

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
September 23, 2008
4:50 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

OTHERS PRESENT: Stuart E. Katz; Mabel V. Washington; Allen Jackson; Neil A. Morgan; Nicole Montalto; Collie Owens; and Jennifer Walker

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 (7) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to actual litigation where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating posture of the public body; and regarding the provision of legal advice where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating posture of the public body; 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 Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(Closed Session 4:52 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.)

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

1. Board of Trustees-Pensions and Retirement – Three appointments (General Public Representatives) deferred.

2. Cable Television Advisory Commission – Two appointments (General Public Representatives) deferred.

3. Committee on Investments – Four appointments (General Public Representatives) deferred.

4. Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Board – Ms. Teyshana Lowery (General Public Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, term expires October 28, 2009. Ms. Rosaline Carter (General Public Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Jennifer Austin, term expires October 28, 2009. Ms. Shelly Jefferson (General Public Representative) and Reverend Lawrence Willis (General Public Representative) each appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

5. Hampton Roads Planning District Commission – Mr. Randy Hildebrandt (City Manager) officially reappointed to serve a two-year term of office.

6. Hampton Roads Transportation District (HRT) – Mr. Neil Morgan, Assistant City Manager, appointed to serve as alternate to Vice Mayor Joseph Whitaker. Councilwoman Madeline McMillan appointed to serve as alternate to Councilwoman Patricia Woodbury.

7. Hilton Village Architectural Review Board – Ms. Sandra A. Dekker (Resident Owner) appointed to serve a four-year term of office). One appointment (Landscape Architect) deferred.

8. Human Services Advisory Board – Mr. Phil Bomersheim (General Public Representative) reappointed to serve a four-year term of office. Ms. June Owens (General Public Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Councilwoman Tina Vick, term expires July 10, 2010. Mrs. Audrey Clement (General Public Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Robert Thomas, term expires July 10, 2011. Ms. Satiatu Harper (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a four-year term of office.

9. Industrial Development Authority – Mr. Arthur Henderson (General Public Representative) reappointed to serve a four-year term of office. One appointment (General Public Representative) deferred.

10. Newport News Arts Commission – Mr. Antone Green (Youth Representative – Woodside High School) and Ms. Carolyn Covington (Youth Representative – Menchville High School) each appointed to serve a one-year term of office.

11. Newport News Public Libraries Board of Trustees – Ms. Michelle Selim (Youth Representative – Woodside High School) and Ms. Jessica McCarty (Youth Representative – Heritage High School) each appointed to serve a one-year term of office.

12. Newport News Wetlands Board – One appointment (General Public Representative) deferred.

13. Newport News Office of Human Affairs – Councilwoman Tina Vick (City Council Representative) appointed to replace the Honorable Charles Allen, to serve an indefinite term of office.

14. Peninsula Institute for Community Health – One appointment (General Public Representative) deferred.

15. Taxi Advisory Board – Ms. Vivian J. Ashlock (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a two-year term of office, term expires December 31, 2010. Mr. Mohiyidene O. Cheikh (Taxi Industry Representative) and Mr. Michael S. Bailey, Jr. (Taxi Industry Representative) each appointed to serve a one-year term of office, terms expire December 31, 2008.

16. Towing Advisory Board – Mr. David Dodrill (Towing and Recovery Industry Representative) appointed to fill a two-year term of office.

17. Transportation Safety Commission – Mr. David T. Wilkinson (Traffic Engineer) appointed to replace Mr. John Kaoudis, to serve an unlimited term of office. Captain Jim Eacho (Fire Department) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Captain Robert Craft, term expires October 13, 2010. Mr. John R. Gergely (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a four-year term of office. Ms. Brianne Thomas (Youth Representative – Woodside High School) appointed to serve a two-year term of office. Councilwoman Madeline McMillan (City Council Representative) was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Councilwoman Sharon Scott; term expires October 13, 2010.

18. USS Newport News Liaison Committee – Ms. Bernice I. Berry (General Public Representative), Mr. Dale Hargrave (General Public Representative) each reappointed to serve a four-year term of office. Ms. Jennifer Dellapenta was realigned (Shipbuilding Industry Representative) and reappointed to serve a four-year term of office. Mr. Aubrey Fitzgerald (General Public Representative), Mr. Norwood Groce (General Public Representative) and Ms. Selma Petock (General Public Representative) each appointed to serve a four-year term of office. One appointment (Sea Service/Submarine Representative) deferred.

Mayor Frank advised that potential candidates were subject to a background check conducted by the Newport News Police Department.

Councilwoman Madeline McMillan moved that appointments discussed in closed meeting be ratified; seconded by Councilwoman Tina Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:


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


Nays: None

After reconvening in open session, Vice Mayor Whitaker 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 Councilwoman McMillan.

Vote on Roll Call:
Ayes: Whitaker, Woodbury, Bateman, Frank, McMillan, Scott, Vick
Nays: None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:40 P.M.


Mabel V. Washington, CMC
City Clerk


Joe S. Frank
Mayor
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk