City of Norfolk

Inter Department Correspondence Sheet

TO: Members of Council

FROM: City Clerk

COPIES TO:

SUBJECT: Minutes of City Council Meeting

September 4, 2015

Attached are the minutes from the City Council meeting held on August 25, 2015.

R. Breckenridge Daughtrey

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Graves Ms. Johnson, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, and Mr. Winn. Mr. Protogyrou and Dr. Whibley were absent.

He thereupon welcomed everyone back from recess and called for the first item of business.

City Manager Jones reported that Forbes listed five things about Norfolk that made it a hidden gem: the mermaids, the arts, the food, the beer and the location on the water. He also noted that the Mayor was quoted in that the White House recently joined the cities of service to announce ten cities across the country as the first cities for the Resilience AmeriCorps Cities in the United States: Anchorage, AK; Boulder, CO; Chicago, IL; Elpaso, TX; Minot, ND; New Orleans, LA; Norfolk, VA; Phoenix, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Tulsa, OK. He also noted that they're very happy not just for the grant that will be a part of that, but also for getting worldwide recognition on how Norfolk is dealing with the water.

A. COUNCIL INTERESTS

1. Councilman Winn stated: 1) he has received calls regarding a change coming at the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center that will affect seniors participation and asked the administration to look into this and if there is nothing to be concerned about to communicate that there is nothing to worry about; 2) asked the administration not to plant anymore trees until they can take care of existing trees.

2. Councilwoman Johnson asked for: 1) an update on the landscaping for the medians in the city and the schools; 2) a schedule for grass cutting and edging, noting that the city needs to take a look at the schools and find out what the guidelines are as far as shrubbery because shrubs have grown up to the windows of the schools.

3. Councilman Smigiel a) expressed concern with children on football teams standing in the medians and walking up to cars while holding out their helmets and begging for money, i.e. Ballentine Boulevard, Virginia Beach Boulevard, Broad Creek, Northampton Boulevard, Military Highway, etcetera. He stated that they need to look into police enforcement and stop them from being in the medians because it is dangerous; b) expressed concern with tall weeds and bushes that need trimming along Northampton Boulevard where the outlet mall is going all the way up to Military Highway; c) thanked Public Works Department for the line striping that has been done throughout the city and noted that there is a small section on East Little Creek Road from Southern Shopping Center and Chesapeake Boulevard that needs to be done; d) expressed concern about the hotel inspection program after the fire at the M-Star Hotel on Shore Drive and asked the administration to look into the program to see if it is working and what needs to be done to continue enforcement; e) concerned about Dominion Power representatives knocking on doors to talk to homeowners about their program to underground power lines. He asked the administration to provide information regarding Dominion Power's underground power line program and also inform civic league presidents when they are in their neighborhoods so they can inform homeowners; and f) asked that a marketing effort be initiated for East Little Creek Road between Denby Park and Military Highway and even to Shore Drive.

4. Vice Mayor Williams Graves provided the City Manager with correspondence regarding Meadowstone Apartments.

5. Mayor Fraim stated that he has been approached about reactivating the Music Walk of Fame program, noting that Mr. Daughtrey has the list of names of the old group and they could reconvene the group and appoint Mr. Friedman of Birdland Music to the group. He also expressed concern about the 23rd Street banners that were hanging from the housing units over by ODU, noting that initially the community was created as workforce housing that has turned from homeownership to rental housing and now into student housing. He asked the administration to look into the housing program around ODU and maybe do a survey of who's there, who owns it, etcetera so it doesn't happen again.

6. Following the presentation on Major Project Updates and Commercial Corridors, Vice Mayor Williams Graves asked if there are monies available to help small businesses with façade improvements, noting that there was a program years ago where the city would match the business with x-amount of dollars for façade improvements.

B. MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE AND COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS

Peter Chapman, Deputy City Manager, reported as follows:

- Launched the Business Café program.
- Sessions have been held on Global Commerce and Export Sessions will be held in September, October and December.
- Bricks and mortar projects planned are underway and include Westside Village, Croakers Spot Restaurant, Save-a-Lot grocery and Maplewood on Church Street, Banks at Berkley residential projects.

Ron Williams, Deputy City Manager, provided a progress report on the Commercial Corridor and Citywide Street Lighting Program, noting that three additional projects were added to the recommendations from Council's retreat last fall. The process that they used included task force and civic league input:

- Lafayette Boulevard Neighborhood Plan Project,
- Chelsea Business District which dealt with some of the additional General Fund monies.
- Citywide street lighting project.

Three projects are underway, five are in design and four areas are still in concept and development, two of which were Better Block Areas.

Projects to be completed this fall include: Chelsea Business District sidewalk improvements, ADA ramps and sidewalk work, street lighting along the main corridor, bike racks and repair station. Project completion date is September 2015.

Colley Avenue/21st Street Commercial Corridor is the last segment of the 21st Street corridor to receive Ghent/21st Street/Colley Avenue streetscape improvements. This project includes: sidewalk improvement, crossing and ADA ramps, decorative lighting along 21st Street.

The last area to be completed this fall is the East Little Creek Road Commercial Corridor. The East Little Creek Road Task Force wanted to continue the median treatment in the corridor. There are two areas of medians wherework is occurring to establish tree pits and proper pedestrian crossings. Construction is from where Military Highway's intersection with Little Creek Road and will be completed by fall 2015.

Projects in design include: Lafayette Boulevard East Gateway Streetscape, significant demonstration project for complete streets. The goal is for the corridor to be bike able having parking and pedestrian improvements and streetscaping and still the ability to handle traffic through the corridor from Tidewater Drive East to Lyons Avenue.

For the North Colley Commercial Corridor project includes traffic calming and a kayak and paddleboard launch built at 44th Street.

Huntersville Commercial Corridor: gateway sign to be erected and sidewalk repairs.

Wards Corner: 4 traffic signal mast arms to be installed at Taussig Boulevard and Little Creek Road and pedestrian safety improvements.

Brambleton Avenue: construct pedestrian safety improvements at Granby and Monticello.

Projects in Concept Development include pedestrian improvements in the 35th Corridor, pedestrian and landscaping improvements in East Beach, work in the Five Points area and traffic calming in Riverview along Granby Street.

More than 90% of city wide street light improvements are complete.

C. VIRGINIA ZOO UPDATE

Greg Bockheim, Zoo Director, reported as follows:

- The Zoo Farm is under renovation and a renovation of the reptile building is in design.
- Regarding the elephants, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums has new standards for elephant care and management. There is a September 2015 deadline for program details and September 2016 for implementation.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Motion for closed session was approved for purposes which are set out in **Clause (s) 1 and 3 of subsection (A) of Section 2.2-3711** of **the Virginia Freedom of Information Act**, as amended:

(1) Discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment and for appointment to City boards and commissions.

(3) Discussion of the disposition of publicly owned real property in the Downtown and East Ocean View areas of the City.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Prayer offered by Councilman Paul R. Riddick, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present: Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, Mr. Winn and Mr. Fraim.

President Fraim moved to excuse Mr. Protogyrou and Dr. Whibley from today's meeting.

Motion adopted.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

President Fraim moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion adopted.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

A Resolution entitled, "A Resolution certifying a closed meeting of the Council of the City of Norfolk in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Resolution as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 **PUBLIC HEARING** scheduled this day under the State law, public notice having been inserted in the local press by the City Clerk, on the application of the **City of Norfolk,** for an amendment to the future land use designation in the **General Plan**, *plaNorfolk2030,* from Office to Commercial and for a change of zoning from BC-1 (Business and Commerce Park) District to C-3 (Retail Center) District on property located at **6000 Northampton Boulevard**.

Thereupon, An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to rezone property located at **6000 Northampton Boulevard** from BC-1 (Business and Commerce Park) District to C-3 (Retail Center Commercial) District," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

PH-1A An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the City's General Plan, *plaNorfolk2030*, SO AS TO change the land use designation for property located at **6000 Northampton Boulevard** from Office to Commercial" was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

PH-2 **PUBLIC HEARING** scheduled this day under the State law, public notice having been inserted in the local press by the City Clerk, on the application of **L.S. Birsch Construction Co., Inc.,** for a change of zoning from R-6 (Single-Family) District to Conditional R-8 (Single-Family) District on property located at **436-442 Glenrock Road**.

Landon Birsch, applicant, 2815 Bay Oaks Place, was present to answer questions.

Thereupon, An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to rezone properties located at **436 to 442 Glenrock Road** from R-6 (Single-Family Residential) District to Conditional R-8 (Single-Family Residential) District," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

PH-3 **PUBLIC HEARING** scheduled this day under the State law, public notice having been inserted in the local press by the City Clerk, on the application of **Portside Improvements, LLC,** for a change of zoning from R-8 (Single-Family) District to Conditional R-9 (Single-Family) District on property located at **3401-3405 Lens Avenue**.

Thereupon, An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to rezone properties located at **3401 to 3405 Lens Avenue** from R-8 (Single-Family Residential) District to Conditional R-9 (Single-Family Residential) District," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

C-1 Letter from the City Manager advising, in accordance with **Chapter 33.1-40** of the **Norfolk City Code**, of the emergency/sole source procurement to reconstruct the **Selden Arcade** following the explosion during the month of July 2015 for the **Department of Public Works**.

ACTION: Received and filed.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

C-2 Letter from the City Clerk attaching a summary of the meeting of the **Norfolk Electoral Board** held on **July 22, 2015** to determine the expiration dates of **three (3) School Board members** in conjunction with the transition to an elected **School Board**.

ACTION: Received and filed.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** to permit a **Convenience Store, 24-Hours** (with fuel sales) known as **'Wal-Mart'** and **'Sam's Club'** on property located at **7530 Tidewater Drive**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: Continued generally.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-2 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the operation of an entertainment establishment known as **'Flights Tasting Room'** on property located at **824 West 21st Street**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-3 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** to permit the operation of a **Used Merchandise Sales** establishment named **'Grandma Bear's** on property located at **1529 International Boulevard, Suite 104**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Carolyn Boggs and William Boggs, applicants, 2533 Wingfield Road, were present to answer questions.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-4 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at an establishment known as **'Exception Ale'** on property located at **2000 Colonial Avenue, Suite 6**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Greg Hartman, applicant, 2000 Colonial Avenue, Suite 6, was present to answer questions.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-5 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at an establishment known as **'Tinto Wine & Cheese, Etc.'** on property located at **999 Waterside Drive, Suite 113**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Crystal Stump, applicant, 1807 S. Church Street, Smithfield, was present to answer questions.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-6 Letter from the City Manager and the following two Ordinances:

An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the operation of an entertainment establishment known as **'AJ Gator's Sports Bar and Grill'** on property located at **435 Monticello Avenue, Unit 1**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Al Zuhars, applicant, 435 Monticello Avenue, Unit 1, was present to answer questions.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-6A An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at an establishment known as **'AJ Gator's Sports Bar and Grill'** on property located at **435 Monticello Avenue, Unit 1**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-7 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the operation of an entertainment establishment known as **'Arabian Knights'** on property located at **9651 1st View Street, Suite D**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-8 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the operation of an eating and drinking establishment known as **'319 Bacon'** on property located at **319 Granby Street,**" was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Daniel Nin, applicant, 319 Granby Street, was present to answer questions.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-9 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the operation of an eating and drinking establishment known as **'Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint'** on property located at **131 Granby Street, Suite A**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Rick Henn, 1400 Granby Street, was present to answer questions.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-10 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** to **Work Release, LLC**, authorizing the operation of an entertainment establishment, **'Work Release'** on property located at **759 Granby Street**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Arthur Rutter, applicant, 759 Granby Street and Robyn Thomas, 913 W. 21st Street, were present to answer questions.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-11 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of $1,170,308 from the **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services** for the **Norfolk Criminal Justice Services Agency**, appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the grant funds in the amount of $1,170,308, authorizing the expenditure of $158,932 in local funding for the **NCJS Agency** and authorizing the employment of **twenty (20) persons** for the Agency and providing funds for their salaries and benefits," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-12 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance accepting a **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant** in the amount of $4,640,000 for the development of a **Green Infrastructure Plan** and **Network** for **Lafayette River** and appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the $4,640,000 grant for the **Green Infrastructure Plan** and **Network Development**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Ellis James, 2021 Kenlake Place, and Joe Cook, 1147 Surry Crescent, spoke in favor of this matter.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-13 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance permitting **Charles R. Weil** and **Leigh S. McCue-Weil** to encroach into **Willoughby Bay Avenue** at **9605 6th View Street**, with a pier, timber and rip rap bulkhead, and a flagpole," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-14 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance permitting **Little Dog Diner** to encroach into the right-of-way at **1917 Colley Avenue** with a 3'x3.5' area size **Eco-Dog Solar Powered Bio-Filtered Rain Catchment Dog Watering Station**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-15 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance approving an **Encroachment Agreement** with **759 Granby, LLC,** dba **Work/Release**, for outdoor dining at the corner of **Granby Street** and **Olney Road**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Arthur Rutter, 759 Granby Street and Robyn Thomas, 913 W. 21st Street, were present to answer questions.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-16 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance granting permission to **Muddy Paws** to encroach into the right-of-way of **37th Street** at **3700 Hampton Boulevard** and **37th Street** and approving the terms and conditions of the **Encroachment Agreement**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-17 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance approving an **Encroachment Agreement** with **T-Mobile Northeast LLC** for property at **324 Madison Mews**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-18 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance appropriating Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars ($240,000.00) from the **U.S. Marshal Service Special Revenue Account**, if and when received, and authorizing the expenditure thereof at the direction of the Sheriff to pay for various employee benefits, equipment purchases and maintenance costs related to programs designed to improve the efficiency of the jail," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-19 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance approving the acceptance of receipts from a **Special Revenue Project,** the **Sheriff's Community Corrections Program**, appropriating Six Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($675,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2016, authorizing the expenditure thereof by the Sheriff, authorizing the Sheriff's continued employment of **twelve (12) persons** for the Program and providing funds for their salaries and benefits," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-20 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance appropriating Thirty Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) and authorizing the expenditure thereof by the Sheriff, if and when received from the **Deputy Fund Service Special Revenue Account**, to pay for holding functions for his employees, extending condolences and congratulations to his employees and similar incentive-related benefits for his employees," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Joe Cook, 1147 Surry Crescent, spoke in opposition to this matter and asked for the last audit on the Sheriff's special revenue account.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-21 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance appropriating One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Three Dollars ($175,463) if and when received from the **Sheriff** and authorizing the expenditure thereof towards salaries and benefits for **three Sheriff Employees**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-22 Letter from the City Attorney and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to amend and reordain **Section 38-106** of the **Norfolk City Code, 1979, SO AS TO** limit the frequency of periodic yard or garage sales," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-23 Letter from the City Attorney and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance approving payments in lieu of taxes for tax exempt residences developed or caused to be developed by **NRHA**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

R-24 A Resolution entitled, "A Resolution appointing Angelica D. Light to the Norfolk Civil Service Commission for a certain term," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Resolution as introduced was **adopted**, effective August 25, 2015.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ellis James, 2021 Kenlake Place, stated that the fraternity at ODU was suspended for the disgraceful banners that were hung on a house outside of campus.
2. Michael Forde, Founder and current President of Virginia Caribbean American Culture Association, 1228 Norview Avenue, asked if the event could be extended to 3 days and to increase the small grant given to the organization each year.
3. Joe Cook, 1147 Surry Crescent, stated that city staff did not respond to his request regarding the impact of coal dust on residents and their property in a timely manner and that the response was generic. He asked again for a response from the City Manager on the policy that governs staff meeting with citizens to inform them of environmental issues.
4. Danny Lee Ginn, 3845 Dare Circle, commented on the council unanimously passing the Resolution adopting rules regulating the conduct of persons attending meetings of the city council.
5. The following people and the organization of United Front for Justice asked the council take remove the Confederate Monument on Main Street, which to them is a symbol of hate, slavery, racial and political and human oppression: Ronald Green, 5540 Barnhollow Road, Roy Perry-Bay, Angelia Harris, Curtis Lee, Jabrial Johnson, P.O. Box 1772, Hampton, Dr. Vivian Anderson, 967 Ingleside Road and Titanya Gaynor, 832 Charlotte Street.
6. Roy Perry-Bay, P.O. Box 1772 asked the council to consider replacing the confederate monument with a statute of Sergeant William Harvey Carney.