TO: Members of Council

FROM: Richard Allan Bull, City Clerk

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SUBJECT: Minutes of City Council Meeting

July 6, 2022

Attached are the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on June 28, 2022.

[Signature]
Richard Allan Bull
City Clerk
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022

Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., with the following members present: Mrs. Courtney R. Doyle, Mrs. Mamie B. Johnson, Mrs. Andria McClellan, Mr. Paul Riddick, Ms. Danica Royster, and Mr. Tommy R. Smigiel Jr., and Mr. Martin A. Thomas Jr.

Closed Session

Motion for closed session was approved at 4:05 p.m. for purposes which are set out in Clauses 29 and 1 of subsection (A) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as amended:

(1) Discussion of candidates for Boards, Commission and Committees.

(29) Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the public body.

AYES: Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas, Jr. and Alexander

NO: None

AGENDA

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update
Presenter: Mr. Neelay Bhatt, Vice President and Principal, PROS Consulting, Inc.

Mr. Crittendon stated that today is the final presentation of a new master plan which will chart the future of parks and recreation over the next ten years. He next introduced Mr. Bhatt.

Mr. Bhatt stated this plan is a vision on moving forward, to continue doing the things we have been doing. It is a roadmap to the future, both internally with staff and the culture, and externally with the community at large. Norfolk is not an agency that is broken and needs to be fixed. When this plan was started, Norfolk was already a NRPA Gold Medal finalist. Norfolk was recently re-accredited and joins a group of less than 200 out of 12,000 agencies.
Demographics & Trends

Demographic Overview

The population, to some degree, has been and will continue to age. The 55+ population is going to be approximately one in four people, which equates to about 28% of the population, up from 19% in the years past. At the same time, we are shrinking in the under 18 population, and the 18 to 34 as well, but we still have a lot of young families and children. The balance of inter-generational offerings is going to be key. For many people, parks and recreation might be the only access they have to recreation, so balancing fiscal sustainability with equity of access is a focus throughout this plan.

Benchmark Analysis

In comparison to other NRPA Gold Medal winners and finalists and a couple of other agencies, in terms of the population per square mile, Norfolk is the most heavily populated. Less land means the city must be judicious with planning and what we do from that standpoint. Norfolk Parks and Recreation has a lot of indoor recreation centers, but in terms of the average size of each center, we rank the second smallest of the agencies. In terms of multi-use, inter-generational access, and cost of operations, every agency comparable to Norfolk is moving towards larger spaces. In addition, as we think of the operating expense per resident, we spend less than $72 annually per resident and that is for an entire park system. The median agency at 50% is over $72, which means Norfolk’s population is significantly underserved.

Public Input Summary

We received input from 1,521 participants through valid surveys.

- 449 - statistically-valid survey respondents
- 784 - online survey respondents
- 288 - hybrid public input meetings, key leader interviews, and focus groups
- Multi-lingual Crowdsourcing Website [www.keepingYOUfirst.com](http://www.keepingYOUfirst.com)

Key Findings

Q1c. What are the reasons why you may have not visited City of Norfolk parks or facilities, before the COVID-19 Pandemic, during the last two years?

27.9% - Lack of features we want to use

- Noted that over 40% of respondents said the reason they don’t come to programs is because they do not know what the city offers. Communication is important.

Q22. Actions the City could take to improve the Parks and Recreation System that respondents would be most willing to fund

31.7% - Develop walking, biking trails, and parks along waterfront
26.1% - Develop new nature trails, nature centers, and nature programs
21.9% - Improve existing neighborhood and community parks
21.8% - Develop new indoor recreation centers
13.3% - Develop a sports complex facility

- Noted that a sports complex is not a high community priority
Q19. Given the recent COVID-19 pandemic, how has your and your household’s perception of the value of parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation changed?
30.2% - No change
29.0% - Value has significantly increased
21.5% - Value has somewhat increased
9.9% - Value has significantly decreased
9.4% - Value has somewhat decreased

Q20. Based on your perception of value, how would you want the City of Norfolk to fund future parks, recreation, trails, and open space needs?
62.2% - Increase funding
18.8% - Not sure
17.2% - Maintain existing funding levels
1.8% - Reduce funding

Priority Investment Rating
Top Priorities for Investment for Parks and Recreation Programs
Based on the Priority Investment Rating (PIR)

High Priority
- Adult fitness and wellness programs
- Exercise classes
- Senior health and wellness programs

Medium Priority
- Water fitness programs/lap swimming
- Community special events
- Historic Park programs
- Senior educational programs
- Cultural enrichment programs
- After school programs for youth of all ages
- Fishing programs
- Swim lessons
- Outdoor environmental/nature camps and programs
- Senior trips
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)/tech classes
- Adult sports leagues
- Boating lessons
- Youth summer employment opportunities
- Youth sports programs and camps
Based on the PIR

High Priority
- Walking and biking trails
- Beaches
- Fitness and exercise facilities
- Indoor pools/aquatics facilities

Medium Priority
- Neighborhood parks (1-10 acres)
- Indoor walking/jogging track
- Community centers (small neighborhood)
- Picnic areas and shelters
- Open/green space
- Fishing piers
- Outdoor swimming pools
- Outdoor amphitheater/outdoor performing arts venue
- Community gardens
- Walking and running tracks (indoor)
- Large community/regional parks (10+ acres)
- Nature/environmental centers
- Community centers (large regionalized)
- Kayak and canoe launches
- Outdoor multi-use courts
- Playground equipment
- Off-leash dog park
*Noted that a large sport complex facility and diamond sports fields (e.g., baseball, softball) were low priorities

Level of Service Inventory
GIS Based Equity Mapping

Mr. Bhatt stated that nationally 55% of the respondents have access to a park within a 10-minute walk. In Norfolk, 75% of residents live within a 10-minute walk to a park, which means approximately 61,400 residents have no access.

Mr. Bhatt presented a series of maps showing the locations of existing:

Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, Trails (paved and unpaved), Diamond Fields, Multi-Purpose Rectangular Fields, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts (Full and Half), Dog Parks (Fenced and Unfenced), Splash Pads, Outdoor Pools, and Indoor Recreation Space.

Areas of need: Park acreage, trail miles, indoor recreation space, indoor aquatic space. Additional one-offs: skate park, outdoor pool, or splash pad.
Visioning
Vision – To be a national leader in providing life-changing experiences

Core Values:
- Community Driven
- Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive
- Innovative
- Fun
- Stewards

Parks, Beaches, Trails, & Forestry Actionable Recommendations

Short-Term Strategies
- Assess current park and trail system for opportunities to add fitness equipment, lighting, water stations, seating, shade, etc.
- Create program for “Adopt-a-Park” and “Adopt-a-Trail”

Mid-Term Strategies
*Develop a Trail Plan with an emphasis on connectivity and access, especially to and from water areas
- Improve wayfinding and interpretive signage along trails and throughout parks

Long-Term Strategies
- Add beach boardwalk

Ongoing Strategies
*Better activate water areas with fishing, kayak launches, paddle boat rentals, etc.
- Incorporate historical elements into trails (i.e., Black History Tours, Civil War Monument Tours
(* denotes priorities)

Facilities, Programs, and Events Actionable Recommendations

Short-Term Strategies
*Assess current recreation centers for service overlaps and potential repurposing for fewer, larger ones
- Develop an “Event Committee” to brainstorm new event ideas, address opportunities, and create uniformed event standards
- Develop a “Technology Team” to assess current technology needs and brainstorm areas in which technology can be improved
- Hold beach conservation-based events to promote greater awareness
- Utilize findings in statistically valid survey to expand on program offerings

Mid-Term Strategies
- Develop wildlife/marine education programs to be held at beach

Long-Term Strategies
*Geographically align pools and recreation centers better to equitably meet needs of community

Ongoing Strategies
- Grow/expand Esports programming in keeping with current program trends
(* denotes priorities)

Maintenance, Operations and Staffing Actionable Recommendations
Short-Term
- Assess facility operating hours to ensure buildings are open at times that best fit community needs
*Create in-depth staffing plan that addresses recruitment, onboarding, training, staffing levels, succession planning, and a salary analysis schedule*
- Develop a maintenance plan for existing parks and facilities

Mid-Term Strategies
*Create Community Engagement position, responsible for community outreach, partnerships, marketing, sponsorships, etc. (position can also be responsible for grant writing)*

Long-Term Strategies
(None)

Ongoing Strategies
- Identify and share social media analytics and assess new social media
  (* denotes priorities)

Funding, Marketing, and Branding Recommendations

Short-Term
- Create pricing plan to form process around regular pricing assessment and fee increases
- Create a rental policy to create guidelines, pricing, and standards for facility rentals
  *Create an updated brand guide for the Department to focus on the new name and the Norfolk Way*
- Develop a comprehensive marketing, hiring, and staffing strategy to advertise and fill difficult positions like: Lifeguards, Equipment Operators, Tree Trimmers, and Groundskeepers
- Identify the return on investment from each marketing method used by the Department

Mid-Term Strategies
*Conduct a brand equity survey to identify community perceptions regarding the Parks and Recreation Department brand identity*
- Pursue bond/referendum or other earned income support for future capital and operational needs

Long-Term Strategies
- Seek dedicated funding source to help support parks and recreation needs for a sustainable future

Ongoing Strategies
- Implement social media plan and posting schedule
- Partner with schools to conduct quarterly focus groups with teens to assess needs of this tough to reach demographic group
  (* denotes priorities)

Big Moves
1. Build Regional Recreation Centers for intergenerational and multipurpose use
2. Create connected blue ways and trail networks
3. Develop Norfolk Parks and Recreation’s unique story and branding (e.g., dedicated PR & Marketing team)
4. Grow an enduring organizational culture that values staff and enhances morale
5. Maximize inclusive access to all offerings (park, facility, and beach, etc.)

Next Steps
- Adoption of Plan
- Staff to begin implementation

Mayor Alexander asked Mr. Bhatt for a clarification on building a sportsplex and how citizens prioritize its funding. Mr. Bhatt stated that citizens prioritize funding for more trails, upgrading parks, building recreation centers and sports fields over building a sportsplex. Sports facilities and sports fields, in general, were important but not an un-met need.

Councilwoman McClellan stated that the beach access points in Ocean View are not adequately identified for citizens. She added that we must take care of what we have currently before we start investing in new projects.

Councilwoman Johnson:
- Stated that more fishing and crabbing piers are needed along the waterways through the communities because these activities are priorities to our citizens.
- Asked that they consider extending trails into our communities, giving more accessibility to our citizens.
- Asked to be mindful of equity of access as we consider the locations of larger intergenerational multi-purpose centers in the future, noting that we have communities divided by bridges and major highways such as the Berkley and Campostella communities.
- Asked to consider having more activities in our existing parks such as concerts and reading sessions. She suggested cross-planning with other city departments to plan activities. She asked for funding for staff who could be available to provide opportunities and activities in our parks.

Councilman Smigiel:
- Stated that many of the tennis courts on the map are not usable courts. They need to be repaired and maintained.
- Favors the larger multi-generational facilities and stated we must provide transportation to all citizens. We now have scooters and bikes, but other transportation methods must be identified.
- Agrees we need more pools throughout the city, but a competition pool that could be used as a multi-use amenity, too, is also needed.
- Noted that safety was a reason given by citizens who are not visiting our parks. We need to add funding in the budget for surveillance cameras and park rangers in our parks.
- Stated we need to continue working with Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) when new schools are built to have amenities like walking trails.
• Suggested partnering with local universities to recruit and train students as staff for our Parks and Recreation Department. Maybe Tidewater Community College would consider creating an associate degree that could lead to a bachelor’s degree at the universities.

Councilwoman Doyle echoed Councilman Smigliel about the condition of the tennis courts, noting that some needed mowing because of the grass growing on them. She added that the NPS courts are also not appropriately maintained.

Councilwoman McClellan echoed colleagues that repairing and maintaining the facilities, parks, and courts we have now is a priority before building new facilities.

Councilman Riddick stated that years ago, every community had a sports team and the city provided jerseys and uniforms. The city should provide funding and do more to encourage our youth to participate in sports. In addition, the city needs to build more swimming pools. He also asked that Barraud Park’s concrete court be replaced with a clay court.

Councilwoman Royster:
• Noted that a lot of today’s recommendations were also recommended by the Mayors Commission on Social Equity and Economic Opportunity.
• Stated that seniors want more multi-generational activated spaces because they feel like a lot of recreational offerings are tailored to young adults, youth, and children.
• Asked to look at developing a technology team and added that recreation facilities around the country are incorporating coding, drones, and virtual reality.
• Echoed Councilman Smigliel on partnering and collaborating with local universities.
• Stated that when considering safety and encouraging citizens to use scooters and bikes to access a larger facility, we must ensure that citizens can get to and from those facilities safely.
• Stated in addition to cameras at parks and recreation facilities, they must have adequate lighting that is maintained appropriately.
• Asked for a quality report on all city recreation centers, parks, courts, etc.
• Asked to consider partnering with those agencies doing athletics who are meeting their fiduciary requirements, backgrounds, etc. She added that many of them already have established relationships with communities.
• Asked for an update from the Youth Council because their input is vital for shaping the future of our recreation centers and parks.

Eviction Mitigation Update
Presenter: Ms. Kimberley Pierce, Acting Director, Neighborhood Services

Dr. Filer stated that the eviction moratorium is getting ready to expire, but there is still a critical need, particularly in rental housing, for our citizens who are in high risk of losing their housing.

Ms. Pierce gave an update as follows:
The Norfolk Eviction Mitigation Team:

Human Services, Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority, St. Paul’s Transformation Office, Norfolk Sheriff’s Office, Civic Lab, ForKids, Inc., City Attorney’s Office, The Salvation Army, Norfolk Public Schools, The Planning Council, Intergovernmental Relations Office, The STOP Organization, General District Court Mediation Program, Regent University law Clinic (Norfolk).

Three subcommittees have been established:

- Outreach
- Legal
- Data

Norfolk’s Eviction Rates
Percentage of Evictions Ordered vs. Executed

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<td>5,845</td>
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<td>2020</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>1,144</td>
<td>689</td>
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Source: Norfolk Sheriff’s Office, Civil Process Division

Ms. Pierce noted that in 2020 and 2021, evictions ordered decreased significantly due to the federal housing moratorium that was in place as well as the subsequent General Assembly action on housing protections. During the moratorium and housing protections, it was difficult to have an eviction occur solely due to non-payment of rent.

Eviction Prevention Funding Summary

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<td>Local Operating Funds</td>
<td>Eviction Prevention &amp; Housing Services</td>
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Expenditure Summary VERP 1.0
Virginia Eviction Reduction Pilot (VERP) 1.0 (Completed)

- $560,000 grant award; total expended $551,778
- Provided rental arrearage and utility payments for 297 households
- Including NRHA public housing residents in the St. Paul’s quadrant
Expenditure categories:
- Rental Arrears (largest portion of expenditure)
- Rental Assistance
- Utilities
- Stabilization Services

VERP 2.0 and Local Investment
Virginia Eviction Reduction Pilot 2.0 (Underway)
- $200,000 grant award
- Focus on court navigation and outreach
- Workforce opportunities for unemployed and underemployed individuals

State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Underway)
- $800,000 Allocation
- Focus on housing stability
- Workforce opportunities for unemployed and underemployed individuals

Implementation:
- Partner with BankOn to provide financial literacy education
- Partner with Norfolk Works to offer job training and skill building
- Partner with Department of Human Services on the Norfolk Employment Pathways Program
- Community outreach and education efforts to target areas with the highest concentrations of eviction

Funding Criteria:
- Household funding limit is $3,250 per household per 12-month period
- Rent is paid first, then utility payments are made
- Priority is given to households with documented monthly income
- Current Rent Relief Program (RRP) applicants are on-hold until they receive an application denial letter

Eviction Prevention Accomplishments
- Held two Eviction Prevention clinics:
  - December 11, 2021 – 110 participants
  - May 21, 2022 – 72 participants
- Awarded 2nd VERP grant of $200,000 to focus on court navigation and outreach
- Updated Eviction Action Plan goals
- Eviction data from the Supreme Court of Virginia has been analyzed to support outreach efforts
- Created the Norfolk Eviction Prevention Center (757) 664-6363

Short-term Outlook
- Current COVID-19 housing protections are set to expire on June 30th
- 14-day pay-or-quit timeframe reverts to 5 days
- A Virginia’s Rent Relief Program (RRP) protection stipulated tenants could not be evicted within a 45-day period of the submission of a completed application; the RRP portal closed on May 15, 2022
- Effective July 1, 2022, there are no barriers to prevent landlords from filing for eviction due to non-payment of rent
- Once an eviction is ordered and occurs, we shift from an eviction prevention crisis to a homelessness crisis

Moving Forward
- Establish a presence in Norfolk General District Court
- Available on-site to provide assistance to households facing eviction
- Proactive Outreach to Landlords and Property Managers
- Work to identify tenants behind on rent payments to avoid the legal process
- Explore opportunities for rapid re-housing immediately following an eviction

Councilwoman Johnson asked that they also partner with the Hampton Roads Workforce Council.

