

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
FEBRUARY 12, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Sharon P. Scott, MPA; Tina L. Vick; Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury; Saundra N. Cherry, D. Min.; Marcellus L. Harris III; David H. Jenkins; and McKinley L. Price, DDS -----7

ABSENT: None-----0

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order, welcomed all. He announced that Assistant City Manager Alan Archer was sitting in for City Manager Rohlf, who was under the weather. He identified the procedure for citizen participation regarding items on the Council agenda, as well as the opportunity for citizens to address City Council on matters germane to the business of the Council. He explained matters that were germane to the business of Council meant matters that the City Council, by law, were empowered to act upon. This did not include announcements that were personal to an individual, business, or organization. He pointed out copies of the ordinance highlighting citizen participation and encouraged citizens to review the document.

Mayor Price requested that cell phones and/or pagers be silenced or turned off.

B. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Reverend Emerson Boyer, Ivy Baptist Church.

C. 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 Councilwoman Scott.

D. Presentations

Councilwoman Cherry introduced Young Adult Police Commissioners, the youth working with the Newport News Police Department (NNPD) to address members of City Council. The individuals were: Mr. Robert Jones, Ms. Corrin Sanders, and Mr. Mr.Caleb Coleman.

Mr. Robert Jones, a Senior at Warwick High School, President of Young Adult Police Commissioners (YAPC), advised that there were six high schools in the City of Newport News, with five consisting of Young Adult Police Commissioners. He shared what was done by the group, and how membership had led to positive change. The YAPC tried to bridge the gap between the youth and community. He enjoyed being in the community and trying to get other youth to understand they were excited to be a member of the YAPC.

Ms. Corrin Sanders, a Senior at Woodside High School, Vice President of YAPC, was hopeful that the program would provide the community with a connection to the

D. Presentations Continued

NNPD, as well as provide an outlet to youth in the City to see the police in a different light, and provide the Chief with a direct connection to the next generation.

Mr. Caleb Coleman, a Junior at An Achievable Dream High School, Secretary of the YAPC, indicated that he had no idea what to expect when he first entered the program. He was confident that the YAPC would be good for the community and for the country. The YAPC would pave a path for what would be expected of young men and women, take action, and will lead and serve. The YAPC would be of benefit to the members, and to the community. He quoted from the Bible - Galatians 5:13 - "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, but serve one another humbly in love." He believed all should take this verse to heart - living to serve one another, which he believed could be accomplished by the YAPC.

Chief Steve Drew, NNPD, wanted to introduce the YAPC to the City Council, and to the community. He believed the youth were the future of the City. The YAPC consisted of a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior from every high school in the City of Newport News. He made a commitment to embrace the youth. The group met every Thursday at the NNPD Headquarters, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Chief Drew invited members of City Council to attend. He advised that the YAPC would interact with the homeless, working with those who suffered from drug addiction at the Homeless Day Center, interact with youth in Juvenile Detention, and help the NNPD bridge the gap between the youth in the communities. The members of the YAPC volunteered, and were selected and recommended by the principals, individuals at the schools, and the School Resource Officers. He looked for great things. This was the first installment and felt the YAPC had a lot to offer. It was important for the youth to see City government.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the training involved. Chief Drew advised the YAPC would meet for two hours each Thursday, expose them to the NNPD, talk to Chief, and the men and women of the NNPD, about how they see the community, the department, and what was expected. They would then tackle hard issues together - the youth's voices were the missing piece and perhaps one of the most important.

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Granting a 15-Foot Wide Easement Over City-owned Property, Located at 690 Turnberry Boulevard, to Lay, Construct, Operate and Maintain One or More Underground Electric Lines and One or More Lighting Supports and Fixtures, Including All Accessories and Appurtenances Necessary

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 DEED OF EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND

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POWER COMPANY, D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA, DATED THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019, FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 690 TURNBERRY BOULEVARD, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This ordinance granted a utility easement on a portion of City-owned property located a 690 Turnberry Boulevard for the installation of underground electrical circuits to facilitate construction of the new Service Center for Operations and Transportation (SCOT) facilities. At its January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting, City Council received and opened bids in response to a request for utility easements on a portion of City-owned parcels located at 690 Turnberry Boulevard. The easement was needed to enable installation of underground electrical circuits for the new Service Center for Operations and Transportation (SCOT) facilities. The successful bidder for the easement on each parcel was Virginia Power Company (d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia). The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price
Nays: None

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Councilwoman Scott.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price
Nays: None

2. Ordinance Granting a 15-Foot Wide Easement Over City-owned Property, Located at 12601 McManus Boulevard, to Lay, Construct, Operate and Maintain One or More Underground Electric Lines and One or More Lighting Supports and Fixtures, Including All Accessories and Appurtenances Necessary

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CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA, DATED THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019, FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12601 McMANUS BOULEVARD, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. This ordinance granted a utility easement on a portion of City-owned property located at 12601 McManus Boulevard for the installation of underground electrical circuits to facilitate construction of the new Service Center for Operations and Transportation (SCOT) facilities. At its January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting, City Council received and opened bids in response to a request for utility easements on a portion of City-owned parcels located at 12601 McManus Boulevard. The easement was needed to enable installation of underground electrical circuits for the new Service Center for Operations and Transportation (SCOT) facilities. The successful bidder for the easement on each parcel was Virginia Power Company (d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia). The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

3. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents to Convey a City-Owned Property Located at 711-21st Street to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA)

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E. Public Hearings Continued

3. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents to Convey a City-Owned Property Located at 711-21st Street to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA)
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CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DEEDS, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute any and all documents, including deeds, necessary to effectuate the conveyance of a certain City-owned property located at 711-21st Street to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA). Consistent with the City's ongoing Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) efforts, the City planned to convey this City-owned property to the NNRHA. Once conveyed, NNRHA would combine with other vacant lots to create a parcel large enough to accommodate Phase I of the planned development included in the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Vice Mayor Vick commended the NNRHA, as currently the community center sat in the rear of Taylor Avenue, and was difficult for citizens to access the facility. Moving it to 9th Street and Ivy Avenue would help improve the corridor and help the youth gain access to the center. She thanked NNRHA for having the foresight to do this for the South District.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

E. Public Hearings Continued

4. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Execute a Lease Agreement By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and B-52 Smokehouse BBQ and Lounge, LLC

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 AGREEMENT OF LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND B-52 SMOKEHOUSE BBQ & LOUNGE, LLC, DATED THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to execute a lease agreement by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia and B-52 Smokehouse and Lounge, LLC, to operate the concession stand at the Huntington Park Beach. The City periodically leased the concession stand at Huntington Park Beach (HPB) for the convenience of park visitors. The City solicited Request for Proposals (RFP) in the Fall of 2018 to provide this service. One responsive proposal was received from B-52 Smokehouse and Lounge, LLC. Rent would be \$300 per month, plus five percent (5%) of gross sales during the months the concession stand was open. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

Councilwoman Scott moved adoption of the ordinance as shown above; seconded by Councilwoman Woodbury.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether this was the same entity that operated the concession stand previously.

City Attorney Owens responded that an RFP was solicited and he did not believe it was the same operator.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 4, all inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

1. Minutes of the Work Session of January 22, 2019

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

2. Minutes of the Joint Work Session of the Newport News City Council and the Newport News School Board of January 22, 2019

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2019

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

4. Resolution in Memoriam: Kwamie Lassiter

A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM FOR MR. KWAMIE LASSITER.
This resolution recognized Mr. Kwamie Lassiter. Kwamie Lassiter was born on December 3, 1969, in Hampton, Virginia, and was educated in the Newport News Public Schools, graduating from Menchville High School. He attended Butler Community College in 1989-1990, transferring to the University of Kansas in 1991, graduating with a degree in Communications in 1994. Mr. Kwamie Lassiter played two years of college football at Butler Community College, and played at the University of Kansas from 1992-1994. He played on the 1992 Aloha Bowl Championship team. He earned All Big-Eight Honors as a senior at the University of Kansas. In 1995, Mr. Kwamie Lassiter was signed as an undrafted free agent by the NFC's Arizona Cardinals to the National Football League. He played for the Arizona Cardinals from 1995 to 2002, the San Diego Chargers in 2003, and the St. Louis Rams in 2004. Over his NFL career, Mr. Kwamie Lassiter was credited with 416 solo tackles and 180 assisted tackles, for a total of 596 tackles, 25 interceptions, 4 sacks, and 2 touchdowns. In 2001, he was selected as an alternate to

F. Consent Agenda Continued

4. Resolution in Memoriam: Kwamie Lassiter Continued

the Pro Bowl. Since his retirement from professional football Mr. Kwamie Lassiter served as a pre-game and post-game host for the Arizona Cardinals Radio Network from 2006 – 2008. In 2009, he hosted the Kwamie Lassiter's Sports Talk Program on the Voice America Internet Radio Network. In 2010, he became President of the NFL Alumni Chapter in Arizona. Mr. Kwamie Lassiter created the Kwamie Lassiter Foundation. The mission of the Foundation was to "make health and wellness a priority by increasing the awareness to a better living." Mr. Kwamie Lassiter was particularly passionate about health awareness and his Foundation helped to bring awareness about sickle cell anemia, cancer, and childhood obesity and to promote active lives with a healthy diet in children. Mr. Kwamie Lassiter also started the T.A.C.K.L.E. (Teaching All Children to Kickoff Leadership in Education) Foundation. The T.A.C.K.L.E. Foundation sought to "help establish better futures for children who were at risk for poor educational, social, economic, and health outcomes." Mr. Kwamie Lassiter passed away on January 6, 2019, at the age of forty-nine; and is survived by his loving wife, Erika; sons, Kwamie II, Eric, Kwinton, Kwincy, Darius, LaVon, Devon, and Darian. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Regarding the Hazardous Materials Response Team

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, THAT CERTAIN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, DATED THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019, REGARDING THE NEWPORT NEWS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE TEAM. This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia and the Virginia Department of Management (VDEM) regarding the Hazardous Materials Response team. The City of Newport News and the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) had worked together for a number of years to enhance the Commonwealth's emergency response capabilities. The VDEM was authorized by the Code of

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

1. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Regarding the Hazardous Materials Response Team Continued

Virginia, Sections 44-146.18 and 44-146.36.A, to enter into agreement to provide hazardous materials emergency response, necessary or incidental, in performance to any of its duties, with political subdivisions and other public and private entities. The Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Response Team had operated as a Regional Response Asset through a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the VDEM and the City of Newport News for almost 30 years. Support through the VDEM for the Newport News Hazardous Materials team – in the form of training, technical guidance and annual funding – allowed the Fire Department to provide an enhanced level of service to the citizens of the City and the Commonwealth, on a daily basis. An update and renewal of the existing MOU – effective until June 30, 2023 – provided clear lines of authority and responsibility for each party. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

2. Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code Chapter 16, Fire Prevention and Protection; Article IV., Sections 16-41 Through 16-45; as Required By Updates to the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§27-94 ET SEQ.) and the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§36-97 ET SEQ.)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 16, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE IV., SMOKE DETECTORS, SECTION 16-41. SMOKE DETECTORS REQUIRED; SECTION 16-42, CERTIFICATION; SECTION 16-43, MAINTENANCE; SECTION 16-44, EXEMPTIONS; AND SECTION 16-45, VIOLATIONS. This ordinance amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 16, Fire Prevention and Protection Article IV., Smoke Detectors; Section 16-41, Smoke Detectors Required; Section 16-42, Certification; Section 16-43, Maintenance; Section 16-44, Exemptions; and Section 16-45, Violations, as Required by Updates to the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§27-94 ET SEQ.) and the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 ET SEQ.). The City had a Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance in place, which addressed the installation and maintenance of smoke alarms in rental properties. Legislation was passed in the 2018 Legislative Session that created a Statewide standard for the installation and maintenance of smoke alarms in rental properties. The legisla-

G. Other City Council Actions Continued

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tion required that localities that had enacted fire alarm ordinances must conform with these State standards. The updated code required that the owner of any dwelling – to occupy, lease or rent – install smoke alarms in it in conformance with the provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The owner of any rented or leased dwelling shall also certify annually that the smoke alarms were installed and maintained in good working order in a residential dwelling pursuant to the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§27-94 ET SEQ.) and the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 ET SEQ.). The amended and reordained ordinance also changed “smoke detectors” to “smoke alarms” and increased the penalty for violating any provision of the article from a Class E misdemeanor to a Class 1 misdemeanor. The ordinance would be in effect on/and after July 1, 2019, in compliance with Virginia Code. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

Vice Mayor Vick moved adoption of the above ordinance; seconded by Councilman Harris.

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

H. Appropriations

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of Appropriations, Item 1, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

1. Newport News Police Department (NNPD) – Criminal Justice Training Academy Fees: Specialized Training and Equipment Purchase

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM USE OF FUND BALANCE (\$100,000.00) TO TRAVEL-TRAIN/MEETING EXPENSE (\$100,000.00). This

H. Appropriations Continued

1. Newport News Police Department (NNPD) – Criminal Justice Training Academy Fees: Specialized Training and Equipment Purchase Continued

resolution appropriated \$100,000.00 from the Local Criminal Justice Training Academy Fees to pay for specialized training for Police employees and to purchase training supplies for the Newport News Police Training Academy. The Police Department requested a \$100,000.00 appropriation from the Local Criminal Justice Training Academy fees. These fees, authorized by City Code, Section 2-18.2, which allowed Clerks of the Circuit, General District, and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts to assess and collect a fee of \$5.00 in every case in which costs were assessable. All funds collected pursuant to this ordinance were to be used to support the Police Department's Criminal Justice Training Academy. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

Ayes: Scott, Vick, Woodbury, Cherry, Harris, Jenkins, Price

Nays: None

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

Ms. Anita Dixon, 328-48th Street, Newport News, advised that she was the Managing Member of Ingenuity Capital Holdings, LLC (ICH), and commented on property located at 2814 Chestnut Avenue. The property included a building adjacent to The Newsome House, and was across from Britt's Florist, Child Development Center, Madam Daniels Beauty School, and a neighbor to Trinity Baptist Church. She indicated on August 17, 2018, ICH purchased the property at 2814 Chestnut Avenue, which was Mixed-Use Residential and Business. At the time of purchase, ICH understood that the property was under a demolition order. They believed, once the property was purchased and fulfilled the City's requirements to secure the property, the City would allow ICH to proceed with preparation to renovate the property. ICH was asked to provide the Court as structural engineering report/plan for the building, as well as a cost analysis by a licensed contractor, which was done. Upon returning to court on November 20, 2018 before Judge Timothy Fisher, with the estimate of approximately \$180,000 - \$200,000, which was the repair report from the contractor, determined that the building should be demolished because it was too expensive to rehabilitate the site. ICH re-submitted the report from the Structural Engineer stating there was no way the building could be re-built for under \$500,000 - \$750,000; and that the City's Site Ordinance with the setbacks would not allow the construction of a new building that would match the footprint of the existing structure. Judge Fisher decided to consider the injunction at a hearing, at which time the injunction was stayed, requiring ICH to post a \$75,000 bond. In the interim, Ms. Dixon noted that the building at 2814 Chestnut was the birthplace of Newport News native Pearl Bailey. Information was gathered for submission to the Virginia Historical Registry for acquisition of a plaque to signify the historical significance of the site. She wanted the City Council to be aware

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of the efforts and challenges of the group, who only wanted to rehabilitate the building and have it certified as a historical site.

Mayor Price encouraged Ms. Dixon to explain her request to the City. Ms. Dixon replied that the intent was to make City Council aware of the efforts made, and to help with the permitting process.

Mr. Antonio Thompson, P. O. Box 413, Newport News, quoted Bible scripture from I Thessalonians 4:16 alluding to United States President, Donald Trump, being the Trump of God. It was his hope that President Trump be re-elected during the next Presidential Election in 2020.

Mr. Thompson urged citizens to support the Newport News Police Foundation.

Mr. Thompson reiterated his recurring themes about Treasury Enrichment, and Public Safety and Security. He referenced an article from the Daily Press related to Investments. He suggested the legalization of marijuana, and that Newport News City Council join surrounding municipalities that had voted to bring casinos and gambling in an effort to increase revenue. Mr. Thompson suggested prisoners be used for improvements throughout the City, and generating revenue from scrap metal.

Mr. Thompson stated it was a time for prayer. He urged citizens to pray for the Commonwealth of Virginia and its leaders (Governor Northam, Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax and the Attorney General Mark Herring; as well as the City of Newport News and its leaders).

Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, 316-54th Street, Newport News, commented on the increased presence of youth at the Council Meeting, particularly the Young Adult Police Commissioners. He shared that he had worked with youth in the past as Coach of a softball team in the late 1970s, and prior to that, he worked with the Youth during Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church at 47th Street and Huntington Avenue. He remained in contact with those youth - many who did not have a responsible adult in their lives particularly a father figure. Mr. Whitcomb stressed the importance of youth people to keep in contact with adults. He indicated it would be great to take the youth on outings, i.e. to Riverview Farm Park with the waterfront view and expanded green space.

Ms. Janay Cooke, a/k/a Yodagent Akawence Aika, 713-17th Street, Newport News, commented that her constitutional rights had been violated, noting judicial misconduct, coercion into human trafficking, Indian/Child rights being violated, custody denial, and retaliation. She advised that Judge Fisher refused to return custody of her children that were in foster care because of her fantasy of being an Indian. Ms. Cooke indicated that she was denied due process and threats carried out, and if she did not drop her appeal, he would terminate her

parental rights and put her children up for adoption, as well as take the next baby away, which was done January 31, 2019. The Police and representatives from Child Protective Services were

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sent to the home to pick up her 11-week-old baby. Ms. Cooke continued, advising that her religious rights were also violated, her baby was kidnapped without a warrant, and she was subject to wrongful arrests, false affidavits, false protective orders by Child Protective Service workers. The lawyer handling her case found two trial errors. Ms. Cooke sought help with her situations. Ms. Cooke stated she would not have closure until her children were returned.

Mr. John Gergely, 449 Winterhaven Drive, Newport News, offered congratulations on the City of Newport News being chosen as one (1) of four (4) finalist cities in the HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) FY 2018 Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Grant program for the Marshall Ridley neighborhoods. He complimented the City on a well-done proposal. He was bothered by the order of which the goals were presented. The order was neighborhood, housing, and people. Mr. Gergely suggested the people should be listed first and the main goal, as opposed to the physical area. There were approximately 2,000 households, with an average income of \$8,500, a median income of \$17,000. Only one-third of the households have an income from actual employment and a 14% unemployment rate. Those that had jobs were challenged with transportation issues. The median age was 26 years. There were over 1,400 female single parent households with children. Three quarters had less than a high school education. The proposal talked about rebuilding housing, displacing residents, and paying some to relocate. Mr. Gergely advised this would not help the residents to work their way out of poverty. Although a choice community, the displaced residents left, would not have the skills to do – disrupting their lives. The solution would be to educate the residents so they could be productive, wage-earning citizens. Rather than rebuilding housing, Mr. Gergely suggested building a campus of opportunity emphasizing educational childcare the agendas be written in layman's terms so that citizens could understand what was going on in the City. The proposal mentioned a 48-child care facility. He suggested building something useful that would take care of some of the children, or a workforce development center. Dr. Dever, President of Thomas Nelson Community College, expressed interest in an increased presence in the Southeast Community.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

Assistant City Manager Archer reminded about the upcoming One City Marathon, scheduled Marathon, Sunday, March 3, 2019. He reminded that there was still time to register. He advised there was a weekend of activities planned, March 1 – 3, 2019. He indicated this would be a fun opportunity for citizens to participate, i.e. run, walk, dance, volunteer, and join in for the celebration. For additional information, citizens were directed to visit the website, www.onecitymarathon.com.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Scott thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, particularly the large group of youth that were in attendance, and hoped they would come again to gain a better understanding of how the City was run.

Councilwoman Scott reiterating Assistant City Manager Archer's remarks related to the One City Marathon, announced a One City Marathon Food Tasting, scheduled on Wednesday, February 20, 2019m 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Newport News City Center, located at 980 Omni Boulevard. The event was free and open to the public.

Councilwoman Scott applauded Chief Steve Drew, and the Newport News Police Department (NNPD), for implementing the Young Adult Police Commission. She was amazed at how well-spoken the youth were. Their enthusiasm for what they were doing shined through. She hoped the program would be successful and would become a part of the whole of what the City was doing to address crime in the neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Scott reminded that the North District Town Hall Meeting would be held on Monday, February 25, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard). The agenda would be Open Discussion. All citizens were invited to attend, voice their concerns, and share their suggestions and recommendations. Typically there would be representatives from the City's Department of Planning and the NNPD, North Precinct.

With reverence to Mr. Gergely's remarks, Councilwoman Woodbury advised that there were opportunities for workforce development. She expressed appreciation for his analysis and advised how important it was to create a chance for individuals to get their education and to acquire skills to enable them to do the work needed they needed to do.

Councilwoman Woodbury attended the Habitat for Humanity Dedication Ceremony for the Kabwe Family Home in memory of Mr. Everett Jordan and Mr. Ron Nelson, on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., 2003 Marshall Avenue. City Council celebrated the young mother and her three children who would live in the home on 21st Street. Newport News Shipbuilding sponsored the home. Councilwoman Woodbury advised that after the dedication, City Council took a short walk to 2111 Madison Avenue for the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the McCallum Family Home, Habitat for Humanity's 200th home. Newport News Shipbuilding also served as sponsor for this home. She encouraged citizens to get involved. Sweat equity was required in order to qualify for a home and to repayment of the loan made available.

