

AGENDA

Newport News City Council Work Session

March 24, 2009

*10th Floor Conference Room
City Hall*

- 2:00 p.m. I. Old Whitaker Hospital Redevelopment Proposal
- 2:30 p.m. II. 2010 Census/Complete Count Committee*
- 3:00 p.m. III. FY2010 Budget Presentation
- 4:00 p.m. IV. Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits
(OPEB) - Alternatives for Analysis
- 5:30 p.m. V. Closed Meeting
- Economic Development
 - Legal
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner

* *See attached memorandum; no additional background information supplied.*

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March 19, 2009

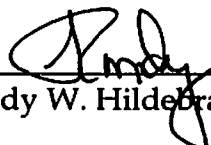
TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: 2010 U.S. Census and Complete Count Committee

At your March 24, 2009 Work Session, Ms. Teresa Claud, U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist, and the Planning Department will review the activity schedule for the 2010 Census. They also will discuss the importance of creating a broadly based Complete Count Committee to assure that everyone is counted. In the 2000 Census, only 69% of the City's residents completed and returned their Census forms. This required a substantial amount of follow-up field work to improve the count of the City's population. The U. S. Census Bureau's population estimate for Newport News is now 7,000 people below that of the Planning Department because of undercounting the population living in group quarters and a lower estimate of household size. On April 1, 2010, in addition to our regular resident household population, people living in nursing homes, hospitals, onboard ships, college dormitories, jails, barracks, motels and hotels, will be counted as part of the City's population.

An accurate count of the population is important for both redistricting and the allocation of federal funding. Therefore, for the 2010 Census, it is recommended that the City's Complete Count Committee include representatives from the military, Christopher Newport University, the Hispanic and Asian communities, nursing homes, institutions, hotels and motels, the Sheriff and City Farm, Human Services, and others to assure a more complete count of our citizens.



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