

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
July 8, 2008  
10:00 A.M.**

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PRESENT: Madeline McMillan; Sharon P. Scott; Tina L. Vick; Joseph C. Whitaker; Patricia P. Woodbury, Ed.D., LPC; Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.; and Joe S. Frank-----7

ABSENT: None-----0

1. Mayor Frank called the meeting to order. He advised that Section 4.05 of the City Charter required that the inaugural meeting of the new City Council shall be at 10:00 a.m. on the date of the first regularly scheduled council meeting in July. Three (3) persons ran for office on May 6, 2008 and were elected/re-elected as follows: Madeline McMillan, Seat "A" North District 1; Tina L. Vick, Seat "A" South District 3; and Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Seat "A" Central District 2. Mayor Frank stated the purpose of the meeting was to have the successful candidates duly sworn to serve for a term of four years, and to elect a Vice Mayor.

2. The invocation was rendered by Reverend Dr. William J. Marshall, First Baptist Church East End.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by members of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 303, Warwick Assembly of God.

4. Mayor Frank recognized elected officials and other dignitaries present.

5. Presentation of Certificates of Election by the Newport News Electoral Board

Mayor Frank introduced members of the Newport News Electoral Board: Mrs. Selma Petock, Chair; Mrs. Eliza Melvin, Vice Chair; and Mrs. Mary P. Doxey, Secretary.

Members of the Newport News Electoral Board presented Certificates of Election to the newly elected City Council members as follows: The Honorable Madeline McMillan; The Honorable Tina L. Vick; and The Honorable Patricia P. Woodbury.

6. Oath of Office

Oaths of Office were administered individually to the newly elected members of City Council as follows:

(a) Reverend James N. Cornish administered the oath of office to the Honorable Madeline McMillan, re-elected as a member of the Newport News City Council, Seat "A" North District 1, for a four-year term of office beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2012.

(b) The Honorable Bryant A. Sugg, Judge, General District Court, Criminal Division, Newport News, Virginia, administered the oath of office to the Honorable Tina L. Vick, elected as a member of the Newport News City Council, Seat "A" South District 3, for a four-year term of office beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2012.

6. Oath of Office Continued

(c) The Honorable Warren J. Stephens, Retired Judge, Circuit Court, Newport News, Virginia, administered the oath of office to the Honorable Patricia P. Woodbury, elected as a member of the Newport News City Council, Seat "A" Central District 2, for a four-year term of office beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2012.

The written oaths were signed by all parties for filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the City of Newport News (copies are attached and made a part of these minutes).

7. Election of Vice Mayor

Mayor Frank opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Mayor for the City of Newport News.

Councilwoman Vick nominated Council member Joseph C. Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Bateman. Councilman Bateman made the motion to close the nominations; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call (closure of nominations):

Ayes: McMillan, Vick, Whitaker, Woodbury, Bateman, Frank

Nays: Scott

Vote on Roll Call (nomination of Joseph C. Whitaker for Vice Mayor):

Ayes: McMillan, Vick, Whitaker, Woodbury, Bateman, Frank

Nays: Scott

8. Remarks by Council Members

(a) Mayor Frank congratulated Vice Mayor Whitaker on his election, indicating that he had faithfully served the community for a long time. He also congratulated the newly elected members of Council, Dr. Woodbury and Ms. Vick, who both worked hard in their elections and had the support of the community. Mayor Frank indicated he looked forward to working collegially and cooperatively with them. He also congratulated Councilwoman McMillan on her re-election to the City Council, and commended her for her hard work and dedication. Mayor Frank indicated the community was fortunate to have a City Council that was diverse, representing different sections of the community, but overwhelmingly looked out for the wellbeing of the entire community beyond their specific districts. He further indicated there was a spirit of cooperation and collegiality that had enhanced their ability to do the work of the citizens. He mentioned that much had been accomplished over the years, but there was a great deal to be done. Council's job was to address the issues, concerns and needs of the citizens and to assure that children had a successful, rewarding and fulfilling future.

Mayor Frank stated that everyone shared a vision for a successful community where people could thrive, work, receive an education, raise a family, and be confident that the future had hope and opportunity. He indicated that City Council was obligated to make sure that the vision was shared and enjoyed by all citizens, affording everyone the same opportunities to succeed. He indicated that businesses should be encouraged to create jobs to

8. Remarks by Council Members Continued

support all, and that educational facilities and institutions must be places of excellence. Mayor Frank congratulated Mr. Teddy Hicks on his recent election as Chairman of the Newport News School Board. Mayor Frank thanked the families that were present for their support, encouragement, and love, which allowed members of Council to do the work of the community. He reminded his colleagues that the issues and matters that bonded them together were more compelling than those that may separate them from time to time, reiterating that he looked forward to working with each.

(b) Councilman Bateman welcomed his colleagues on City Council and indicated that he looked forward to working with each.

(c) Councilwoman McMillan thanked the citizens of the North District for their confidence, trust, support, and friendship. She further thanked those who volunteered in various capacities, and who worked hard in the community to make change. She expressed a strong belief for representative government and counted it a duty to voice the concerns and positions of the people she represented, working together for the City as a whole. Councilwoman McMillan thanked Reverend James Cornish for his spiritual growth, advice, and friendship. She thanked her husband John, who also served as her role model; as well as their daughter, Anne and granddaughter Sarah Grace. Councilwoman McMillan welcomed Council members Woodbury and Vick, and indicated she looked forward to working with them.

(d) Councilwoman Scott congratulated Councilwoman Woodbury and Councilwoman Vick on their recent election to City Council. She announced that history was being made in the City with four women serving on City Council. Councilwoman Scott indicated her desire for open government and thanked the citizens in the North District for participating in the North District Town Hall Meetings. She indicated that she looked forward to working with the entire team for the next few years, vowing to continue to do the things that were in the best interest for all citizens in the City. She further indicated that she would continue to review and scrutinize the budget in an effort to save money.

(e) Councilwoman Vick thanked citizens for their support and introduced her family and campaign managers. She reminded of her campaign slogan, "Committed to Making a Difference" and vowed to do just that as a member of City Council. Councilwoman Vick expressed plans to work hard and meet with citizens about the issues, and work with her colleagues on City Council to make a difference for the entire City.

(f) Councilman Whitaker accepted the position of Vice Mayor of the Newport News City Council with humility and expressed gratitude to his colleagues on City Council for their support and for placing confidence in him to fulfill the responsibilities of the position. He thanked his family, church family, and the residents of the Southeast community for their support (a copy of his remarks are attached and made a part of these minutes). Councilman Whitaker stated that he looked forward to working with his colleagues, the City Manager and the management team.

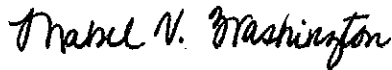
(g) Councilwoman Woodbury expressed with honor and pride the opportunity to represent the citizens on the Newport News City Council. She thanked God, her husband and family for their support, as well as the Honorable Warren Stephens, her church


8. Remarks by Council Members Continued

family, friends and the many citizens who helped in her mission to serve on the City Council. Responding to the debate as to when she would say “yes” and when she would say “no,” Councilwoman Woodbury shared a few cases as follows: She would say no to unnecessary and wasteful spending; no to the concept “build it and they will come,” letting market research and other data guide those decisions; as well as no to gangs and violence. She would say yes to a Citizens’ Advisory Committee on the budget; conservation of all natural resources, especially water; to Newport News becoming the “Education City;” public safety; lower taxes; transparency in government; working collaboratively with her colleagues on City Council; and yes to the citizens, whose ideas and input she would count on to guide her to make the best possible decisions for Newport News.

Mayor Frank, on behalf of City Council, thanked everyone for their attendance. He extended an invitation to attend a reception being held in the City Hall Lobby immediately following the Ceremony.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:42 A.M.

  
Mabel V. Washington, CMC  
City Clerk

  
Joe S. Frank  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer

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City Clerk