In honor of Valentine's Day, Councilwoman Woodbury urged everyone to "Turn on Their Heart light," and to do something good in the community. She urged citizens, particularly the youth to do something to help someone else everyday through the end of February.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, and for sharing their concerns and ideas for the City. She thanked Ms. Corrin Sanders, Mr. Robert Jones, and Mr. Caleb Coleman and the Young Adult Police Commission for their attendance. She knew they would represent the youth well, and invited more youth to attend Council Meetings to see how government was run.

Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to Hampton Roads Academy. She and members of City Council attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for a new dining facility on February 11, 2019, 8:30 a.m., at 739 Academy Lane. Hampton Roads Academy was the first, and remained the only, independent, non-sectarian secondary college-preparatory school on the Virginia Peninsula. They launched a capital campaign to further transform the school with the addition of a new lower school wing, dining hall, and six new championship tennis courts, raising \$6.95 million toward their \$7.2 million goal.

Councilwoman Cherry welcomed the new Newport News Fire Chief, Mr. Jeff Johnson. City Council had the pleasure of meeting him on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at Fire Station #3, 10454 Jefferson Avenue. Chief Johnson served as the Fire Chief for Salinas, California. He has over 30 years of experience in all aspects of fire and EMS service.

Councilwoman Cherry extended congratulations to Reverend Dr. Corey Brown, Pastor, Providence Baptist Church, 1331-30th Street, on his 13th Pastoral Anniversary, which would be celebrated on Sunday, February 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at the Church.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that Dreamgirls, a DG Mainstage Production was being shown at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue), February 8 – 23, 2019. All productions were selling out.

Councilwoman Cherry reminded citizens of the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2019, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). Light refreshments would be served. She announced, on Thursday, February 21, 2019, the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, would be held at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center (2410 Wickham Avenue), 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Cherry wished Vice Mayor Tina Vick, Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Vick celebrated her birthday on Sunday, February 3rd.

Councilwoman Cherry wished Councilman Marcellus “B2” Harris, Happy Birthday. Councilman Harris celebrated his birthday on Friday, February 15th.

Councilwoman Cherry wished her family members a Happy Birthday. Her nephew Jeffrey II, celebrated his birthday on Sunday, February 14th; her niece, Kim, celebrated her birthday on February 23rd, and her niece Lailah Britt, celebrated her on February 25th.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilman Harris wished Vice Mayor Tina Vick, Happy Birthday. He also wished his 9-year old daughter, Marlinda, who celebrated her birthday on Saturday, February 9th.

As was his practice to recognize youth, Councilman Harris acknowledged the presence of students from Lee Hall Elementary School, who were recommended by the following staff at the school: Principal, Dr. Darra White; Vice Principal, Ms. Malinda Price; and Professional School Counselor, Ms. Sirata Fox. The following students were recognized for showing leadership and doing great things at Lee Hall Elementary School: First Grade - Jediann Velazquez France, Sanyi Johnson, Marcus Atwater, and Demani'e Doles; Second Grade - Denver Brown, Qayden Rhodes, Kaleigh Brooks, Za'Nasia Blackwood, and Shawn Randall; Third Grade - Keyira Rhodes; and Fifth Grade - Elijah Milligan. He stated Lee Hall Elementary was the first place at which that he was able to be a School Counselor and it held a special place in his heart. He encouraged the students at Lee Hall, who were present, and those watching, to continue doing great things. He welcomed the students to remain behind to take pictures with City Council.

Councilman Harris expressed thanks to everyone that attended and participated in the 2nd Annual Re-Up School Supply Distribution event, held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at The Boathouse Live, at 11800 Merchants Walk, #100.

Councilman Harris announced that Newport News Public Schools were celebrating Kindness Week February 10 – 16, 2019. He reiterated remarks made by Councilwoman Woodbury, encouraging everyone to be kind to another, and to do something nice for someone.

Mayor Price extended condolences to Dr. Carolyn C. W. Hines, President of C.W. Hines and Associates, on the passing of her husband William Hines.

Mayor Price extended prayers and well wishes to Dr. Michael J. Link, M.D., dentist with Link, Jacobs & Link, DDS, 11007 Warwick Boulevard, Suite 3. He wished Dr. Link a speedy recovery.

Referencing remarks by Ms. Janay Cooke, Mayor Price advised that City Council had no jurisdiction over the Courts and their decisions they made regarding her children.

Mayor Price extended birthday wishes to Security Officer Joel Perry, employee of Top Guard Security. Officer Perry celebrated his birthday on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

K. Adjourn

Mayor Price adjourned the meeting by addressing the citizens. He stated, "May what you say and do uplift the City of Newport News."

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

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