Dr. Filer announced that moving forward, Ms. Pierce is now the Director of Neighborhood Services.

City Council Interests

Councilman Smigiel asked:
- For an update on the Metronet installation and if an interactive map is available.
- For an update on the Dominion Power light replacements and if an interactive map is available.
- To consider installing speed cameras in school zones.
- For an update on installing panhandling signs at some major intersections.
- For an update on regulations for high-speed police chases involving ATV’s, four-wheelers, etc.
- That the medians that have trash and overgrown grass be maintained.
- To remove shopping carts that have accumulated along major streets like Little Creek Road especially near Wards Corner, Denby Park, and Monticello Village.

Councilwoman Johnson asked:
- For an inventory of the lighting at all overpasses and underpasses in Superward 7.
- That the overpasses and underpasses in Superward 7 be maintained as relates to trash and overgrown grass.
- To maintain all Community Resource Officers in our communities, stating that citizens are very concerned about their possible removal.

Councilwoman Royster asked:
- For an update on the Citizen Review Board.
- For an update on the Business Compliance Unit.
• For an update on the non-profit application process.
• For a review of the contract with Lime regarding their e-scooters and e-bikes.
• For an update on the LED light replacements and an interactive map, and about recreation centers being prioritized.
• For an update on surveillance cameras being installed at recreation centers and parks.

Vice Mayor Thomas:
• Regarding ATV's and four-wheelers, there is a state law that allows the city to impound them which could be a tool for prosecution, but Council needs to pass an Ordinance that allows officers to do that.
• Asked for an update on the elimination of beach patrols.

Councilman Riddick asked:
• To discuss, at a future time in closed session, the white backlash the city is experiencing currently.
• That the cemetery at the corner of Princess Anne Road and Tidewater Drive get necessary repairs after a recent accident.

Councilwoman McClellan:
Due to the recent tragedies in Uvalde and Buffalo, asked Council to reconsider banning guns and ammunition in city buildings.
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Followed by the Pledge the Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the previous City Council meeting.

ACTION: Adopted [Unanimous]

AYES: Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
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.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

IB-1

Invitation to Bid and Notice of Public Hearing for a Long-term Garage Parking Agreement, with a term of no less than Twenty (20) years and not more than Forty (40) years, for parking for up to 261 residential parkers in the parking garage to be constructed on the southeast corner of the that certain parcel of real property located at 698 Saint Paul’s Boulevard in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1

Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to James Scott Services, LLC of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 1716 O'Keefe Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City's Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants.

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PH-2

Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to R&HH Enterprise, LLC of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 1518 Proescher Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City's Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants.

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PH-3

Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to Lundy Real Estate LLC of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 1454 Proescher Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City's Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to Lundy Real Estate LLC of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 1454 Proescher Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City's Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants. - *(Ordinance No. 48808)*
PH-4  Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to DeLano Antonio Bonner of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 1438 Proescher Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City's Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to DeLano Antonio Bonner of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 1438 Proescher Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City’s Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants. - (Ordinance No. 48809)

**ACTION:** Adopted [Unanimous]

**AYES:** Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander

PH-5  Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to ABJO Investment LLC of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 945 Gordon Avenue in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City's Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to ABJO Investment LLC of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 945 Gordon Avenue in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City’s Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants. - (Ordinance No. 48810)

**ACTION:** Adopted [Unanimous]

**AYES:** Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
PH-6

Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to John Edward White Jr. of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 748 Fremont Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City's Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants.

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PH-7

Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to Castles & Cottages Construction Company LLC of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 615 W. 26th Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City's Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants.

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PH-8  Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to Edmunds Partners, Inc. of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 206 W. 27th Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City’s Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance to Edmunds Partners, Inc. of That Certain Parcel of Property Located at 206 W. 27th Street in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City’s Online Real Estate Auction and Authorizing the Modification, Revision or Release of Certain Protective and Restrictive Covenants. - (Ordinance No. 48813)

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PH-9  Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, on the application of the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, for a text amendment to the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance to modify the city’s short-term rental regulations.

Richard Anderson, 2060 East Ocean View Avenue, Unit 7B, spoke in support of this matter.

An Ordinance to Amend Sections 4.2.3 and 4.3.3 of the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance to Update Regulations for Short-Term Rental Uses. - (Ordinance No. 48814)

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PH-10  Public Hearing scheduled this day pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on an Ordinance Approving a Lease Agreement Between the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, as Lessor, and the City of Norfolk, as Lessee, for the Lease of Property Located at 555 E. Liberty Street for Use as a Senior Center and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Lease Agreement on Behalf of the City.

Barrett Hicks, 1515 East Indian River Road, spoke in favor of this item.

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**ACTION:**  Adopted [Unanimous]

**AYES:**  Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr.,
            Thomas Jr., Alexander

PH-11  Public Hearing scheduled this day pursuant to State Law, to hear comment on an Ordinance Approving a First Amendment to lease Agreement Between the City of Norfolk, as Landlord, and Maryview Hospitals, LLC, as Successor by Merger with Bon Secours - DePaul Medical Center, Inc., as Tenant, so as to Extend the Term of the Lease for the Premises Located at 7300 Newport Avenue, Suite 300, in the City of Norfolk, Virginia and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the First Amendment to Lease Agreement on Behalf of the City of Norfolk.

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**ACTION:**  Adopted [Unanimous]

**AYES:**  Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr.,
            Thomas Jr., Alexander
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 Granting Conditional Use Permits to Authorize the Operation of a Restaurant Operating after Midnight with Live Entertainment and the Sale of Alcoholic Beverage for Off-Premises Consumption Named “Leone’s” on Properties Located at 449 To 455 Granby Street and 105 to 119 West Charlotte Street. - (Ordinance No. 48817)

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C-2 An Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permits to Authorize the Operation of a Restaurant Operating after Midnight with Live Entertainment and the Sale of Alcoholic Beverage for Off-Premises Consumption Named “Byrd and Baldwin Bros. Steakhouse” on Property Located at 116 Brooke Avenue, Unit A. - (Ordinance No. 48818)

Barrett Hicks, 1515 East Indian River Road, spoke in favor of this item.

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An Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permits to Authorize the Operation of a Restaurant Operating After Midnight with Live Entertainment and the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Off-Premises Consumption Named “Big Easy Grill and Oyster Bar” on Property Located at 111 West Tazewell Street, Unit 101 A. - (Ordinance No. 48819)

ACTION: Adopted [7 to 1]
AYES: Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
NAYS: Riddick

C-4
An Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permits to Authorize the Operation of a Restaurant Operating after Midnight with Live Entertainment and the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Off-Premises Consumption Named “456 Fish” on Property Located at 456 Granby Street. - (Ordinance No. 48820)

ACTION: Adopted [7 to 1]
AYES: Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
NAYS: Riddick

C-5
An Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permits to Authorize the Operation of a Restaurant Operating after Midnight with Live Entertainment and the Sale of Alcoholic Beverage for Off-Premises Consumption Named “219 Bistro” on Properties Located at 219 Granby Street, Unit 11. - (Ordinance No. 48821)

ACTION: Adopted [7 to 1]
AYES: Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
NAYS: Riddick
C-6
An Ordinance Granting Paint, LLC t/a Starving Artist Cafe Permission to Encroach into the Right-of-Way at 4408 Colley Avenue for the Purpose of Outdoor Dining and Approving the Terms and Conditions of the Encroachment Agreement. - (Ordinance No. 48822)

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C-7
An Ordinance Permitting the Smith Group, LLC to Encroach into the Right-of-Way at 2131 Cromwell Road with a Portion of the Building on the Property. - (Ordinance No. 48823)

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C-8
An Ordinance authorizing YMCA Family Memberships sponsored by Tidewater Friends of Foster Care as a special benefit for Norfolk Foster Care Employees. - (Ordinance No. 48824)

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REGULAR AGENDA

R-1
A Resolution in Support of the Applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") for Fiscal Year 2026 Smart Scale Projects and of the Request for VDOT to Fund the Projects in an Amount up to $80,000,000. - (Resolution No. 1866)

ACTION: Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES: Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander

R-2
A Resolution in Support of the Military Circle Tide Extension Application by Hampton Roads Transit ("HRT") to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") for the Fiscal Year 2026 Smart Scale Program. - (Resolution No. 1867)

ACTION: Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES: Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander

R-3
An Ordinance Amending the FY2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,379) SO AS To Accept, Appropriate and Authorize the Expenditure Of Grant Funds In Amounts Up To The Sum of $201,135 From The Planning Council For Norfolk Community Services Board To Provide Homeless Shelter Services. - (Ordinance No. 48825)

Barrett Hicks, 1515 East Indian River Road, spoke in support of this matter.

ACTION: Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES: Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
R-4
An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Nonexclusive Master Lease Agreement with the Southside Network Authority for the Purposes of Constructing and Maintaining Fiber Optic Network Facilities in the City's Right-of Way. - (Ordinance No. 48826)

**ACTION:** Adopted [Unanimous]
**AYES:** Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigielski Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander

R-5
The First Ordinance Amending and Reordaining the Fiscal Year 2023 Compensation Plan Ordinance to Revise the Ordinance by Adding a New Section 4.5 Guaranteeing a Living Wage, Its Sheriff's Sworn Pay Plan by Increasing Certain Pay Ranges and Adding New Position Titles with Pay Ranges, Section 11 of its Regulations Regarding Automatic Reclassifications, its Appendix 2 by Adding a New Classification Specification Title to the Fire-Rescue Supplements, its Alphabetical Classification Listing by Modifying Certain Titles and Increasing of Lowering Certain Pay Ranges, and Its Plan 1 by Increasing the Pay Range for Grade 10. - (Ordinance No. 48827)

**ACTION:** Adopted [Unanimous]
**AYES:** Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigielski Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander

R-6
A Resolution Appointing and Reappointing 3 Members to The Norfolk Airport Authority for Certain Terms - (Resolution No. 1868)

**ACTION:** Adopted [Unanimous]
**AYES:** Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigielski Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
NEW BUSINESS

Charlene Christopher, 200 Maryland Avenue, provided an update regarding the Community Action Program.

Raytron White, 3149 Kimball Terrace, President of Grandy Village Tenant Management Association, spoke regarding issues with equipment removal from Grandy Village Community Center.

Anthony Daniels, 308 South Main Street, spoke on behalf of the CLEAN organization regarding youth development programs and presented a token of appreciation from Beacon Light Civic League to Councilman Riddick for his dedicated service.

Bilal Muhammad, representing the Stop the Violence team, spoke regarding future leaders and the mission of his organization.

Rudolph Powell, 1037 Torpedo Way, Virginia Beach, spoke regarding issues with the Norfolk Police Department.

Barrett Hicks, 1515 East Indian River Road, spoke regarding issues with Norfolk Police Department and crimes within the community.

Stacie Armstead, P.O. Box 7881, President of the NAACP, Norfolk Branch, spoke regarding increased support of community partnerships to achieve social equity in our City.

Naya Trower, 6320 Colgate Avenue, with the Stop the Violence organization, spoke regarding community violence and increased support for healthy youth activities.

Mary Anna White, 600 North Shore Road, with the Stop the Violence organization, spoke regarding community violence, improved access to activities and facilities, and conflict mediation programs.

Vincent Lasalle, 1342 Reservoir Avenue, spoke regarding new development in the St. Paul's Area, issues with contacting NRHA officials, and coal dust monitors in Lambert's Point and throughout the City.

Monet Johnson, 305 Argonne Avenue, spoke regarding new development in the St. Paul's Area, increased availability of vouchers, and offering parking spaces to families returning to St. Paul's.

Toni Boyd, 1064 Hugo Street, spoke regarding homelessness and women veterans.
Kali Bahl, 308 South Main Street, with the CLEAN organization, spoke regarding mental health issues among Norfolk students.

Lanyiah Grimes, 308 South Main Street, President of the CLEAN organization spoke regarding community gun violence, teacher training, student counseling programs, and increased parental accountability.

Janet Montgomery, 308 South Main Street, with the CLEAN organization spoke regarding community violence and improved youth development programs.

Brandon Waddell, 858 West 42nd Street, spoke regarding neighborhood conflicts stemming from code violations.

Ashley Hobbs, 3373 A Kimball Terrace, spoke regarding speeding vehicles in Grandy Village.

Brittany McBool, 3365 A Kimball Terrace, spoke regarding crime and gun violence in Grandy Village.

Ashley Hall, 3373 Kimball Terrace, spoke regarding gun violence, speeding, crime in Grandy Village, and increased assistance for crime victims and property damage relief.

Latonya Snow, 819 West 35th Street, with Auntie Advocate, spoke regarding action preventing police brutality and crime in Norfolk.

Matthew Hall, 400 Granby Street, spoke regarding nightlife in Norfolk and increased communication within the community to ensure equity in entertainment.

Amina Matheny-Willard, 999 Waterside Drive, spoke regarding accountability for the Norfolk Police Department.

**ADJOURNMENT**