

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
July 8, 2008  
9:00 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 Mayor Frank-----7

ABSENT: None-----0

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy W. Hildebrandt; Stuart E. Katz; Mabel V. Washington; and Allen Jackson

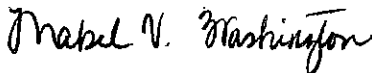
After ascertaining that proper meeting notice had been provided to each member of City Council, Mayor Frank called the meeting to order and stated the meeting was being held for the following purpose:

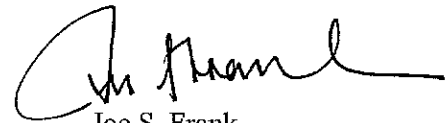
(1) To call a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, subsection: (1) a discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body.

Members of City Council convened at 9:00 a.m. concerning the election of Vice Mayor to the Newport News City Council. City Attorney Katz advised that the City Charter, Sec, 4.05 required the election of Vice Mayor. Mayor Frank advised that calls, letters, and solicitations had taken place amongst the candidates interested in the position.

Mayor Frank advised that he had received and exchanged phone calls, most from members of City Council, and there appeared no need to hold a closed meeting as Councilman Joseph Whitaker had obtained at least four votes to support him for the position of Vice Mayor. Members of City Council expressed concern and discomfort with the process, specifically that there was no notice given indicating there would be no closed meeting. Mayor Frank apologized, responding that public notice had been given, but there was no proper method to rescind the notice and to advise the public and the press in a timely fashion.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:15 A.M.

  
Mabel V. Washington, CMC  
City Clerk

  
Joe S. Frank  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk