

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020

Mayor Alexander, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced this meeting is being held pursuant to and in compliance with City of Norfolk Ordinance 47,967 as authorized by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413. This meeting will be held as an electronic meeting due to the emergency and disaster represented by the spread of COVID-19 **which makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble in one location**. This meeting will be conducted by the following electronic communication means: telephonically and electronically through WebEx.

The members of the Council were present by remote/electronic WebEx: Mrs. Courtney R. Doyle, Mrs. Angelia Williams Graves, Mrs. Mamie B. Johnson, Mrs. Andria P. McClellan, Mr. Tommy Smigiel, and Mr. Martin Thomas Jr. Mr. Paul R. Riddick was present by remote/telephonically.

CLOSED SESSION

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

- (1) Discussion of candidates for appointments to Boards and Commissions.
- (7) Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to probable litigation where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the public body.
- (3) Discussion of the acquisition of real property in the Military Highway corridor for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the public body.
- (7) Consultation with legal counsel regarding Gaming.

Yes: Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel, Thomas
and Alexander.

No: None.

Absent for vote: Graves.

Mayor Alexander announced the new Mayor's Commission on Social Equity and Economic Opportunity. The Commission has been established to examine, evaluate, and discuss disparity in health, housing, education, employment and economic opportunity, and well-being among Norfolk residents. The Commission will address historical and persistent issues that have impacted access and opportunity for Norfolk's residents while examining social and economic anxiety and creating a true bridge that should connect Norfolk's various communities. There shall be a focus on wealth building, employment and job training, disparities in education opportunity, and attainment and access to technology, criminal justice reform, and Norfolk's continued commitment to community-based public safety.

Mayor Alexander will Chair the Commission and Councilwoman McClellan will serve as Vice Chair. Each member of City Council will be asked to recommend a person from the community to serve on the Commission. The Commission should consist of a cross-section of Norfolk's residents and stakeholders in the wake of recent tragedies involving police brutality and racially motivated violence.

Discussion of the Confederate Statue

Mr. Bernard A. Pishko, City Attorney, laid out the steps the city will have to follow for removal of the monument. The legislation goes into effect July 1 and under the law the city will schedule a public hearing which is planned for Council's July 7th meeting. After the public hearing, there is a 30-day waiting period during which the city must consider offers from museums, battlefields, or other groups that may want to make proposals to take the monument. The city is not obligated to accept any offers. After the 30 days the city can move the monument to Elmwood Cemetery, if that is the preferred option.

Reopening of Norfolk

Public Health Update

Dr. Demetria Lindsay, Director of Public Health, updated Council on the COVID-19 pandemic. She outlined the process they use for contact investigations and specifically contact tracing. Contact tracing has been done in public health in Virginia for many years; however, due to decreased funding, many states no longer practice contact tracing.

Once an individual has been identified as having a communicable infection such as COVID-19, they contact that individual. An interview process is initiated that is open-ended. They get an understanding of the individual's symptoms, when they started, and identify their activities during their infectious period. They then reach out to individuals who may have been exposed and at risk of acquiring the infection and possibly spreading it to others. They ensure that the individuals are practicing the proper procedure for staying away from others so that they do not potentially infect anyone else. They continue to monitor to ensure individuals stay in compliance with staying away from others. Staff follow up on a regular basis to ensure that individuals remain isolated or quarantined until such time they are no longer a risk.

Currently there are two types of tests for COVID-19. One is a nuclear test and one is an antibody test. The nuclear test, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), is a test that looks for a nuclear material of the virus to determine that someone is currently infected. The antibody test is used to detect the immune response to the virus in the system. It is looking for antibodies that show an individual may have been infected and now they are reacting by having an immune response. The limitation is we do not know with certainty exactly what a positive test means at this point. We do know that individuals who are infected with COVID-19 develop an immune response, but it is not clear at this time how much protection that immune response offers.

Enforcement of Governor 's Executive Orders

Environmental Health Division responsible for enforcement

- Requirements related to regulated establishments/facilities or those granted authority to enforce
- Other non-regulated complaints for Executive Order 63 State Call Center

Focus - Education on Guidelines and Requirements:

- Disseminating information

- Via website, call center, through City departments, and direct contact with establishments
 - COVID-19 Food Establishment Surveys (phone)
 - Assesses compliance with current operational guidance - 15 questions

Progressive Enforcement

- Complaint investigation
- Education
- Repeated violations Potential for permit suspension

Success Contingent Upon Partnerships with Stakeholders

- City of Norfolk, ABC, business associations, etc.

Dr. Lindsay noted that we are in the middle of a pandemic of unprecedented proportion and impact. Many unknowns are and will continue to unfold. As we move forward cautiously with reopening society, we are all dependent upon each other in safely navigating next steps. The decision about safety to return to work is based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding resolution of symptoms.

Open Norfolk

Presenters: Ms. Mel Price, Principal, Work Program Architects
Mr. Jared Chalk, Interim Director of Economic Development

Ms. Price stated the purpose of the Open Norfolk Program is to provide business owners assistance as they re-opened, and to help them open in a safe and healthy way. They provided quick-build assistance, made guidelines and posters, and helped with re-opening plans. As of today, 312-plus small businesses have been reached directly. They focused on areas that are not well connected with other businesses next door. They worked with all departments of the city as well as with the Health Department and Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC).

Open Norfolk is a one-stop shop and it has downloadable tool kits. Business owners can sign up on the city's web site and send an email; within an hour, someone will contact them to see what their

needs are. That feeds into a spreadsheet that the team of volunteers can view.

They have adapted spaces for outside dining and provided additional resources for those businesses most impacted and that needed more space, especially areas that have narrow sidewalks. Over 20,000 square feet of parklets have been built throughout the entire city for restaurants and small businesses. Custom signage was handed out to every restaurant that registered for the initiative. Signage was also provided in multiple languages. A stencil campaign was conducted by volunteers to make people more aware of doing their part and staying six feet apart. Adjustments were made for ADA compliance. To date, the program has had over 1,200 responses.

Why Open Norfolk?

- Meet the challenges of reopening during a pandemic
- Limited occupancy of indoor spaces at close proximity often make full operations unprofitable
- Congestion of pedestrian spaces on streets make movement and access more difficult
- Breakdown of perceived human comfort and safety (will I get sick if I go out to eat?)
- Social isolation of our most vulnerable neighbors
- Economic insecurity for businesses and households
- Need for new social behaviors: How close is too close? Do I wear a mask?
- Dynamic conditions that will change month-to-month

Who is Open Norfolk?

It is the whole city, the Department of Health, ABC, includes national consultants, Downtown Norfolk Council, volunteers, Young Architects Forum, and volunteers from around the city.

How did it happen?

They studied national and international best practices for areas that were affected by COVID prior to Norfolk. They studied the National Association of City Transportation Officials' manual for transforming streets for pandemic response and recovery. After meeting with the City Manager's office on May 11th, they met with the Norfolk Safe and Strong Committee, and on May 14th, Virginia ABC released

regulations, and they then wrote guidelines that were posted to the city's website.

Next Steps for Reopening Phases Two and Three

They just received Phase Two guidelines. In terms of comfort levels, businesses and restaurants are not in the same place. They are concerned about employees' health and customers' health. A system can be developed to give a choice to remain in Phase One or go to Phase Two.

Other programming being considered includes working with Ms. Deidre Love and Teens With A Purpose to develop outdoor programming and possibly some light construction to implement some goals. They also are considering working with the recreation centers that will be opening soon to develop outdoor programming. Other ideas include having farmers' markets and entertainment in parking lots.

Councilwoman Doyle encouraged Ms. Price to continue with creative and innovative measures as they move forward.

Councilwoman Graves asked the Administration to revisit the bike lane on 35th Street suggesting with all the new modifications in place to consider taking another look for better traffic flow and emergency vehicles. Councilman Smigiel added that people are not obeying the 15-mile-an-hour speed limit on Granby Street and better signage is needed.

Councilman Smigiel suggested the Open Norfolk project should be nominated for the Virginia Municipal League's Champion Awards and noted the deadline for submission is August 15th.

Small Business Assistance

Mr. Chalk summarized the efforts that have been made to reach businesses and proactively connect with the business community. He stated that it has been a team effort with a lot of partners such as city departments, Downtown Norfolk Council, Retail Alliance, Hampton Roads Alliance, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, and many others.

Business Assistance Campaign Goals & Focus

- Proactively connect with small businesses

- Offer immediate business retention solutions
- Support recovery and “at-risk” businesses
- Identify systemic challenges

Focus Areas:

- Impacted sectors
- Basic industries
- Geographic representation & inclusive factors
- Revenue sources (business parks, economic zones, etc.)

Mr. Chalk stated that as of last week, they have contacted over 1,000 businesses and 354 received direct services; and 210 businesses are being monitored and supported. Most of these are small businesses with under 50 employees. Sixty percent of these businesses serve the region and forty percent export internationally. One in three of the businesses have experienced supply chain disruptions. Thirty-two businesses are now producing a product or service in response to the COVID pandemic. Twelve businesses have had a positive increase in sales due to the pandemic.

Example Services & Resources Provided

- Accessing new markets/B2B & B2G PPE connections
- Connections to lending institutions/access to capital
- Technical assistance; e.g. securing federal assistance programs EIDL/PPP
- Research & assistance applying for external grants/loans
- Promoting businesses still open and reopening
- Connections to local resources such as OpenNorfolk!
- City process assistance/project coordination

Mr. Chalk stated they have also had the \$350,000 Norfolk Economic Disaster Assistance Loan and the \$40,000 Norfolk Economic Disaster Small Business Grant. They are working closely with Norfolk Works and trying to help businesses that have been impacted. They continue to try to implement programs and additional services for residents, to tie them into Norfolk jobs. They continue working to secure an additional \$3 million in grants and loans through various sources. They will continue to monitor data during Phase One and Two of the reopening to see if business is coming back and in what areas and sectors.

Going Forward

- Department will continue to reposition themselves and adapt to the needs of businesses as the businesses cycle.
- With City/State/Federal support we will continue to push out grant programs as they become available.
- Continue with strategic projects that will help accelerate us through this pandemic/recession.

Councilwoman McClellan asked to ensure we are working with those businesses needing Wifi connectivity. Councilwoman Graves echoed Councilwoman McClellan and added to make sure that new business owners have the information needed to get up and running and online. She noted there are many younger citizens who want to start online businesses. She also suggested Development could benefit by creating a call center and using some of the individuals who were furloughed if they have the necessary skill set.

Councilman Riddick asked how many of the small grants went to Chinese restaurant owners. In addition, he asked for a breakdown on how many small grants went to all minority businesses, and he wanted to make sure all were contacted. He also suggested returning funds to the budget for the NEL Program, so our youth could have summer work.

Councilman Smigiel encouraged Development to reach out to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to assist any business owners that may have language difficulties.

Living and Working With COVID-19

Presenters: Mr. Michael G. Goldsmith, Deputy City Manager
Mr. Pete Buryk, Director CivicLabNorfolk

Mr. Goldsmith stated we are innovating as an organization to make sure that we can work successfully and deliver the services our residents need and expect, while at the same time keeping residents and employees safe.

COVID-19 is a persistent threat. There is no vaccine and the treatments available now are experimental. Barring a vaccine or treatment, we are working with COVID-19 in the background. Our

planning window is two-plus years, and this is based on past pandemics. We rely heavily on guidance from the Public Health Department and risk mitigation strategies to develop a sustainable operational pattern.

Guiding Principles

- Provide a safe, healthy, and secure environment for our staff to work and residents to receive core services
- Deliver the highest level of service possible to our community
- Conduct phased reopening process closely monitored using data and be prepared to quickly shutdown again
- Align city policies with Governor's and Federal guidance on workplace safety and health procedures

Mr. Buryk reported on Norfolk's safe and strong approach and work that is being done to restore city services in a safe manner. This is bridging city services with the business community. The link is a working group chaired by Vice Mayor Thomas each Council member has invited members of the business community to participate and it is called Norfolk Safe and Strong Working Group. They have been meeting periodically to have an open channel with the business community about their questions, concerns and needs as relates to reopening.

Continuity of Services

Operations

- Many services have continued, with social distancing modifications
- Most in-person inspections (e.g., construction, code) have not taken place
- State and federal waivers (Medicaid) will shift back to in-person services
- Some services have shifted successfully to virtual (counseling, library programs)

Finance and Administration

- Most services are being accomplished remotely and vast majority can remain remote indefinitely

We have had great success in transitioning to telework. Presently, there are over 800 full-time staff logging on city systems doing telework. There are some services not currently happening; based

on our public health situation, we are considering how and when to bring some level of those services back. We consider this a continuum of services that allows the city to ebb and flow with the changing conditions. Soon we will see some libraries and recreation centers reopening and additional services being provided virtually and in new ways.

Way Ahead

- Develop department-level reopening plans addressing various scenarios
- Explore opportunities to activate outdoor, public spaces
- Plan and prepare for a Fall 2020 virus rebound, alongside hurricane season and November 2020 elections

Use of COVID Cares Act Funds

Ms. Megan Erwin, Coronavirus Stimulus Coordinator, provided an overview of the CARES Act funding that has been directed to the City of Norfolk. The CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020 and included over \$1.9 trillion of economic stimulus. This main stimulus package included the economic impact payments from the IRS; the Paycheck Protection Program for businesses; and the extra \$600 per week in unemployment benefits. It also carved out funding specifically for state and local governments. Shortly after the passage of the CARES Act, a task force was established that has been dedicated to identifying, tracking, and applying for funds.

Stimulus Summary - City of Norfolk

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

\$21,178,304

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)

\$2,

653,164

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV)

\$1,328,583

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Byrne-JAG

\$566,253

Economic Development Authority Revolving Loan Fund

\$500,000

Ryan White Grant

\$272,546

CARES Act Provider Relief Fund

\$193,322

TOTAL:
\$26,692,172

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Guiding Principles

- Funds are one-time and should not be used to support on-going expenses
 - Cannot be used to restore services that were reduced in the FY 2021 Budget
 - Can only be used for personnel expenses on a very limited basis (for COVID related expenses that are significantly different from typical job duties)
- The city will be very creative in our use of these funds with a bias towards:
 - One-time purchases that reduce future costs
 - One-time purchases that enhance future service delivery
- The city will work with partner agencies to ensure we identify enough eligible costs to expend entire award by December 30, 2020

Eligible Expenses

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Medical Supplies and Services
- IT expenses (telework transition)
- Payroll for staff substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19
- Grants to small businesses
- Support to nonprofits for COVID response
- Relief programs for residents

Ineligible Expenses

- Payroll for staff not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19
- Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements

Ms. Erwin stated they are actively working through a detailed spend plan with input from departments and city agencies.

Draft Spend Plan

Direct City Costs of Responding

\$5 million

- Reimbursement for City COVID-19 Response (Budgeted Expenses)
\$7.5 million
- Building Modifications/IT Expenses/Mitigation Measures (Unbudgeted Expenses)

Assistance for the People Impacted

\$4 million

- Hazardous Duty Pay Plan
\$4.7 million
- Financial Assistance to Residents Business and Nonprofit Assistance
Public Wifi Access

Next Steps

- Work through Program Details
 - Good program design is essential for a fair, transparent, equitable Process
- Return to Council to authorize spending
- Implement and Spend
- Document, Document, Document

Councilwoman McClellan reiterated the importance of having Wifi available to all communities. Councilwoman Johnson noted a plan had been in place but not yet implemented for Wifi in several communities including Broad Creek. Councilwoman Graves asked to include our public housing communities and senior facilities.

Councilman Riddick asked to prioritize hazardous duty pay for our sanitation workers. Councilwoman Johnson asked for an update ASAP on who qualifies for the hazardous duty pay. Councilwoman Graves echoed she strongly supports hazardous duty pay for our sanitation workers.

Councilman Smigiel strongly encouraged reopening those positions that do site work and inspect and grant permits. We want economic development to continue in the city.

Councilwoman Johnson expressed concern about employees having to take a five-day furlough and asked if appropriate staff could revisit that and find an alternative solution. Councilwoman Graves echoed Councilwoman Johnson and expressed concern that it might impact the employees' retirement. Mr. Goldsmith noted that employees' retirements would not be affected. Councilwoman Johnson asked to look at how we can make employees whole again in another budget cycle.

Councilwoman McClellan suggested Council members consider a salary reduction for themselves.

Libraries and Recreation Centers Update

Presenters: Ms. Sonal Rastogi, Director of Libraries
Ms. Lynn Clements, Executive Director, Slover Library
Mr. Darrell Crittendon, Director, Recreation, Parks and Open Space

Norfolk Public Libraries

Ms. Rastogi outlined plans for reopening Norfolk Public Libraries in a strategic and thoughtful manner based on guidance from the city as well as the Department of Health. Moving forward, they will continue to provide the virtual services and programming. After readying the buildings and staff for reopening to the public, they will move into the grab-and-go phase where citizens will be coming into the buildings and taking books and materials that have been pulled by the staff. Only the information desk on the first floor will be activated. The building space will be reconfigured to keep with safety and physical distancing rules. In the next phase the second floor will be activated with limited seating available for patrons. The Norfolk Safe and Strong phase will have access to computers, meeting rooms, study rooms, ensuring there is six feet distancing between furniture and computers. The library system will continue to provide extensive online access to E-books, online video and audio books through a wide variety of platforms. All branches have Wifi available for drive-up access.

Library Services Beyond Brick and Mortar

- Treasure Truck - mobile outreach and delivery service
- Exploring programs and services at additional branches
- Mailings to promote programs and services

Collaborations and Key Partnerships

- Collaboration with Recreation Parks and Open Spaces to develop Express Free Libraries for the five reopened recreation centers
- Increase little free libraries - partnership with The Friends of the Norfolk Public Library
- Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten - collaboration with Norfolk Public Schools
- Your Money Your Goal Initiative - Consumer Protection Financial Bureau
- Norfolk Public Schools - Special Event Programs (Teen Read Week, Read Across America, Dr. Seuss Day, Summer Reading Program)
- Norfolk Fire-Rescue Department - Firefighters who have done Storytime on Facebook

Councilwoman Doyle stated she has received almost 30 emails in the last 24 hours regarding the reopening of libraries. She asked to communicate clearly to the public when libraries are opening and what programming will be available. Ms. Rastogi noted three anchor branches will open July 1st. They are the Jordan Newby, Pretlow, and Slover. Councilwoman McClellan suggested opening smaller branches for curbside service as soon as possible.

Ms. Rastogi stated that curbside service was dissipated because of health regulations based on the touching of the books and how long the books need to be in quarantine. Mr. Goldsmith added that we are taking a very slow and deliberate approach to make sure our employees are safe.

Councilman Smigiel stated that Governor Northam just announced Phase 2 and that almost everything can reopen, but with limits. There is a way to open other branches but limit the amount of people allowed inside the buildings.

Councilwoman Graves stated that something needs to be open on the southside and noted she has asked several times. They have a library, recreation center, and aquatic center. Mayor Alexander stated Council asked for that to be addressed at the last Council meeting. Councilwoman Johnson echoed their concerns and asked

to add other areas that have no accessibility such as Park Place and the areas surrounding the Horace C. Downing and the Barron F. Black library branches.

Mr. Benda reiterated that over 500 employees have been furloughed, most of whom were recreation center specialists and librarians, so some of this is also resources in employees available to perform these services. The Administration will address reconfiguring the proposal for delivering these services and come back to Council.

Slover Library

Ms. Clements stated that the Slover Library, which has been open for five years, serves as a vital and dynamic lighthouse of community and lifelong learning, civic engagement, and leading-edge technology available to all citizens of the region. They are reimagining traditional library experiences by developing interdisciplinary spaces and cutting-edge community center programs and services. They have a new business center sponsored by Mr. Roy E. Hendrix. Even with a reduction in staff, they aim to take the library into the future as a regional asset for Hampton Roads and beyond.

Currently, while closed, they offer online e-books and other virtual programs such as virtual classroom and ask-a-librarian services. Slover will provide a continuum of services according to health and safety guidelines. They will also be offering curbside book delivery once staff returns but while they are still closed. Before opening, Dr. Lindsay and her staff will tour the library and offer advice on best practices. As they begin to open, a video walk-through will be provided to patrons, so they know what to expect when they come back into the library.

Community Partners

- Community members, volunteers, and organizations such as Teen with a Purpose
- Grow with Google
- Cultural institutions
- Universities
- Local architects
- Schools and homeschool community
- City departments such as IT, Economic Development, Nauticus, Open Data, Community Services, RPOS, to name a few

- Hampton Roads Community Foundation - 2 recent grants for touch tables and media & technology upgrades
- Library non-profits - NPL Friends and Boards, and the Slover Library Foundation that supports learning through new and upgraded technology, programming, and collaborative partnerships

Recreation Centers

Mr. Crittendon stated as we go through this pandemic, we continue to follow Governor Northam's Executive Orders 061 and 063 where we are maintaining physical distancing and enforcing face masking. We have gone from interior programming to exterior and through many partnerships they have been able to look at programming. The consulted with Festevents on the reprogramming of Town Point Park, Ocean View Park, green spaces, cemeteries, and other public recreational green spaces.

As restrictions continue to relax, we can start looking at small group activities, making sure that we have the proper numbers. Festevents has created a program called Rings in our parks that can house four to five people and maintain the six-foot distance required for physical distancing. We will continue to work with programming with our partners.

What are we doing now?

- Primarily Virtual Classes
- Elizabeth River Trail open (ERT)
- Regional parks open for exercise and fitness
- Beaches open for exercise, fitness, and kayaking

Recreation Operations (when we can reopen)

- Opening of Berkley, Huntersville, Lamberts Point, Norview, and East Ocean View recreation facilities with operating hours of 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Youth Programs (Ages: 6-12)
 - Structured program hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Teen Programs (13-17)
 - Structured program hours are 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - Norview Community Center will host a program from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Gymnasium and Fitness Rooms (Teen & Adults)

- Utilization hours: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Fitness Rooms (Teen & Adults)
 - Utilization hours: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Dance, music, visual arts, fitness, and outdoor programs will be offered equally across all centers and parks

Sample Recreation Programming

- Youth Programs (Ages: 6-17)
 - RPOS has already posted over 20 videos, challenges and hosted a live arts and crafts seminar.
 - Summer Clubhouse program providing virtual physical education, arts and crafts, and games virtually through live streaming and recorded posts.
 - Dance and music classes to include private lessons will be offered virtually.
- Adult Programs (Ages: 18+)
 - RPOS has already posted over 15 videos for adults and those with special needs.
 - Virtual dance, music, visual arts, and fitness classes will be offered.
 - Virtual classes will be a premium as instructors can support as many students who are interested. This differs from in-person classes.
- Park Services
 - RPOS major parks will host activities like scavenger hunts, leave no trace, and other outdoor education and wellness programs.

Takeaways

- Safety of Team Norfolk and our residents is paramount.
- We are planning a continuum of public-facing services.
- Rapid, successful shift to virtual work environment yielded continuity in most services.
- Virtual service delivery has been popular and far-reaching.

Councilwoman McClellan expressed concern that Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center is not on the list to be reopened. Mr. Benda stated that they are planning to reopen this center and they are looking at using the green space around it as well as some space inside.

Councilwoman Graves suggested that the recreation centers could partner as grab-and-go locations for the libraries.

Councilman Smigiel noted that the Governor's Phase 2 will take effect Friday June 5th. Phase 2 will allow for recreational sports and for recreation centers to reopen. If it is a budget constraint preventing us from reopening recreational centers and libraries versus Governor Northam's orders, the Administration needs to reconsider our budget and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Second Amendment Petition

Mr. Bull presented a petition submitted by Mr. Robert Brown on behalf of the Norfolk Second Amendment Preservation Coalition, asking Council to consider and adopt a Second Amendment Preservation Ordinance.