

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
November 6, 2008  
7:30 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

1. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Reverend Michael L. Silver, Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by members of Weeblos Den of Pact 6, Colonial Council, Boy Scouts of America.

3. Public Hearings

(a) Framework for the Future 2030 Comprehensive Plan

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING *FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE 2030 AS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA*. This resolution adopted the Framework for the Future 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission voted 6:3 to recommend to City Council the adoption of the *Framework for the Future 2030* comprehensive plan and the City Manager concurred with this recommendation.

Mayor Frank stated the Framework for the Future 2030 Comprehensive Plan was a collaborative process which shaped and identified how the City conducted its affairs and decisions made with regard to land use and similar issues. The Framework served as a guide for City Council as proposals were considered by the Council. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Frank expressed appreciation to Mr. William Cowardin and the Newport News Planning Commission; Mr. Al Riutort and the Planning staff; City Departments; City Manager Hildebrandt and his management team; as well as the hundreds of citizens who participated on the committees and attended the public hearings to express their concerns and ideas.

Ms. Gloria Deloatch, 700 Waterfront Circle, Newport News, expressed appreciation for being allowed to participate in the planning process. She inquired how the City would prepare to go forward with the development of the Southeast Community. Ms. Deloatch requested a written statement advising what was occurring in the Southeast Community related to development.

Mayor Frank responded the development of the Southeast Community was an ongoing issue. He indicated that proposals would be received, staff would be involved, City

3. Public Hearings
  - (a) Framework for the Future 2030 Comprehensive Plan

Council would consider proposals, public hearings would be held, funding to pay for the projects would be considered, and private developers would also make proposals. Mayor Frank assured that City Council was committed to making the development happen, but market conditions would have to be appropriate. He indicated that when Council was in a position to make announcements regarding the development in the Southeast community, it would be communicated to the entire community.

Mr. William Pelkey, 556H Loch Ness Drive, Newport News, expressed support for the Framework for the Future, but cautioned decisions related to City Farm. He asked that different options be explored, urging Council to keep the land as a public use as much as possible. Mr. Pelkey's preference was that the land be used as a park as opposed to a development for private homes. He expressed opposition to a proposed development for that land. Development in the City has been a major problem. Mr. Pelkey stated that development did not make the City better, but increased traffic and expenditures and the cost for a variety of services. He suggested the land become an extension of the Riverview Farm Park, providing the citizens public waterfront access. Mr. Pelkey urged City Council to seek input from residents.

Mr. Bill Cowardin, 20 Club Terrace, Newport News, commended and acknowledged City staff, the Planning Department staff, the residents and all participants who worked on the Framework for the Future, including members of the Planning Commission. He reminded the process began in October 2005. There were numerous meetings and planning devices, and public hearings that took place. As Chair of the Planning Commission, Mr. Cowardin presented the Framework for the Future, which was the result of three years of citizen participation. He requested that Council adopt the Framework for the Future.

Sheriff Gabe Morgan, 224-26<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport News, expressed his support for the Framework for the Future and requested Council adoption of the Plan. He stated the Plan was a collaborative effort from citizens throughout the City. Sheriff Morgan stated this was a great plan and would be of benefit to the City.

Mr. Doug Hertz, 907 Eastnor Court, Newport News, expressed his support for the Framework for the Future. He thanked City Council for providing the City resources and staff, who worked on the Framework, a master plan for where Newport News wanted to go as a City. He reminded that the Framework was available on-line. He urged citizens to get enthusiastic and volunteer to participate in the process in the next five years.

Councilwoman McMillan moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Vice Mayor Whitaker.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Public Hearings Continued

(a) Framework for the Future 2030 Comprehensive Plan Continued

Vice Mayor Whitaker moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked the citizens who participated in the process. Having participated in the past, she was aware of the hours and the work that went into the document. She expressed disappointment in the overruling by the Oversight Committee to keep the City Farm as a park for use by the citizens. She indicated she would not vote against the resolution, but hoped the citizens would be very verbal regarding what they wanted, and the Planning Commission would inform the City Council and the rest of the City. Councilwoman Woodbury reiterated her disappointment that the Task Force was overruled.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(b) Waterworks' Property Exchange Agreement – Huntington Pointe

AN ORDINANCE 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 AMENDMENT TO THE CONDITIONAL OPTION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, McCALÉ DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, CHURCHILL GROUP OF VIRGINIA LLC AND LEWIS A. McMURRAN, III, DATED THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008. This ordinance authorized the City Manager to sign an amendment to the November 28, 2006 Conditional Option Agreement between McCale Development Corporation and the City of Newport News for the exchange/sale of City-owned Waterworks' Property, to allow for an extension of the closing date and an assignment of the agreement from McCale Development Corporation to the Churchill Group. The principals of McCale Development Corporation, with whom the City holds the original agreement, were divesting their business affiliation. A new company, The Churchill Group, LLC, owned by Lewis McMurrán, had sole responsibility for development of the Huntington Point Project. The City Manager recommended approval.

Mr. Joe Latchum, 721 Lakefront Commons, Suite 200, Newport News, was available for questions.

No citizens came forward to speak.

Vice Mayor Whitaker moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

3. Public Hearings Continued
  - (b) Waterworks' Property Exchange Agreement – Huntington Pointe Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Bateman (His employer, TowneBank had a relationship with the Entity)

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Councilwoman McMillan requested the City Manager describe, for clarity, where the property was located. City Manager Hildebrandt explained that the property involved in this exchange was located in what was formerly York County, half-way between Denbigh Boulevard and Richneck Road, between the Colony Pines subdivision and the new boundaries with York County, which was safely along the Virginia Power transmission right-of-way. Councilwoman McMillan indicated some citizens thought this property bordered the reservoir. She wanted to make it clear that this property did not boarder the reservoir.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Bateman (His employer, TowneBank had a relationship with the entity)

4. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items A and B, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

- (a) Towing Ordinance Amendment – Section 26-17.2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 26, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 26-17.2, SAME-ENFORCEMENT OF PRIVATE PARKING BY TOWING. This ordinance amended Chapter 26 of the City Code, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, to enforce private parking by towing. This amendment eliminated specific telephone numbers documented in the City Code for citizens to use as contact numbers at the Police Department when their vehicles were towed. When a telephone number changed, City Council would no longer be required to take official action. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

4. Consent Agenda Continued
  - (a) Towing Ordinance Amendment – Section 26-17.2 Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (b) Resolution Cancelling December 23, 2008 City Council Meeting

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION CANCELING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 2008. This resolution canceled the City Council Meeting of December 23, 2008. Cancellation of the second meeting in December was consistent with previous years in which City Council met once during the month to accommodate holiday schedules. Taking action at this time to officially cancel the meeting allowed staff to schedule pending items for upcoming meeting agendas, and accommodate the required advertising and notification for certain items of business.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

5. Agreement between Virginia Peninsula Localities on Homelessness

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, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA LOCALITIES ON HOMELESSNESS BY AND AMONG THE CITIES OF HAMPTON, NEWPORT NEWS, POQUOSON, WILLIAMSBURG AND THE COUNTIES OF JAMES CITY AND YORK DATED THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008. This resolution authorized the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the Cities of Hampton, Poquoson and Williamsburg, and the Counties of James City and York to establish the Virginia Peninsula Commission on Homelessness. The Virginia Peninsula Mayors and Chairs were committed to a collaborative effort to reduce homelessness. The Agreement established the Commission as a legally constituted entity and the collective body to oversee development of the Regional Plan to End Homelessness. The duration of the Agreement coincided with the two-year commitment by the Chief Administrative Officials to explore the feasibility of implementing this Plan. The Resolution did not reference an attached Agreement. This would provide flexibility for the City Manager to execute the Agreement at a later date, as long as there were no substantial changes by other participating jurisdictions during the approval process. All six participating jurisdictions committed to their per capita contributions to implement the "4 Cornerstones" of the Commission in FY 2009. No additional local funds were required to enter into this Agreement.

(No registered speakers)

5. Agreement between Virginia Peninsula Localities on Homelessness Continued

Councilwoman Scott noticed that the City of Newport News was the largest investor in the Commission. She inquired how the Commission derived the equation. City Manager Hildebrandt responded that the formula for participation was done on a per capita basis and was based on the population of all citizens in each of the jurisdictions. Councilwoman Scott inquired about service fees and whether the City would be reimbursed if funds were available. City Manager Hildebrandt responded the budget that had been compiled, based on contributions of the jurisdictions involved, was the limit upon which the money would be spent. The City was serving as the fiscal agent that received the money from the jurisdictions and would be making the expenditures to those entities that were under contract or who had services through this Commission. Councilwoman Scott inquired whether the City was fiscal agent in perpetuity. City Manager Hildebrandt replied, according to the terms in the Agreement, the City would serve as fiscal agent for two years. If the Commission and scope of its efforts changed, the City could consider whether or not to continue as fiscal agent.

City Manager Hildebrandt called on Mr. Alan Archer, Assistant City Manager, to provide a brief presentation so the citizens could understand the significance of this regional plan that would improve the situation for homeless individuals on the Peninsula. A copy of the presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

City Manager Hildebrandt pointed out that the City of Newport News had been the driving force in the formation of this Commission and in the development of the plan. He thanked Mr. Alan Archer, Assistant City Manager, who led the activity to form this Commission. Mr. Hildebrandt shared that there was a significant homeless population in the community, and the City had good reason to be a leader in bringing the regional communities together to solve the problem collectively. He acknowledged Mr. Chuck Hall and Ms. Joy Cipriano, with the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, who were both strong advocates of forming a regional solution to end homelessness. This was only the beginning, and it was the Manager's hope to show progress within a few years and a good report in terms of moving toward a total solution to the issue.

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

Councilwoman Vick indicated that this group would meet and move toward finding solutions to help eliminate homelessness in the region.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired when data or a report could reasonably be expected. City Manager Hildebrandt replied an annual report would be provided, but the idea was, within two years, to come up with a tangible, specific implementation plan that hopefully all jurisdictions could support.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

6. King William Reservoir Mitigation Programs Appropriation - \$16,450,000

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM WATER REVENUE BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED (\$16,450,000.00) TO KING WILLIAM RESERVOIR PROJECTS (\$16,450,000.00). This resolution appropriated funds to continue the mitigation programs, monitoring efforts, archeological investigations and design effort for the King William Reservoir (KWR) Project. This appropriation was needed to continue implementation efforts for the reservoir project to include stream and wetland mitigation, facilities design, and legal and permitting activities. Since sufficient cash was available from existing bond monies and other cash reserves to support these expenditures, this appropriation would not result in the issuance of new water revenue bonds until the end of FY 2010. No fiscal impact would result from this appropriation until approximately June, 2010. City Manager Hildebrandt emphasized that much of the work had involved stream and wetland mitigation, which were federal permit requirements that must be satisfied. Wetland mitigation work must be done in order for the City to file for a renewal of the State permit. Despite the fact that the cost was significant, the City Manager indicated there was no option but to continue making investments to show that the City could mitigate for all of the environmental impacts. He urged City Council to adopt the resolution to appropriate the funds.

Vice Mayor Whitaker moved adoption of the above resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Vick

Mr. Kelly Place, 213 Waller Mill Road, Williamsburg, stated that given the reports released in August 2008 using the City's numbers, which were widely at variance with the numbers the City gave the permitting authority, showed the KWR project was not needed and would not be needed for at least a half century. He expressed opposition to the KWR project, and felt it should at least be delayed. Mr. Place indicated the cost spent to date amounted to over \$100 million. He asked City Council to reveal to the citizens the amount they have paid to date. The original projection of the cost of the KWR was \$90 million in the early 1990's. He felt the cost would amount to \$1 billion, when calculating debt service, and inflation. He further stated the amount of growth and population growth projected to support the KWR projects could not be accomplished in the entire service area of the Peninsula, which meant that each citizen would be paying more. Mr. Place pointed that manmade wetland and newly filled reservoirs were directly responsible for an increase in the amount of mercury metholated though the food chain into the fish. He reminded that the State Water Control Board had established a construction moratorium on the KWR project, and that no amount of money spent would be cause to get the permit. Mr. Place advised that the agenda item was misleading and there were items on the agenda that did not fit what was advertised to the public.

City Manager Hildebrandt advised that out of the \$16 million, \$800,000 would be spent on wetland mitigation design work; \$11,500 would be spent on purchasing wetland stream mitigation credits; \$1.5 million would go into stream mitigation, a project to enhance fish spawning passageways in the coastal plain; \$200,000 to the Corps of Engineers to help pay for technical systems needed to monitor the conditions the City must fulfill for the federal permit; \$2 million to begin facilities design work; \$300,000 for legal services; and \$150,000 to start the permit renewal process in order to get the State permit renewed in 2012. He stated if the City did not proceed with the appropriation; an application for renewal could not be filed and the project

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may as well be terminated. He reminded of Brian Ramaley's presentation at the October 28, 2008 Regular Meeting of City Council, in which he discussed what was going on worldwide in terms of climate change and how this was changing the supply, and the importance of reservoirs in the future. City Manager Hildebrandt advised that the KWR project was being built for the next two centuries or more.

Mayor Frank filed a Declaration in accord with Section 2.2-3115H of the Virginia Code, pursuant to subdivision A.3 of §2.2-3112 of the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act that (i) the City Manager had scheduled for consideration by City Council for the November 6, 2008 City Council agenda, his recommendation that Council adopt a resolution to appropriate \$16,450,000 of Water Revenue Bonds for the KWR project; (ii) that, on or about December 23, 1993, E.D. David, Trustee for the King William County Land Trust, acquired land in King William County from the Bear Island Paper Company in the area of the proposed KWR site; (iii) that this property was conveyed to King William Land Trust, LLC on or about January 12, 2001; that he joined the law firm established by E.D. David, Arthur Kamp, and Barbara Hays Kamp, in February of 1998; and the firm was renamed David Kamp and Frank, LLC; and (v) that he had no personal interest in the Real Property or the Trust or the LLC, and did not provide legal service to, nor represent the Trust or LLC, nor did he have personal interest affected by the transaction; and (vi) was able to participate in the transaction fairly and objectively, in the public interest. A signed written declaration is attached and made a part of these minutes in full.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Frank, Scott, Vick, Whitaker, Bateman

Nays: McMillan, Woodbury

7. Circuit Court Clerk Appropriation – Technology-related Equipment and Services  
- \$25,898

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM STATE COMPENSATION BOARD – TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND FEE (\$25,898.00) TO CIRCUIT COURT CLERK (\$25,898.00). This resolution appropriated \$25,898.00 for the purchase of equipment to modernize and update office automation. The Circuit Court Clerk proposed to implement automation initiatives with this purchase to modernize land records, provide secure remote access to records, and to improve public access and the preservation of records. The State Compensation Board would fund this equipment purchase through its Technology Trust Fund.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Mr. William Pelkey, 556H Loch Ness Drive, Newport News, addressed City Council regarding the economic challenges facing the City and its residents. He made the following suggestions to ease the tax burdens for taxpayers and to generate more revenue for the City: (1) Establish a formal Employee Suggestion Program. This program would offer economic incentives for the employees and offer the employees a way to save money for the budget; and (2) provide incentives for property owners to install different devices, such as rain barrels.

Mr. A. C. Pulliam, Jr., 239 Falcon Drive, Newport News, stated he had a tax bill in the amount of \$1, 681.55 and a notice of violation because of a pile of tree trimmings set out in front of a vacant dwelling. He stated the vacant dwelling was paying the same rate for services. He questioned since the tree trimmings were not picked up, whether a fire truck would be dispatched to the vacant dwelling if a fire were to break out.

City Manager Hildebrandt responded that the money used to pay for refuse collection and bulk waste collection came from solid waste fees that citizens paid in their occupied residences. He explained the tree trimmings were not collected because there was no occupied resident in the dwelling paying a fee. Mr. Pulliam stated the property had to be maintained. City Manager Hildebrandt understood, but stated the fees that collect trash and bulk waste were paid through solid waste fees as opposed to personal property taxes. Mr. Pulliam asked whether this was fair. He indicated that this was not fair to the citizens paying taxes. Mayor Frank indicated if the City were to take the entire cost of collecting garbage, and put it in the General Fund to pay for Real Estate Tax revenues; the tax bill would be much higher. Instead, there was a separate fee for those citizens who actually received the services. Those citizens paid for the services they received. The service was not included in the revenue stream generated by the real estate taxes.

Mayor Frank explained that trash was a user fee payment, and if one was paying the user fee, the trash was picked up. The General Fund did not pay for trash collection.

Councilwoman McMillan inquired whether there was a solid waste fee that was on Mr. Pulliam's water bill. Mr. Pulliam indicated he would check and come back to City Council.

Ms. Carol Hogge, 3 Gay Drive, Newport News, talked about the importance of the watermen and the Deep Creek Harbor. She stated the watermen at Deep Creek needed the pier back in order to provide fresh seafood to the community for the public benefit. She requested that the Deep Creek Pier be replaced.

Mr. C. W. Powell, 3 Gay Drive, Newport News, indicated the City was running out of public access to the water. He advocated for the replacement of the Deep Creek Pier.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, reprimanded City Council for authorizing the destruction of the Deep Creek Pier.

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

Mr. Kelly Place, 213 Waller Mill Road, Williamsburg, pointed out misrepresentations on the agenda regarding the King William Reservoir (KWR) project. He stated that the City was funneling profits to the KWR that would not be ready or needed for over a half century, causing residents to pay for future developer's profits 50 – 100 years from now. Mr. Place indicated the KWR was the "poster child" for what was wrong with the Chesapeake Bay.

9. New Business and Councilmember Comments

Mayor Frank asked City Council to support a motion that would modify the holiday schedule for the 2008 Christmas holiday for City employees. The City Code determined that City employees be granted one-half day on December 24, eight hours on December 25, and eight hours of January 1. This year December 24 was on a Wednesday, with Christmas and New Year's Day each falling on Thursday. He requested a motion to approve extending an additional holiday for Friday, December 26 for eight hours to be granted to all full-time employees of the City as a paid holiday.

Vice Mayor Whitaker made the motion to extend an additional holiday for Friday, December 26 for eight hours to be granted to all full-time employees of the City as a paid holiday; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman McMillan thanked members of the Weeblos Den of Pact 6, Colonial Council, Boy Scouts of America, for their presence and assistance in leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman McMillan thanked the Voter Registrar, Ms. Vicki Lewis, members of the Voter Registrar's Office, poll workers and precinct volunteers for their hard work to ensure a smooth 2008 Election Day.

Mayor Frank commended City Staff, the Electoral Board, and all of the volunteers for their hard work to ensure the success of the November 4, 2008 Election Day.

Councilwoman Scott thanked members of the delegation who traveled with her to China on October 23-November 1, 2008. She advised that members of the delegation traveled at their own expense and thirteen responded from the community. She felt this was the beginning of something new to increase community interest in the City's Sister City Program.

Councilwoman Scott thanked Councilwoman McMillan for hosting the November North District Town Hall Meeting and invited her to join the citizens in the future. She announced the next North District Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m., at American Legion Post 368. Members of the Newport Police Department

9. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

would be present to talk about safety during the holidays; as well as provide positive information about crime statistics in the North District and throughout the City.

Councilwoman Vick thanked the City employees and the volunteers who worked on the Framework for the Future, particularly to the members of the Southeast Planning Task Force. She acknowledged and thanked members from The Friendship House for their presence at the meeting.

Councilwoman Vick invited citizens to attend her first Community Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2008, 6:00 p.m., in the Heritage High School cafeteria, 5800 Marshall Avenue, Newport News. Chief Jim Fox, Newport News Police, would be the guest speaker.

Vice Mayor Whitaker thanked the City employees and the volunteers who worked on the Framework for the Future.

Councilwoman Woodbury apologized for her absence at the October 28 Council Meeting. She shared that she had forwarded a memorandum concerning the Deep Creek Pier. It was her feeling that the Pier should be rebuilt. She stated that legally, the City was "in the right," but felt there were some matters that, historically and morally, should be respected.

Councilwoman Woodbury stated that she was honored to present a resolution from the Mayor and the City to the Virginia Genealogical Society on November 1, 2008, but was in competition with Senator McCain.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she, along with Vice Mayor Whitaker, served on the Hampton Roads Transit Board. She indicated that she had learned so much about what the City could have in the way of commuter transportation, i.e. the MAX, that would save citizens money and assist with travel.

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked the citizens for their attendance, participation, and ideas at the Council meetings. She commended Mr. Pelkey for the suggestion about the Employee Suggestion Program.

Councilman Bateman reiterated thanks to the Voter Registrar, the Electoral Board and the volunteers for the success of the November 4, 2008 Election Day. He further thanked the City employees and the citizens for their hard work on the Framework for the Future.

Councilman Bateman encouraged everyone to use the Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport. He indicated that the cost of jet fuel was done and many fares had been reduced.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,  
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:07 P.M.

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*Mabel V. Washington*

Mabel V. Washington, CMC  
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank  
Mayor  
Presiding Officer

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