

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
October 14, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: None-----0

1. The invocation was rendered by Pastor Joe S. Evans, Genesis Christian Fellowship Church.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilwoman Woodbury.

3. Public Hearings

(a) New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, Lease for Tower Space

Mayor Frank presented 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 TOWER ATTACHMENT LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC DATED THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008, FOR THE FIRE STATION #8 TOWER SITE. He advised this was a request to authorize the City Manager to execute a five-year Tower Attachment Lease Agreement between the City as Lessor and Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC as Lessee. The proposed Tower Attachment Lease terms and equipment requirements were specific to the tower located at Fire Station #8. The Cingular location on the tower was at the 115 foot level and the terms of the lease would be for a period of five years, commencing November 3, 2008 and ending on November 2, 2013. Rent would begin at \$33,600 per annum and increase each year by an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the rent for the prior lease year.

(No Speakers)

Councilwoman McMillan moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

3. Public Hearings Continued

(a) New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, Lease for Tower Space Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

(b) Zoning Text Amendment ZT 08-262, City of Newport News - Office Space

Mayor Frank presented AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE IV., SUMMARY OF USES, SECTION 45-402, SUMMARY OF USES BY DISTRICT, BY AMENDING USE "C." ENTITLED HEALTH.

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(No Speakers)

Councilwoman McMillan moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Councilwoman McMillan moved adoption of the above ordinances; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Public Hearings Continued

(c) Zoning Text Amendment ZT-08-263, City of Newport News - Variances

Mayor Frank presented AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE XXXII., BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, SECTION 45-3203, PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF VARIANCES. He advised this amended the City's zoning ordinance to include changes to Section 15.2-2309 of the Virginia Code for variances. The Planning Commission voted 9:0 to recommend to City Council the approval of this amendment, and the City Manager concurred with that recommendation.

(No Speakers)

Councilwoman Woodbury moved closure of the public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Mayor Frank explained that the above ordinance would authorize improvement to a site that had previously been granted a variance. However, it required another variance if something was done outside of the previous area. It was a technical change the brought the City ordinance into compliance with an amendment to the State law.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items a through e, both inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.

(a) Minutes of Work Session of September 23, 2008

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

4. Consent Agenda Continued
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting of September 23, 2008

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (c) Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 23, 2008

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (d) Ordinance Amendment – Employee Leave and Benefits for Military Duty

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IV., EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, DIVISION 4., MISCELLANEOUS LEAVES, SECTION 2-133.1., EMPLOYEES IN REGULAR FULL-TIME POSITIONS WHO ARE ON MILITARY ACTIVE DUTY LEAVE FOR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. He advised this amended the City Code, Article IV, Employee Benefits Division 4, Miscellaneous Leaves, Section 2-133.1., Employees in Regular Full-time positions, who were on military active duty leave for Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2002, City Council extended additional benefits to employees called to active duty to support Operation Enduring Freedom. These benefits included: 1) The City paid the entire cost of medical, vision and dental insurance, including family coverage during the duration of the employee's active duty tour; and 2) The employee continued to accrue Paid Personal Leave (PPL) and Paid Medical Leave (PML) each month, and they were added to the leave balances. If the employee did not return to work, the City paid cash for the PPL balance. The proposed ordinance change, effective January 1, 2009, would result in the consistent treatment of these employees as others on military leave.

(No Speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- (e) Resolution of Recognition – K.M. “Butch” Blanks, Jr.

A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR K. M. “BUTCH” BLANKS, JR. This resolution recognized Mr. Butch Blanks for his service to the City of Newport News in several management positions, the last of which was as Chief of Staff in the City Manager's Office. He retired from City employment on September 30, 2008, after 32 years of service.

(No Speakers)

4. Consent Agenda Continued
- (e) Resolution of Recognition – K.M. “Butch” Blanks, Jr. Continued

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

5. Residential Parking Permit Program

- A. 61st Street, 63rd Street, Merritt Road, Nutmeg Quarter Place and Sweetbriar Drive

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 26, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IX. RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM, SECTION 26-226, DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREAS. This was a request to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of the City Code, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IX., Residential Parking Permit Program, to add 61st Street, 63rd Street, Merritt Road, Nutmeg Quarter Place and Sweetbriar Drive. Residents had requested that 61st and 63rd Streets, from Huntington Avenue and Warwick Boulevard, and Merritt Road from Prince Drew Road to the cul-de-sac vicinity, be designated as part of the Residential Parking Permit Program. Overflow of Newport News Shipyard patrons was causing difficulty among residents with parking on 61st and 63rd Streets. Residents on Merritt Road were experiencing parking, litter and loud noise problems with Christopher Newport University (CNU) students. Nutmeg Quarter Place and Sweetbriar Drive were administratively added to the RPP Program in November 2004, as a result of student parking around CNU, but were never formally adopted by City Council.

(No Speakers)

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

Councilman Bateman inquired of the penalty for parking in a residential permit zone. City Manager Hildebrandt replied residential parking permit zones were relatively in a tow zones, and one risked their vehicle being towed if they parked in a permitted zone.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- B. 62nd Street and 64th Street between Huntington Avenue and Warwick Boulevard

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 26, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IX. RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM, SECTION 26-

B. 62nd Street and 64th Street between Huntington Avenue and Warwick Boulevard Continued

226., DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREAS. This was a request to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of the City Code, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IX, Residential Parking Permit Program, to add 62nd Street and 64th Street, between Huntington Avenue and Warwick Boulevard. Currently, the residents in the surrounding blocks were having difficulty with parking due to the overflow of patrons from the Newport News Shipyard, along with the problems associated with overflow, such as litter and loud noise, and had recently been administratively added to the Residential Parking Permit Program. In anticipation of the parking problem shifting to 62nd and 64th Streets, these two streets were being brought before City Council for consideration as well.

(No Speakers)

Mayor Frank inquired whether the residents had been notified that the City proposed this program. City Manager Hildebrandt replied residents had been surveyed and the City was waiting on their responses.

Mayor Frank inquired whether the residents were aware that the residential parking permit zone would cause some burden to them and their visitors. City Manager Hildebrandt replied staff had explained all of the particulars of the program to the residents.

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

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

6. Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Foundation and Advisory Board

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA ESTABLISHING THE DOWNING-GROSS CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD TO REPLACE THE PREVIOUSLY CREATED BOARD FOR THE DOWNING-GROSS CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A FOUNDATION TO AID IN THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE DOWNING-GROSS CULTURAL ARTS CENTER. This was a request to adopt a resolution that established the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board to replace the previously created board and further authorized the creation of a foundation to aid in the financial support of the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center. On October 14, 2003, Council approved Resolution No. 10546-03 that established a Board for the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center. This Board had served the Center admirably. It was now recommended that a Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board be established to provide input to the City's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department regarding activities, events and programming. Further, it was recommended that a foundation be established to aid in the ongoing financial support of the Center.

6. Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Foundation and Advisory Board Continued
(No Speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

7. IDA Bond Modification for Peninsula Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING THE MODIFICATION OF A REVENUE BOND ISSUED BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PENINSULA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. This was a request to adopt a resolution that approved modification of a previously issued \$450,000 Revenue Bond for the Peninsula Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc. (SPCA). The SPCA, a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity, provided shelter, care and protection of animals; acted as a placement agency for animals in good health; and provided education for the humane care and treatment of animals. This project originally involved the issuance of a revenue bond for the construction of an expansion to the 523 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard facility. Council approved the original bond in September 2001. The bond was being modified to extend the maturity for five (5) years, in order to take advantage of a lower fixed interest rate of 4.40% per annum.

(No Speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Bateman (His employer, Townebank, was the Grantor.)

8. EDA Bond Modification for Northrop Grumman – Former Sears Building and Virginia Special Stores

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING PROCEEDING WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MODIFICATION AGREEMENT RELATING TO A MORAL OBLIGATION AGREEMENT SECURING PAYMENT OF THE 1998 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING – SEARS AND VSS BUILDING PROJECTS) ISSUED

8. EDA Bond Modification for Northrop Grumman – Former Sears Building and Virginia Special Stores Continued

BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This was a request to adopt a resolution approving modification of 1998 Series A and Series B taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for the Newport News Shipbuilding, Sears and VSS Building project. The EDA issued a \$13.6 million Series A Bond for the Sears Building Project and a \$12.4 million Series B Bond for the VSS Building Project in 1998, to finance building acquisition and renovation, and construction of two parking garages in downtown. Bank of America, N.A. purchased the bonds and maintained security by a first lien deed of trust on each building. Debt refinancing reduced the interest rate from 6.48% to 5.40%, resulting in annual savings to the company of \$79,500, and to the City of \$19,000 on their respective shares of debt service. Through this transaction, the City's Moral Obligation on the outstanding debt was reduced from \$20 million to \$4 million, which benefitted its credit rating.

(No Speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

9. Designation of National League of Cities (NLC) "Congress of Cities" Voting Delegates

This was a request for City Council to designate the City's voting and alternate voting delegates for the National League of Cities annual business meeting, during the 2008 N.L.C. "Congress of Cities," in Orlando, Florida, Saturday, November 15, 2008.

Councilman Bateman moved to designate Councilwoman Scott as the City's Voting and alternate voting delegate for the National League of Cities annual business meeting since she was the only member of City Council attending the conference; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

10. Pump Station No. 67 Renovation Project – Blount Point Road

- A. Appropriation of Funding

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM 2008 VIRGINIA REVOLVING LOAN FUND (\$370,000) TO PUMP STATION NO. 67 RENOVATION (\$370,000). This resolution appropriated \$370,000 from FY 2008 Virginia Revolving Loan Fund

10. Pump Station No. 67 Renovation Project – Blount Point Road Continued
 - A. Appropriation of Funding Continued

to Pump Station No. 67 Renovation. This project proposed demolition and reconstruction of City Sewage Pump Station No. 67, located at 6 Hillcrest Drive, off of Blount Point Road. The existing station utilized outdated technology. The reconstructed station would use submerged sewage pumps and a natural gas generator for emergency power. This project was necessary in order to provide reliable sanitary sewer service in the area. The proposed appropriation of \$370,000 covered the contract cost, plus a 5% contingency. Funding for this project would come from the City's 2008 Virginia Revolving Loan Fund

(No Speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

- B. Award of Bid

This was a request for a motion to award the bid for the Pump Station No. 67 Renovation project to the low bidder, M&W Construction Corporation, in the amount of \$347,260.

Councilman Vick moved adoption of the bid for Pump Station No. 67 Renovation project to low bidder, M&W Construction Corporation in the amount of \$347,260; seconded by Councilman Bateman.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

11. PORT Shelter Program – Additional Funding

A REQUEST FOR A MOTION TO SUPPORT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL \$22,000 IN FUNDING TO THE PORT WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM FOR ENHANCED SECURITY. PORT's Winter Shelter Program, operated by LINK, was funded through the City's Community Support funds. The program had received \$20,000 that had been designated for the Sheriff's Department to provide security. The Sheriff's Deputies conducted breathalyzer checks, screened for outstanding warrants and transported guests to the City Jail, if necessary. They also provided a sense of security for the many interfaith, civic and business volunteers. Additional funding was requested to provide expanded on-site security, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., for 20 weeks of operation. The requested \$22,000 had been identified for appropriation from the FY 2009 Salary Adjustments Line item.

11. PORT Shelter Program – Additional Funding Continued

Councilwoman McMillan moved for a motion to support providing an additional \$22,000 in funding to the PORT Winter Shelter Program for enhanced security; seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

12. Appropriation – Virginia Department of Fire Programs Grant

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM STATE REVENUE – STATE FIRE PROGRAMS FY09 (\$491,734.00) TO RESERVE – EMERGENCY ISSUES (\$350,000), RESERVE APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT (\$126,734.00), AND PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION AND TRAINING (\$15,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$491,734.00 from FY09 State Aid to Localities Revenue to the Fire Department. The Fire Department had received Aid to Localities Grant Funds in the amount of \$491,734 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs for FY09. The funding was restricted for use in the following areas: firefighter training, fire prevention activities, public safety education and purchase of protective equipment and tools. The State did not require any local grant match funding. No local funding match was required.

(No Speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

13. Citizen Comments on Matters Germaine to the Business of City Council

Ms. Cary Nunnally, 9 Hilton Terrace, Newport News, wished Mr. Butch Blanks a respectful farewell on the occasion of his retirement. She encouraged the City Manager to eliminate his position to save revenue for the City. This gave City Council a push to remove positions from their upcoming FY 2010 budget, beginning with the City Manager's department and moving through each department in the City. She felt a cut of 10 to 15% across most departments was warranted for the City's upcoming FY 2010 budget. The Real Estate Tax Relief Organization (RETRO) repeatedly told the City, for more than three years, that cost could be cut in almost every department, without making cuts to essential services. Ms. Nunnally encouraged City Council to lower the real estate tax rate. She stated the City needed to keep its tax base stable. Growth at any cost was not an option, especially in such perilous economic times.

Mr. James Armstrong, 319 – 36th Street, Newport News, thanked Mayor Frank for his recent letter. He informed of the deteriorated condition of property at 317 – 36th Street,

13. Citizen Comments on Matters Germaine to the Business of City Council
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which was adjacent to and leaning onto his property. He felt the officers of Codes and Compliance were unethical and were not enforcing state code regulations. He requested City Council have an independent party review the property at 317 - 36th Street and the unethical conduct of the Department of Codes Compliance. (Copies of information, outlining his concerns, are attached to these minutes.)

City Manager Hildebrandt stated he would have the property re-inspected. He recalled the owner of the property located at 317 - 36th Street had been cited to appear in court for various property violations in October 2007. He insured that a new inspection of the property would be conducted to address Mr. Armstrong's concerns.

Mr. John Procyson, 305 Normandy Lane, stated the remarks made during City Council's Work Session of October 14, 2008 were encouraging. He hoped that City Council would be mindful of the cuts and that they would not directly affect services to citizens, i.e. the leaf collection schedule. He was encouraged about the employee suggestion program that would start soon, as noted by City Manager Hildebrandt. RETRO had suggested the idea to City officials, over a year ago, and they were glad to see that it might be adopted. He was encouraged to witness the closing of the Less Secure Juvenile Detention Facility, which saved \$.5 million per year. Mr. Procyson asked that City Council use careful judgment when freezing projects from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He suggested that the City Council Work Sessions be broadcasted on Channel 48. He suggested the following cost reductions: 1) stop providing free food for City Council and City staff at Council meetings; each person could pay a small amount; perhaps \$10 to cover such costs; 2) freeze all non-essential travel; no one should travel to the Sister Cities or National League of Cities conventions at taxpayer's expense. He noted in calendar year 2007, Council members spent close to \$9,300 on travel to the National League of Cities Convention. He commended Councilman Bateman whose travel expenses were zero for FY 2007; and 3) work hard and smart to get large spending reductions for FY 2010.

Mr. A. C. Pulliam, Jr. 239 Falcon Drive, Newport News, stated he had been in conversations with City employees on ways the City could save funding. He informed that personnel from the Fire Department indicated that since the old Waterworks shop was closed, equipment had to be outsourced for repairs, which was a tremendous waste of funding. In speaking with personnel from the Police Department, they noted that new police personnel were leaving the City, within three months of graduating from the Police Academy, to gain employment in other localities. He suggested that the City require new police officers to stay with the Police Department two or more years after graduating from the Academy. In conversations with employees of Public Works, Street Division, they noted they had a new street marking truck, but were not using it in certain areas due to the City hiring outside contractors. Mr. Pulliam also noted during RETRO'S recent meeting at the Hilton Library, the members noticed mice activity. He asked that the City have an exterminator to take care of the rodent problem at the Hilton Library and other City facilities.

13. Citizen Comments on Matters Germaine to the Business of City Council
Continued

Mr. C. W. Powell, 3 Gay Drive, Newport News, voiced concern about places to park for the watermen at the Menchville Marina. He was confused about the watermen getting along with the restaurant owners. He reiterated his desire to have the Deep Creek Pier replaced.

Ms. Carol Hogge, 3 Gay Drive, Newport News, stated while attending the Virginia Indian Inter-travel Pow-wow in Indian Neck, Virginia, she had the opportunity to speak to Indians from five different tribes on how they felt about Newport News building the King William Reservoir. The Indians were not supportive of Newport News building the King William Reservoir. Ms. Hogge requested that City Council authorize the rebuilding of the Deep Creek Pier. She indicated there was no funding in the budget for the rebuilding of the Deep Creek Pier from what she noticed in the 2030 Framework for the Future document. She only noted that the Menchville side of the Deep Creek Harbor was to become a park area and the Menchville Marina was in the plan to be closed. She inquired whether the watermen would be displaced once more. Ms. Hogge requested some insight.

City Manager Hildebrandt responded there were no plans to displace the watermen from the Menchville Marina side of the Deep Creek Harbor. The long-term plan was to accommodate the needs of the watermen at the Menchville Marina. The City was committed to providing access and mooring space for the watermen at the Menchville Marina.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, advocated for the residents who neighbored Christopher Newport University (CNU) who were experiencing problems from CNU students who resided in their neighborhoods. He felt the City needed to focus more emphasis on the situation in the Glendale and Shoe Lane areas to keep the neighborhoods up to Code. He felt a college should not be the reason for the deterioration of a neighborhood.

Mayor Frank understood the City Manager had met with Dr. Paul Tribble, President of CNU, to begin dialogue regarding the problems the residents of the Glendale and Shoe Lane area had been experiencing from students of CNU.

City Manager Hildebrandt replied he hoped to schedule a Work Session in January 2009 with Dr. Tribble and staff from CNU, to discuss recommendations to remedy the problems that residents were experiencing from CNU students. In the meantime, the University would be proactive in meeting with students and residents of CNU's surrounding neighborhood. City Manager Hildebrandt and staff would continue to coordinate complaints they received from the neighborhood with the University.

14. New Business and Councilmember Comments

City Manager Hildebrandt commended Assistant City Manager Neil Morgan and staff who performed during his absence due to eye surgery and during the campaign visit of Senator Obama on October 4, 2008. He stated Assistant City Manager Morgan ably coordinated much activity in preparation for the Senator's visit at short notice, while coordinating the Fall Festival at the Newport News City Park.

14. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman McMillan inquired whether the City received any funding for helping to coordinate the Senator's visit. City Manager Hildebrandt replied the City would be reimbursed for the cost of water and other things that were provided during Senator Obama's visit. The City also provided additional police and fire service outside of the Senator's own Secret Service detail as what was offered when any major federal official, i.e. President or Vice President, came to the area.

Councilwoman McMillan inquired whether there was any overtime involved in the service provided by the Police and Fire Departments. City Manager Hildebrandt replied there was overtime involved.

City Manager Hildebrandt introduced Mr. Brian Ramaley, Director, Department of Waterworks, and President of the Metropolitan Waterworks' Association, to share some information about his visit to Stockholm, Sweden, where he attended an international Symposium on climate change and how it affected water supply. He stated the Metropolitan Waterworks' Association was a national association that major water utilities were involved with. Mr. Ramaley had the opportunity to represent the Metropolitan Waterworks' Association, at their expense, at a Symposium in Stockholm, Sweden, during August 2008. City Manager Hildebrandt felt it was important for City Council and the citizens of Newport News to understand the relevance of climate change and water supply issues in that it was not only a local, regional issue, but was a national/international issue.

Mr. Ramaley stated he was honored to be invited to attend World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden, during the third week of August 2008. He stated World Water Week was a meeting of utility water managers and those interested in water from around the world. The Center piece of the event was the awarding of the Stockholm Water Prize, which was the Noble Prize for Water. During the event, he participated with a panel of utility managers from around the country that spoke about the impacts of global climate change on water supplies. He offered an adaptation of the panel presentation he made in Sweden. (A copy of the presentation, "Impact of Climate Change on Water Supplies of Coastal Communities," is attached to these minutes.)

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked the citizens for taking an interest in government by attending the Council meetings to offer their insights and opinions.

Councilwoman Woodbury wished Councilwoman Scott a belated happy birthday, and congratulated Assistant City Manager Archer on the occasion of his birthday.

Councilwoman Woodbury commended the staff of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, on the grand opening activities for the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center. She noted it was a marvelous occasion where she observed outstanding talent.

Mayor Frank wished Assistant City Manager Archer a happy birthday.

14. New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Mayor Frank recognized Mabel Washington, City Clerk, on the occasion of her 12th year anniversary with the City. He wished her good luck on her upcoming marriage. He stated the members of City Council appreciated all Ms. Washington had done for the City, not only as City Clerk, but in prior positions she held. He indicated she made an incredible difference. He indicated citizens received first class treatment when they called the City Clerk's office. The support Ms. Washington gave to City Council and staff was superb. He and City Council admired and appreciated her for all the wonderful things she had done over her 12 years of employment with the City.

Councilwoman McMillan agreed with Mayor Frank in wishing Ms. Washington best wishes on the occasion of her marriage.

Councilwoman McMillan wished Councilwoman Scott a belated happy birthday and congratulated Assistant City Manager Archer on the occasion of his happy birthday.

Councilwoman Scott wished Mr. Archer a happy birthday.

Councilwoman Scott reminded the North District Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 368, 368 American Legion Drive, Newport News. She announced that Councilwoman McMillan would host the meeting, due to her travelling abroad.

Councilwoman Vick announced she planned a South District Community meeting, Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at Heritage High School, 5800 Marshall Avenue, Newport News. She encouraged members of the community to attend and voice their concerns.

Vice Mayor Whitaker congratulated Ms. Washington on the occasion of her upcoming marriage. He wished her many years of happiness!

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:52 P.M.

Jennifer D. Walker, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Joe S. Frank
Mayor
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste"

City Clerk