

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
ACTION OF THE COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

A CITIZEN WHO WISHES TO ADDRESS COUNCIL CONCERNING A DOCKET ITEM OR NEW BUSINESS MUST REGISTER TO SPEAK WITH THE CITY CLERK BY 3:00 PM THE DAY OF THE MEETING BY CALLING (757) 664-4253 OR EMAILING CCOUNCIL@NORFOLK.GOV.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
Courtney R. Doyle	Councilmember - Ward 2	Present	
Mamie B. Johnson	Councilmember - Ward 3	Present	
Andria P. McClellan	Councilmember - Superward 6	Present	
John E. Paige	Councilmember - Ward 4	Present	
Danica J. Royster	Councilmember - Superward 7	Absent	
Thomas R. Smigiel Jr.	Councilmember - Ward 5	Present	
Martin A. Thomas Jr.	Vice Mayor - Ward 1	Present	
Kenneth Cooper Alexander	Mayor	Present	
Bernard Pishko	City Attorney	Present	
Dr. Larry H. Filer II	City Manager	Present	
Richard A. Bull	City Clerk	Present	

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILWOMAN ROYSTER

Motion to excuse Councilwoman Danica J. Royster from the May, 23, 2023 Norfolk City Council Meeting.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the previous City Council meeting.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

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.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

CEREMONIAL

The Mayor introduced Cynthia Calhoun, President of the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, who spoke regarding May Week 2023 and Delta Days.

PUBLIC HEARING

PH-1 Public Hearing scheduled this day pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on the application of DAVID AND LESLIE CLARK AND HELEN CHESSON, to close, vacate and discontinue a portion of Harper Street and Authorizing the Conveyance to the abutting property owners of any interest the City has in the said portion of Harper Street.

An Ordinance Closing, Vacating and Discontinuing a Portion of Harper Street and Authorizing the Conveyance to the Abutting Property Owners of Any Interest the City Has in the Said Portion of Harper Street. - **(Ordinance No. 49191)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED ON ANY ITEM, IT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

C-1

An Ordinance Declaring the End of the State of Local Emergency due to the Imminent Public Health Threat COVID-19 pursuant to Virginia Code Section 44-146.21. - **(Ordinance No. 49192)**

Monet Johnson, 3505 Argonne Avenue, spoke regarding declaring a state of public emergency for community and public safety issues in St. Paul's Area.

Tiara Lassiter, 3045 Sewells Point Road, spoke regarding declaring a state of public emergency for public safety issues in at-risk communities.

Elise Peterson-McMath, 1300 Diamond Springs Road, spoke regarding declaring a state of public emergency for the housing crisis.

Carl Poole, 1049 W. 49th Street, spoke regarding declaring a state of public emergency for coal dust pollution in Lambert's Point.

ACTION:	Adopted [6 to 1]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
NAYS:	Paige
ABSENT:	Royster

- C-2 An Ordinance Closing Certain City-Owned Docks to Public Use During the Norfolk Harborfest 2023 Celebration. - **(Ordinance No. 49193)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

- C-3 An Ordinance Establishing Certain Public Areas and Streets of the City of Norfolk as the "Festival Area" and Setting Forth the Regulations Applicable to Such Festival Area for the Norfolk Harborfest 2023 Celebration. - **(Ordinance No. 49194)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

- C-4 An Ordinance to Amend a Conditional Use Permit so as to Approve a Change of Managers for a Restaurant Operating with the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Both On-Premises and Off-Premises Consumption Named "Taco y Tequila" on Property Located at 1421 Colley Avenue. - **(Ordinance No. 49195)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

- C-5 An Ordinance Approving a Right of Entry by and Among the City of Norfolk, Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, and Queen Street Baptist Church, LLC for use of the Surface Parking Lot Located at 698 Saint Paul's Boulevard for a Food Distribution Site and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Right of Entry on Behalf of the City of Norfolk. - **(Ordinance No. 49196)**

Monet Johnson, 3505 Argonne Avenue, spoke in favor of the mobile food pantry and expressed concerns about reliable food availability in the St. Paul's Area.

Tiara Lassiter, 3045 Sewells Point Road, spoke in favor of the mobile food pantry and expressed concerns about reliable food availability in marginalized communities.

Elise Peterson-McMath, 1300 Diamond Springs Road, spoke in favor of the mobile food pantry and suggested improved communications with the public schools.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

REGULAR AGENDA

- R-1 An Ordinance Accepting the Bid Submitted by 161 Granby Tenant LLC for a Long-Term Garage Parking Agreement with a Term of Ten (10) Years, with the Option to Extend the Term for up to One (1) Additional Period of Ten (10) Years, for the Lease of up to Sixty-Three (63) Parking Spaces in the Boush Street Garage Located at 112 W. City Hall Avenue in the City of Norfolk, Virginia, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Garage Parking Agreement on Behalf of the City. - **(Ordinance No. 49197)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

- R-2 An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of a Certain Parcel of Property Located at 1000 Holt Street in Relation to the St. Paul's Revitalization Project For the Sum of \$1,200,00.00 and Authorizing the Expenditure of a Sum of Up to \$1,220,000.00 From Funds Heretofore Appropriated for Acquisition of the Property and All Related Transactional Costs.

ACTION:	Continued Generally [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

R-3 An Ordinance Amending The FY2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,751 So As To Accept, Appropriate And Authorize The Expenditure Of Grant Funds Up To The Sum Of \$394,000 From Port Host Communities Revitalization Fund Grant And Previously-Appropriated Local Matching Funds In The Amount Of \$900,000 For Upgrades To Existing Municipal Boat Launch Facilities To Allow For Maritime Autonomous Systems Testing. - **(Ordinance No. 49198)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

R-4 An Ordinance Amending The FY2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,751) So As To Accept, Appropriate And Authorize The Expenditure Of Additional Grant Funds Up To The Sum Of \$31,676.24 From The Virginia Department Of Conservation And Recreation, Which Original Grant Funds Were Appropriated And Authorized For Expenditure In The FY2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance No. 47,636, Section 14(tt), And Additional Previously-Appropriated Local Matching Funds In The Amount Of \$973.76 For The Design And Construction Of A Trailhead At The East End Of The Elizabeth River At Park Avenue And Claiborne Avenue Project. - **(Ordinance No. 49199)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

R-5 An Ordinance Amending The FY2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,751) So As To Accept, Appropriate And Authorize The Expenditure Of Funds Up To The Sum Of \$512,000 From The U.S. Department Of Justice And The U.S. Department Of The Treasury's Federal Equitable Sharing Program For Uses Permitted Under The Program Guidelines. - **(Ordinance No. 49200)**

Alton Robinson, 5116 E. Princess Anne Road, spoke in support of this item and had additional questions.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

R-6 An Ordinance Amending The FY2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,751) So As To Accept, Appropriate And Authorize The Expenditure Of Funds Up To The Sum Of \$817,000 From The Virginia Department Of Criminal Justice Services Forfeited Asset Sharing Program For Uses Permitted Under The Program Guidelines. - **(Ordinance No. 49201)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

R-7 The Fifth Ordinance Amending and Reordaining the Fiscal Year 2023 Compensation Plan Ordinance and its incorporated Attachments so as to Amend Section 13 of the Ordinance, to Increase the City’s Supplementation of the Daily Compensation of Various Officers under the Director of Elections, Amend the Attachment’s Appendix 1 to add Supplements available to certain Program Managers and Supervisors in the Department of Human Services, and Amend the Attachment’s Alpha Classification Listing Table to add a new Classification Specification with Paygrade, Increase by Belgrade the Paygrade attached to an existing Classification Specification, and make technical changes to the Job Codes attached to several existing Classification Specifications. - **(Ordinance No. 49202)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Paige, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Royster

NEW BUSINESS

Charlette Covington, Social Action Chair of the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, spoke regarding the various social initiatives of this organization.

Tiara Lassiter, 3045 Sewell's Point Road, spoke regarding cameras in public housing.

Monet Johnson, 3505 Argonne Avenue, spoke regarding cameras in public housing.

Elaina Dariah, 1720 Gowrie Avenue, spoke regarding renaming Barraud Park.

Shavon Smith, President of Lindenwood/Cottage Heights/Barraud Park Civic League, spoke regarding renaming Barraud Park.

Steven Ray with Vista, 999 Waterside Drive, spoke regarding repurposing old structures to address the housing crisis.

Deshawn Parker, 3134 Azalea Garden Road, spoke regarding Izzy's Corner 2nd Annual Community Day to commemorate losing his son to a tractor-trailer accident, and the difficulties he is experiencing obtaining permits from the City of Norfolk.

Elise Petersen-McMath, spoke regarding the Norfolk Public Schools budget.

Carl Poole, 1049 W. 49th Street, spoke regarding the Norfolk Public Schools budget.

ADJOURNMENT