

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

PRESENT: Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury; Sandra N. Cherry, D. Min.; Marcellus L. Harris III;
David H. Jenkins; McKinley L. Price, DDS; and Tina L. Vick-----6

ABSENT: Sharon P. Scott, MPA-----1

A. Call to Order

Mayor Price called the meeting to order, welcomed all. 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 Rabbi Gershon Litt, Adath Jeshurun and Hillel at Christopher Newport University.

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 Vice Mayor Tina Vick.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN CHERRY; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HARRIS; AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXCUSE COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT FROM THIS MEETING.

D. Presentations

1. Resolution in Memoriam: The Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr.

Mr. Edwin Ford Stephens, son of the Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr., and his wife, Beth, accepted the resolution.

This Resolution of Memoriam acknowledged with sadness the death of the Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr.

D. Presentations Continued

1. Resolution of Memoriam: Resolution in Memoriam: The Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr. Continued

Mayor Price shared that J. Warren Stephens, Jr. was born on February 14, 1924 in Newport News. He was educated in the public school system, and graduated from Newport News High School. He attended Virginia Military Institute and served in the U. S. Army field artillery during World War II. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia. Following his graduation from law school, J. Warren Stephens, Jr. began his legal career practicing with the law firm of Montague, Ferguson and Holt. He practiced at the law firm of Stephens and Wendward prior to going on the bench.

In 1977, J. Warren Stephens, Jr. was appointed to the Newport News Circuit Court, serving as a Judge until his retirement in 1994. Following his retirement, the Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr., continued to serve as a substitute Judge, and also as a Mediator and Arbitrator for the McCammon Group. Judge Stephens participated in numerous professional and community organizations, including memberships in the American Bar Association and the Virginia Bar Association. He served as President of the Newport News Bar Association, Chairmen of the Board of the Peninsula Symphony Orchestra, Chairman of the American Red Cross Home Service Committee, Chairman of the Whitaker Hospital Study Commission, President of the Lower Peninsula Mental Health Clinic, Chairman of the Virginia Bar Association's First District Committee, President of the l'Anson-Hoffman American Inns of Court Chapter, member of the Board of Visitors at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia, and Campaign Chairman of the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula.

Judge Stephens was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, where he served as a lay reader on the vestry, and as a senior warden. Judge Stephens was former Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Judge Stephens is survived by his wife, Mary Montague; son, Peter Warren Stephens, and his wife Victoria; daughter, Mary Graham (Molly) Anderson, and her husband, Arthur; son Edwin Ford Stephens, and his wife, Beth; grandchildren, Mary Montague Anderson (Montie), Eric Conrad Anderson, Lucy Catlett Anderson, Bethany Jean Stephens, James Warren Stephens, II, Charles Warren Stephens, David Graham Stephens, and Ann Bedford Stephens (Annie).

Mayor Price, on behalf of his colleagues on the Newport News City Council, expressed condolences and deep sorrow on the death of the Honorable J. Warren Stephens, Jr.

2. Video : "This is Our Story"

A video presentation, entitled "This is Our Story" was shown – a story of resilience, restoration, empowerment, and progress – a story still being written – the story about the Marshall-Ridley neighborhood in the City of Newport News (The City of Newport News and the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority were joint applicants, and finalist for a

D. Presentations Continued

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a \$30 million Implementation Grant to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its Transformation Plan of the Marshall-Ridley Community in the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI).

E. Public Hearings

None

F. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Woodbury moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 5, all inclusive, as shown below; seconded by Vice Mayor Vick.

1. Minutes of the Work Session of February 26, 2019

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 26, 2019

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2019

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

F. Consent Agenda Continued

4. Resolution to Comply with the Budget Public Hearing Notice Provisions of the Code of Virginia, Chapter 25; Title 15.2, as Amended, Entitled Budgets, Audits, and Reports

A RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH THE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF TITLE 15.2 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, 1950, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED BUDGETS, AUDITS, AND REPORTS. This resolution allowed the City to comply with the State Code on setting a seven (7) day public hearing notice for the FY 2020 Proposed Operating Budget. Section 6.09 of the City Charter required that the proposed budget hearing notice be advertised seven (7) days prior to the hearing date. The City Manager intended to submit the FY 2020 Recommended Budget at City Council's March 26, 2019 Work Session. The proposed Public Hearing dates for the FY 2020 recommended Budget were April 9, 2019 and April 11, 2019. There were insufficient number of days between the proposed budget submission date of March 26, 2019 and the public hearing date of April 9, 2019 to advertise the public hearings as required by the City Charter. In order to avoid the necessity of holding a special meeting of City Council, this resolution allowed the City to comply with the State Code advertising timeframe. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

5. Resolution in Support of the Deployment of an Offshore Wind Farm Off the Coast of Virginia

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF AN OFFSHORE WIND FARM OFF THE COAST OF VIRGINIA. This resolution expressed support of the deployment of an offshore wind farm off the coast of Virginia. Electricity generated from offshore wind farms could provide significant economic, environmental, and consumer benefits to the City of Newport News and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Offshore wind development would drive capital investment, create both temporary and permanent jobs, and helped attract a supply chain that could diversity and grow the economies of Newport News and Hampton Roads. The City of Newport News was well-placed to host portions of the supply chain with its high-quality port assets, metal fabricating capabilities, and skilled workforce. The City of Newport News must work with its regional partners to the offshore wind industry that it had the capabilities and assets to facilitate the timely, efficient and large-scale deployment of offshore wind turbines in the Commercial Wind Energy Area. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

F. Consent Agenda Continued

5. Resolution in Support of the Deployment of an Offshore Wind Farm Off the Coast of Virginia Continued

Councilwoman Cherry advised that members of the Newport News City Council were a part of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC). She further advised that the HRPDC had previously made decisions on the subject of Offshore Wind Farms off the Coast of Virginia, by consensus of municipalities. She further expressed her support for the resolution because City Council had discussed the matter as a member in the HRPDC.

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Receipt of Bids for Granting a Utility Easement on a Portion of City Farm Road (Riverview Farm Park)

One (1) bid, in the amount of \$1.00, was received and opened from Dominion Energy Virginia, for the grant of a utility easement, on a portion of City-owned property located at 100 City Farm Road (Riverview Farm Park) for the installation of facilities to provide electrical service to picnic shelters. A request was received to grant a 15-foot wide utility easement on City-owned property located at 100 City Farm Road (Riverview Farm Park). The easement would enable installation of underground electrical facilities to provide service to three (3) picnic shelters. The required Public Notice was properly advertised. The bid was turned over to the City Manager for review and evaluation (a copy of the bid is attached and made a part of these minutes).

2. Receipt of Bids for Granting a Utility Easement on a Portion of City-owned Property at 6940 Huntington Avenue (Huntington Heights Park)

One (1) bid was received and opened from Dominion Energy Virginia for the grant of a utility easement on a portion of City-owned property located at 6940 Huntington Avenue for the installation of a power pole to provide overhead electrical service. A request was received to grant a 10-foot by 10-foot utility easement on a portion of City-owned property located at 6940 Huntington Avenue. The easement would enable installation of utility pole to support overhead electrical service. The required Public Notice was properly advertised. The bid was turned over to the City Manager for review and evaluation (a copy of the bid is attached and made a part of these minutes).

H. Appropriations

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

1. Newport News Sheriff's Office (NNSO) – Asset Forfeiture: Law Enforcement Operations and Investigations

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM USE OF FUND BALANCE – FEDERAL (\$5,000.00) TO SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (\$5,000.00). This resolution appropriated \$5,000.00 from the Newport News Sheriff's Office Asset Forfeiture Funds. Asset Forfeiture funds were funds that were transferred to the Sheriff's Office as a result of officers participating in State and Federal criminal cases where the defendant's assets were seized. The Sheriff's Office would not use the funds to support investigations and operations that further the law enforcement goals and missions. The Sheriff's Office balance in unappropriated asset forfeiture funds totaled \$184,326.00. This appropriation would reduce the asset forfeiture account by \$5,000.00, leaving a balance of \$179,326.00. The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Vote on Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Ms. Darlene Mitrano, 457 Dunmore Drive, Newport News, announced the "Dream A Park Art Contest," hosted by "The Citizens for Riverview Farm Park" to see what the future of Newport News would like to see on the park land at City Farm. Interested citizens were invited to share their creative side at www.cityfarmartcontest.com. An invitation was extended to all students in Newport News to participate by coming up with a creation of what they wanted to see on the land of the former City Farm. The deadline for all entries was March 29, 2019, at cityfarmartcontest@gmail.com. Ms. Mitrano extended an invitation to City Council to attend a display of the art work on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula (415 Youngs Mill Lane). Two flyers were distributed and are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Antonio Thompson, P. O. Box 413, Newport News, quoted Bible scripture from Matthew 10:7 as well as 1 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.

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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Mr. Thompson advised that he desired to join the Newport News Police Department (NNPD), given the rank of Captain, and issued a badge and gun, with unlimited firing range time. He vowed to be patient in this regard. Mr. Thompson wished to gain training from the Russian Police Chiefs and Captains. He believed the Russians had a better police force.

Mr. Thompson commended members of Council for adopting a Resolution, in support of the deployment of an Offshore Wind Farm off the Coast of Virginia.

He referenced Senator Barbara Boxer, United States Senator from California, who indicated nothing could be done to save the environment for youth. He reiterated his kudos to the Newport News City Council for adopting resolution in support of the deployment of an Offshore Wind Farm off the Virginia Coast.

Ms. Sherry Bishop, 153-B Candlewood Way, Newport News, representing a women's empowerment group, advised of her desire to host an event in Newport News in King Lincoln Park to raise awareness about gun violence. She shared that her 24-year old nephew was killed by gun violence. Her son was also killed as a result of gun violence in December 2018. The event would include a march from 16th Street to King Lincoln Park in remembrance of the young people killed by gun violence. She requested information and direction about hosting a community event to raise awareness about gun violence.

Mayor Price asked Mr. David Freeman, Assistant to the City Manager, to meet with Ms. Bishop, and provide information about permits and other requirements needed to host the desired event.

Ms. Jannie Bazemore, 1004 Hampton Avenue, Newport News, referenced the video presentation entitled "This is Our Story." She indicated the story of Huntington Middle School grew longer and longer, and had reached a new chapter entitled "ASAP." She advised that the Newport News Schools had been placed on hold with regard to its plans for Huntington Middle School since the Joint City Council/School Board Meeting on January 22, 2019, so that additional plans specific to inclusive City projects could be submitted. The members of the Huntington High School Alumni Association were elated that City Council had given favorable consideration to acknowledging that rebuilding Huntington Middle School was necessary for the Southeast Community in an effort to avoid overcrowding in the middle schools. They were also excited about the Marshall-Ridley Transformation Plan, but with the project, a middle school in the area was required. Realizing that it took time for a project of this magnitude and that the NNPS and School Board aimed to move forward so that it would not be years before the doors of Huntington Middle School would reopen. Ms. Bazemore indicated that the rebuilding of Huntington Middle School was a project separate and apart from the City's vision and should be treated as such. She asked that City Council appropriate the funds needed to continue the process begun by the NNPS, which included citizen input, so that community could get on with the business of not just providing a neighborhood school, but a STEAM School that could provide a

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council
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quality education for all Newport News students. Ms. Bazemore concluded with her well-known phrase, "Huntington Shall Rise Again."

Mr. Adrian Whitcomb, 316-54th Street, Newport News, shared that he was not in attendance at the February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting of City Council because he was at a Memorial Service of a dear friend, which reminded him of how short a human's time on earth was. He shared that his friend left a legacy of friendship and music. Mr. Whitcomb hoped to leave a legacy that he helped to protect and keep a park on the river for all to enjoy.

Mr. Whitcomb reiterated remarks by Ms. Mitrano about the "Dream A Park Art Contest," hosted by "The Citizens for Riverview Farm Park." He advised that additional details were available at www.cityfarmartcontest.com, as well as www.saveriverviewfarmpark.com. He emphasized the importance of involving the youth of the City early in life.

Ms. Lisa D. Loyd, 83 Forsyth Way, Hampton, advised that she was in attendance in support of Ms. Sherry Bishop. Being a grandmother, and having lost a nephew to gun violence, she indicated that she observed the violence and pain, and saw the effect of gun violence on the parents and the youth in the community. She felt an event to bring awareness to gun violence would let the victims' families know they were not alone, and had an outlet. Such an event would build a foundation. Ms. Loyd stated, the violence had to stop. She reminded that the issues began at home, and trickled down to the children. The children could also be reminded that they had someplace to go and someone to talk to. Ms. Loyd felt the root cause of violence was due to a lack of attention and a lack of love.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

Councilwoman Woodbury thanked the citizens that participated and came out for the celebration of the One City Marathon and associated events on March 1- 3, 2019. She advised that she had the pleasure to kick-off the new event – the Half Marathon, which began at Menchville High School (275 Menchville Road). It was a great day, a great celebration, and a wonderful group of participants.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she was impressed with the City's new Day Service Center for the homeless – Four Oaks Day Service Center (7401 Warwick Boulevard), on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 11:00 a.m. The services offered included job training, skills training, and assistance offered to those individuals who were down and out. She was grateful that the City was a part of the facility. She encourages citizens to stop by for a site visit.

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that she and Councilman Jenkins met with a group of citizens from Hilton Village, known as "Friends of the River," who advocated for clean water, stormwater control, and keeping the beaches and the James River clean, and enjoyable for

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

recreation. So often the beaches had to be closed because of the high bacteria count. She was pleased that the group of volunteers had signed up for two additional years, and were ready to assist in anyway. The staff of the Department of Engineering were cooperative. Councilwoman Woodbury indicated this provided a great opportunity for citizens to think about the environment. The volunteers were very passionate about making sure the environment was at its best.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she visited with “Happy Hearts” at Hilton Baptist Church, on Tuesday morning, March 12, 2019. Happy Hearts was another group of volunteers who were interested in keeping the City and making it as great as possible. The group were listening to Mr. Dan Baxter, Assistant Recycling Coordinator, Department of Public Works, who has a great presentation on how we recycle, and what we do with the trash. He has put the City on an extremely high level with regard to recycling compared to other localities. She explained that the City of Newport News had a similar site to Mt. Trashmore in Virginia Beach. The City’s site would become a park. She encourages citizens to make themselves available to speak with Mr. Baxter.

Councilwoman Woodbury had the privilege of speaking to a group of retired teachers on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 12:00 noon, at Angelo’s Restaurant (755 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard). All of the teachers had suggestions, and they wanted the opportunity to address City Council, not only in the Council Chambers, but in other areas throughout the City.

Councilwoman Woodbury shared that she asked her fellow City Council members to consider also holding a City Council meeting in the North District and in the Central District, making them more accessible to the people who paid their salaries.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation, and for sharing their concerns and ideas for the City.

Councilwoman Cherry extended compliments to Reverend Dr. Kevin Swann, on his 13th Anniversary, as Pastor, at Ivy Baptist Church (50 Maple Avenue); and to Reverend Dr. Treymane Johnson, on his 10th Anniversary Celebration as Pastor at Zion Baptist Church (633-20th Street). She thanked both Pastors for their profound leadership and grace to lead their congregations and communities in life changing events, programs, and the ministry. She wished much success to each.

Councilwoman Cherry extended compliments to City Manager Rohlf, City staff, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and all of the volunteers for a successful One City Marathon and associated events on March 1- 3, 2019. It was a great day of celebration. All runners and walkers finished strong, including Vice Mayor Vick and herself.

Councilwoman Cherry extended compliments to City Manager Rohlf and Assistant City Manager Alan Archer, the City staff, and the Volunteers of America for their hard work that went into opening the City’s new Day Service Center for the homeless – Four Oaks Day Service

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Center (7401 Warwick Boulevard), on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 11:00 a.m. She stated this was a great opportunity for the homeless patrons, and felt this much needed facility would be a life-changing space and place for the homeless.

Councilwoman Cherry extended compliments to the Virginia Department of Health, who hosted a successful rabies clinic on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter (5843 Jefferson Avenue). More than 400 individuals came through to get have their animals inoculated with a free rabies shot. Councilwoman Cherry extended thanks to the staff of the Peninsula Health Department who withstood the cold temperatures to work at the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter.

Councilwoman Cherry announced that the South District “Your Voice Matters” Town Hall Meeting, was scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center (570 McLawhorne Drive). She further announced, on Thursday, March 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. the Hampton University Workforce Development representatives would be present to talk about trainings and certifications being offered at Hampton University.

Councilwoman Cherry extended congratulations to Mr. Antonio Thompson on having his legal rights restored.

Councilman Harris echoed Dr. Cherry’s sentiments and offered congratulations to Dr. Kevin Swann, on his 13th Anniversary, as Pastor, at Ivy Baptist Church (50 Maple Avenue); and to Reverend Dr. Treymane Johnson, on his Anniversary Celebration as Pastor at Zion Baptist Church (633-20th Street). Councilman Harris advised, not only did Reverend Dr. Swann and Reverend Dr. Johnson lead their flocks inside the buildings, but did a great deal with their ministry outside of the buildings in the communities. He thanked both for their leadership.

Councilman Harris advised that he hung out with a group of young men at Crittenden Middle School (6158 Jefferson Avenue), on Friday night, March 8, 2019, at a Lock-In. Ms. Tarri Jones, 7th Grade Guidance Counselor, had a phenomenal program for the young men, who were able to learn how to tie neckties, and to receive empowering and encouraging moments with other professionals in the City. He highlighted the following young men, known as “The Men in the Making,” and hoped they could attend a future meeting: Mr. Antoine Benton, Mr. Dayvon Bacon, Mr. Malcolm Banks, Mr. Jamel Powell, Mr. Jordan Cunningham, Mr. Jordan Watlington, Mr. Jeremiah Burger, Mr. Jaden Blount-Mack, and Mr. Eric James Patton. Councilman Harris advised that he had a session with the aforementioned young men at 10:00 p.m., and indicated he was more inspired by the young men. He extended thanks to Ms. Tarri Jones, an awesome educator and school counselor for taking it upon herself to stay at the school all night.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Councilman Harris announced an upcoming event – “The Heart of Giving.” Ms. Amy Jones, in conjunction with The Warwick Assembly of God, were hosting a prom dress giveaway. This program would allow 300 students to come, where young ladies, ages 14-19, could pick up a formal dress, shoes, and accessories, as they prepare for the prom season. This event would be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Interested persons were urged to contact Ms. Amy Jones or Mrs. Rasheena Harris, via phone, at (757) 266-7819, or at resources@thoginc.net. Donations of the following were being accepted: gowns, jewelry, racks display stands, clutches, shoes, mannequins, jewelry stands, makeup, shawls, stand along mirrors, glass counter stands, \$5 or \$10 gift cards; and free or discounted hair and nail services. The website for the event was www.theheartofgiving.org.

Councilman Harris extended condolences to Ms. Sherry Bishop and family on the loss of her son. He share that City Council spoke briefly during the earlier Work Session about a program entitled, “The Catalyst Effect,” as silence empowered violence. During the third week of September, 2019, there would be an Awareness Week. He urged Ms. Bishop to partner with Mr. Cortez Higgs, Founder and Owner of the Catalyst Effect, an effective, “outside-the-box,” faith-based empowerment training, coaching and consulting company.

Mayor Price extended congratulations to the City’s new Fire Chief, Mr. Jeffrey Johnson. He and his colleagues attended the formal Swearing-In Ceremony for Chief Johnson on Thursday, February 28, 2019, 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2400 Washington Avenue.

Mayor Price and his colleagues attended the Habitat for Humanity Gala, held on Saturday, March 2, 2019, 7:00 p.m., in the David Student Union, Christopher Newport University (1 University Place). This annual signature fundraiser raised monies to help families build and improve places to call home.

Mayor Price shared that City of Newport News and the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority were joint applicants, and finalist for a \$30 million Implementation Grant to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its Transformation Plan of the Marshall-Ridley community in the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI). Representative from HUD was in Newport News for a site visit on Tuesday, March 6, 2019, at An Achievable Dream Academy, related to the CNI. He felt the video shown earlier showed the tremendous work and impact that would be done to transform the community.

Mayor Price shared that he was pleased to welcome members of the Virginia Chapter of the International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) to the City of Newport News. The 2019 IPMA-Human Resources Spring Conference was held on March 10 - 13, 2019 at the Newport News Marriott Hotel at City Center (740 Town Center Drive). The organization served as the statewide association for public sector human resources professionals.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments Continued

Vice Mayor Vick shared her sentiments about the successful One City Marathon and associated events on March 1- 3, 2019. It was a great day of celebration. It was good to see citizens and guests, across the City, coming through and generating excitement, strength, endurance and positivity as they participated in the marathon, whether the full marathon, half marathon, the nautical mile, or the 8K Run/Walk. Mayor Price was the lead drum major for the entire event. Vice Mayor Vick commended City Manager Rohlf, and staff, as well as Mr. Eoghan Miller, Assistant to the City Manager, for their hard work. She advised that she thoroughly enjoyed the One City Celebration at the conclusion, held in the Super Block (Washington Avenue, between 26th and 27th Streets). Vice Mayor Vick advised that there were numerous events and activities available for all during the One City Marathon Weekend on March 1- 3, 2019.

Vice Mayor Vick reiterated remarks by the Mayor about the CNI Transformation Plan. She reminded citizens that the award would bring \$30 million to the City of Newport News to make huge transformations in housing and businesses in the Marshall-Ridley neighborhood. She thanked the City Manager and staff, as well as the citizens, who came out in a show of support during the HUD site visit.

Vice Mayor Vick extended congratulations to City Manager Rohlf and Assistant City Manager Alan Archer, the City staff, as well as the Volunteers of America for their hard work that went into opening the City's new Day Service Center for the homeless – Four Oaks Day Service Center (7401 Warwick Boulevard), on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 11:00 a.m. A Job Fair was also held in conjunction with the opening of the facility. She acknowledged Assistant City Manager Archer and asked him to stand to a round of applause for his work on the project. His heart, dedication, and hard work had been in the center. She reiterated Councilwoman Woodbury's remarks regarding the services offered at the Four Oaks Day Service Center. The services offered included job training, skills training, and assistance offered to those individuals who were down and out. She was grateful that the City was a part of the facility. Vice Mayor Vick extended congratulations to Ms. Tameka Davis, who would serve as the Executive Director of the Four Oaks Day Service Center.

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 7:58 P.M.



Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk



McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor
Presiding Officer

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City Clerk