees.

Councilwoman Scott moved for a closed meeting under sections and reasons cited above; seconded by Councilman Haskins.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(Closed Session 5:02 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.)

Council engaged in discussion to make appointments to fill vacancies on the following boards:

1. Cable Television Advisory Commission – Mr. James Jarvis and Mr. Michael Korb (General Public Representatives) reappointed to serve a three-year term of office.

2. Commission on Youth – Ms. Kristen Beam (Youth-Serving Agency/Organization) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Steve Kast, term expires June 30, 2011.

2. Commission on Youth Continued – Ms. Tivika Taswell-Richardson (General Citizen Adult Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. William B. Burnette, term expires June 30, 2010. Ms. Marika Jones (General Citizen Adult Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Senator John Miller, term expires June 30, 2011.

Ms. Meheret Shumet (Youth Representative - Warwick High School), and Mr. Devin Harris-Wolf (Youth Representative - Hampton Roads Academy) each reappointed to serve a one-year term of office. Ms. Emi Akiode (Youth Representative - Denbigh High School), Ms. Alania Fox (Youth Representative - Heritage High School), Ms. Beverly Auman (Youth Representative - Woodside High School), Mr. Antuan Byalik (Youth Representative - Menchville High School), and Mr. Nicholas Triska (Youth Representative - Peninsula Catholic High School) each appointed to serve a one-year term of office. One appointment (Youth Representative - Mayor's Youth Commission) deferred.

3. Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Board – Mr. John Hightower (Executive Director of Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center) appointed to serve an unlimited term of office. Two appointments deferred.

4. Human Services Advisory Board – Ms. Michele Williams-Grant (General Public Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Jennifer W. Austin, term expires July 7, 2011. Three (3) appointments (General Public Representatives) deferred.

5. Newport News Human Rights Commission – Mr. William H. Lester, Jr. (General Public Representative) and Ms. Sharon Richardson (General Public Representative) each reappointed to serve a four-year term of office. Mr. Augustus L. Owens (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a four-year term of office. Two appointments (Youth Representatives) deferred.

6. Newport News Mayor's Committee on Disabilities – Ms. Margaret F. LaBelle (Consumer) and Ms. Esther Walker (Consumer) each reappointed to serve a three-year term of office. Ms. Amellia L. Bousman (Provider) appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

7. Newport News Public Libraries Board of Trustees – Dr. Teres Scott (General Public Representative), Ms. Mary Sellen (General Public Representative), Ms. Deborah M. Dowd (General Public Representative) each reappointed to serve a four-year term of office. Mr. Frederick Carroll (General Public Representative), Ms. Jessica Ledbetter (General Public Representative), and Mr. Lorenzo Grant (General Public Representative) each appointed to serve a four-year term of office. Two appointments (Youth Representatives) deferred.

8. Newport News Wetlands Board – Mr. Allen R. Jones, Jr. (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a five-year term of office.

9. Newsome House Museum and Cultural Center Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors – Ms. Vera Silver (General Public Representative), Ms. Nina Kenney (General Public Representative) each reappointed to serve a three-year term of office. Father Ralph E. Haines, III and Elder Carnell Bonner, Sr. (General Public Representative) each appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

10. North End/Huntington Heights Architectural Review Board – Ms. Robin Stippich (Resident Owner of Real Estate in North End/Huntington Heights Historical District) and Mr. Carlin Carpenter (Resident Owner of Real Estate in North End/Huntington Heights Historical District) each appointed to serve a four-year term of office.

11. Peninsula Agency on Aging – Mr. Louis Kopp (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

12. Peninsula Institute for Community Health – Ms. Judith Head (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a two-year term of office.

13. Peninsula Ports Authority of Virginia – Mr. Gordon Gentry (Member, Executive Committee for Peninsula Alliance for Economic Development), Mr. David Meeker (Member, Executive Committee for Peninsula Alliance for Economic Development), Mr. Jerome F. Clark (Member, Executive Committee for Peninsula Alliance for Economic Development), Mr. Robert R. Brown (Member, Executive Committee for Peninsula Alliance for Economic Development), Mr. Richard Bagley, Jr. (Member, Executive Committee for Peninsula Alliance for Economic Development), Mr. Cliff Moore (Member, Executive Committee for Peninsula Alliance for Economic Development), and Ms. Wendy Drucker each reappointed to serve a one-year term of office.

14. Taxi Advisory Board – Mr. Charles Crowson, Jr., Commissioner of Revenue (Ex-Officio member), and Mr. Herbert Dale, Designee for Police Chief James Fox (Ex-Officio member) each appointed to serve an unlimited term of office. Reverend James Parker (Taxi Industry Representative) appointed to serve a two-year term of service. Mr. Billy Ray Sumpter (Taxi Industry Representative) appointed to serve until December 31, 2008. Two Appointments (Taxi Industry Representative and General Public Representative) deferred.

15. Towing Advisory Board – Mr. Joshua Graml (General Public Representative), Mr. Raymond H. Duke (Towing and Recovery Industry Representative) and Mr. Isaac P. Barr (Towing and Recovery Industry Representative) each reappointed to serve a two-year term of office.

Mayor Frank advised that potential candidates were subject to a background check conducted by the Newport News Police Department. Following a favorable check, Council would finalize and ratify the appointments.

Vice Mayor Allen moved that other action discussed in closed meeting be ratified; seconded by Councilman Haskins.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

After reconvening in open session, Councilman Haskins moved to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting by the Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Whitaker.

Vote on Roll Call:  
Ayes: Bateman, Frank, Haskins, McMillan, Scott, Whitaker, Allen  
Nays: None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.

Mabel V. Washington, CMC  
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk