

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
November 25, 2008
5:15 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

OTHERS PRESENT: Stuart E. Katz; Mabel V. Washington; Allen Jackson; Lynn Sugg; Neil A. Morgan; Cindy Rohlf; Alan Archer; Lottie Vincent; Florence Kingston; Ted Figura; Jason Noah; Sylvia Berry; Thad Holloman; 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 purpose:

(1) To call a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, subsections: (5) a discussion of the expansion of an existing business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in expanding its facility in the community; and (7) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel; 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 Vice Mayor Whitaker.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(Closed Session 5:17 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.)

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

1. Board of Trustees-Pensions and Retirement – Mr. Jeffrey Verhoef (General Public Representative), and Mr. Charles Higgins, Jr. (General Public Representative) each reappointed to serve a two-year term of office. Mr. Robert F. Lanier (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a two-year term of office.

2. Cable Television Advisory Commission – Mr. Gerald DeForge (General Public Representative) and Ms. Courtney Sickafoose (General Public Representative) each appointed to serve a three-year term of office.

3. Commemoration Advisory Commission – Mr. Everett Skipper (Director, Department of Engineering) appointed to serve an unlimited term of office as an ex-officio member, with voting rights.

4. Commission on Youth – Ms. Lyniesha Wright (Mayor's Youth Commission Representative) appointed to serve a one-year term of office.

5. Commission on Investments – Ms. Brooke G. Tiller (General Public Representative), Mr. Thomas Brooks (General Public Representative), and Mr. Charles Spencer (General Public Representative) each reappointed to serve a one-year term of office. Mr. Philip L. Hatchett (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a one-year term of office.

6. Hilton Village Architectural Review Board – One vacancy (Landscape/Architect/Artist) deferred.

7. Human Services Advisory Board – Dr. Liston W. Bailey (General Public Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Carissa Swain, term will expire July 10, 2011.

8. Industrial Development Authority – Mr. Thomas P. Herbert (General Public Representative) appointed to serve a four-year term of office.

9. Newport News Human Rights Commission – Ms. Jin Jooshin (Youth Representative-Warwick High School) and Mr. Vanja Mlakik (Youth Representative-Warwick High School) each appointed to serve a one-year term of office.

10. Newport News Wetlands Board – Ms. Dorothy Murray (General Public Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Allen Jones, term will expire July 13, 2013.

11. Peninsula Disability Services Board – Mr. Louis Kopp (Business Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Judith Head, term will expire November 7, 2011.

12. Peninsula Institute for Community Health – One vacancy (General Public Representative) deferred.

13. Towing Advisory Board – One vacancy (Towing and Recovery Industry Representative) deferred.

14. Transportation Safety Commission – Captain Tom Phillips (Fire Department Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Captain Jim Eacho, term will expire October 13, 2010.

15. USS Newport News Liaison Committee – Ms. Sharron Kitchen Miller (General Public Representative) appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Aubrey Fitzgerald, term will expire July 13, 2012. Mr. Howard Waxman (Sea-Service/Submarine Representative) appointed to serve a four-year term of office. Mr. John Axom (Superintendent of Schools Representative-non-voting ex-officio member) appointed to serve as Superintendent of Schools' Representative for an unlimited term of office.

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

After reconvening in open session, Councilwoman McMillan 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 Vick.

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

Councilwoman McMillan moved that appointments which were discussed in closed meeting be ratified; seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.

Mabel V. Washington, CMC
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank
Mayor
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk