# NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

# SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL

# TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Burfoot, Mr. Protogyrou, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley, Ms. Williams and Mr. Winn.

He thereupon called for the first item of business.

## A. COUNCIL INTERESTS

1. Councilman Riddick commented on long lines and waits at polling places on Election Day and about the length of time to complete the absentee ballot count; he suggested talking with the electoral board about these matters.

2. Mayor Fraim asked the Administration to schedule a meeting with the registrar for next week or, if they are not ready, in January.

3. Councilman Smigiel asked about adding support for early voting in the legislative package. Mayor Fraim concurred.

4. Vice Mayor Burfoot asked the Administration to check on the 7-Eleven store at Ballentine and Virginia Beach Boulevards to ensure that the design conforms to what was agreed upon.

5. Councilwoman Williams asked that they request a bill to allow for the purchase of additional voting machines.

6. Councilman Smigiel a) asked for communication to the public and civic leagues to report streetlight outages; b) asked about the status of dunes impinging on homes in Ocean View; and c) commented with respect to fences and visibility on corner lots where property owners had to remove every other slat. He stated that it's kind of a hidden gray area when it comes to fences on corners and asked that the rules and restrictions be examined for what's allowed and not allowed.

## B. MEREDITH INVESTMENTS

Frank Duke, Director of Planning, reported as follows:

- This is a Special Exception request for a second hand store at 5038 Princess Anne Road.
- Planning Commission recommends approval.

Mr. Riddick commented a 9:00 p.m. closing was a little late. Council agreed to change it to a 7:00 p.m. closing.

Mr. Fraim noted a request to continue R-1 for another month. Council agreed to the request.

## C. UPCOMING BOND FINANCING

Darrell Hill, Assistant City Manager, reported as follows:

- Plans are for a $12 million issuance of wastewater system revenue bonds and $60 million in water system revenue bonds.
- Refunding is planned for $100 million of water revenue refunding bonds and $120 million in general obligation refunding bonds.

## D. BENCHMARKING NORFOLK

Ron Williams, Assistant City Manager, reported as follows:

- Staff attended the National Association of City Transportation Officials Conference last month to meet with leaders of large cities and benchmark Norfolk's transportation programming and practices.
- He summarized main points of selected presenters such as Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and others.
- He noted the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide and New York City's Measuring the Street publication have been provided to council electronically.

Mr. Protogyrou commented a dedicated bike lane on Hampton Boulevard and parts of Granby Street bear examining.

- The concept of food trucks was reviewed.

Mr. Burfoot recommended using what was learned at the conference and look outside of downtown to Ocean View, Broad Creek and other areas of the city to cultivate the ideas presented.

Mr. Smigiel urged that implementation not be bogged down by process. The City Manager noted he has hired a Transportation Planner with 25 years experience and will start in January and will be tasked with the responsibility.

Dr. Whibley commented that complete streets also promotes healthy families.

The suggestion was made to close Granby Street from downtown to Ocean View on a weekend day.

## E. DESIGN, BUILD AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

John Keifer, Director of Public Works, reported as follows:

- Design build is when a single contractor performs both design and construction for a project.
- Construction management at risk is when a contractor is selected based on multiple factors and is responsible for construction under a guaranteed maximum price concept.
- It is recommended that the City Code be amended to permit design build and construction management at risk with approval of the City Manager.

## F. CLOSED SESSION

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

(1) Discussion of candidates for appointment to city boards, commissions and authorities.

(3) Discussion of the disposition of publicly held real property in the downtown area.

Yes: Burfoot, Protogyrou, Riddick, Smigiel, Williams, Whibley, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.