

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
ACTION OF THE COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Kevin Tremper, Crossroads Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present: Mrs. Courtney R. Doyle, Mrs. Angelia Williams Graves, Mrs. Mamie B. Johnson, Mrs. Andria P. McClellan, Mr. Paul R. Riddick, Mr. Tommy Smigiel, and Dr. Kenneth Cooper Alexander.

Mayor Alexander moved to excuse Mr. Martin Thomas Jr. from tonight's meeting.

Motion adopted.

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

No: None.

Mayor Alexander moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion adopted.

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

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 September 10, 2019.

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

No: None.

CERMONIAL MATTER

Mayor Alexander read and presented the following Resolution congratulating the Norfolk Police Department, Fire-Rescue, Dispatchers and their support staff on the award-winning video that has attracted more than 80 Million views and won the CBS Special “Lip Sync to the Rescue” on September 9, 2019:

NORFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE-RESCUE, DISPATCHERS, AND SUPPORT STAFF

WHEREAS, on July 9th, 2018, Norfolk Police Department, alongside members of Norfolk Fire-Rescue, dispatchers and their support staff made an unforgettable impression on the citizens of Norfolk and viewers across the country with their first-responders lip sync challenge video featuring the 2014 pop hit “Uptown Funk”; and

WHEREAS, recorded with a smartphone, and produced with the unlimited and infectious enthusiasm of our city’s dedicated first responders, the captivating, one-take video featuring the spirit of Team Norfolk, became an overnight viral sensation with 23 million views and 654,000 shares within the first 24-hours; and

WHEREAS, out of 1,000 submissions to the CBS special, “Lip Sync to the Rescue”, Norfolk Police Department became a finalist and was determined by viewers on September 9th, 2019 as the finest display of character and trend setting public engagement, and was crowned as the grand prize winner of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the lip sync challenge was created to encourage community engagement and to foster opportunities for positive interactions between law enforcement and citizens – the Norfolk Police Foundation will use the award to maintain the positive momentum created by the video’s success to improve department services and support NPD’s more than 25 engagement initiatives; and

WHEREAS, to date, the award-winning video has attracted more than 80 million views and has been credited, both by the department and Norfolk citizens, to have had a significant influence in strengthening relationships across the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved:

Section 1:- That in recognition of this extraordinary accomplishment, the Council of the City of Norfolk and our citizens hereby extend hearty congratulations to Chief of Police, Larry Boone and members of the Norfolk Police Department on the occasion of their grand prize “Lip Sync to the Rescue” award and the lasting impact of their work.

Section 2:- That this resolution be recorded in the permanent proceedings of the City Council and that a copy be presented to Chief Boone.

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, to hear comments on the issuance of up to **\$12,000,000 in Wastewater System Revenue Bonds** to finance, with respect to the City's wastewater system, certain costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping capital improvements.

Thereupon, an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to authorize the issuance of up to **\$12,000,000 in Wastewater System Revenue Bonds** to finance, with respect to the City's wastewater system, certain costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping capital improvements,” was introduced and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective September 10, 2019.
Yes: Doyle, Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel and Alexander.
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, to hear comments on the **issuance of Notes on a revolving line of credit** pursuant to which the City will be able to borrow, repay, and reborrow the principal amount of the Notes, provided that no more than \$200,000,000 in principal amount of the Notes will be outstanding at any time.

Thereupon, an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to authorize the **issuance of Notes on a revolving line of credit** pursuant to which the City will be able to borrow, repay, and reborrow the principal amount of the Notes, provided that no more than \$200,000,000 in principal amount of the Notes will be outstanding at any time,” was introduced and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective September 10, 2019.

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

No: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

C-1

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance accepting the conveyance of a Utility Easement by the **American Heart Association, Inc. and WHLR-JANAF, LLC** on property located at **5764 E. Virginia Beach Boulevard** and authorizing the City Manager to accept the Deed of Easement on behalf of the City.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective September 10, 2019.

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

No: None.

C-2

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Accepting with appreciation gifts in kind to the City from the **Virginia Zoological Society** with a value estimated at approximately \$3,740,000.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective September 10, 2019.

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

No: None.

C-3

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance granting **Conditional Use Permits** to authorize the operation of a restaurant operating after midnight with live entertainment named " The Coach House" on properties located at **5103 to 5107 Colley Avenue**.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective September 10, 2019.
Yes: Doyle, Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel and Alexander.
No: None.

REGULAR AGENDA

R-1

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to amend and reordain Chapter 2 of *The Norfolk City Code, 1979*, **SO AS TO** authorize the Chief Procurement Officer, the Purchasing Agent and the Finance Director of the City to execute **procurement contracts** under certain circumstances," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective September 10, 2019.
Yes: Doyle, Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel and Alexander.
No: None.

R-2

A **Declaration of Local Emergency** from Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander and a Resolution entitled, "A Resolution ratifying a Declaration of a State of Emergency made by the Mayor for the City of Norfolk, Virginia, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 44-146.21, due to the hazards and damages of **Hurricane Dorian**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Ellis James, 2021 Kenlake Place, spoke in favor of this matter.

ACTION: The Resolution as introduced was **adopted**, effective September 10, 2019.
Yes: Doyle, Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel and Alexander.
No: None.

R-3

Letter from the City Manager and a Resolution entitled, “A Resolution in support of **Greater Norfolk Corporation’s Initiative** to improve the competitiveness of the City of Norfolk by activating the Norfolk Innovation Corridor as a leading center for technology business in the Commonwealth of Virginia,” was introduced in writing and read by its title.

The following people spoke in favor of this matter:

- Ellis James, 2021 Kenlake Place
- Rodney Jordan, 304 W. 36th Street, with suggestions for improvements
- Barry Bishop, 9508 25th Bay

ACTION: The Resolution as introduced was **adopted**, effective September 10, 2019.

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

No: None.

R-4

A Resolution entitled “A Resolution congratulating the **Norfolk Police Department**, Norfolk Fire-Rescue, Dispatchers and their support staff on the **award-winning video** that has attracted more than 80 Million views and won the CBS Special ‘Lip Sync to the Rescue’ on September 9, 2019,” was introduced in writing and read by its title.

ACTION: The Resolution as introduced was **adopted**, effective September 10, 2019.

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

No: None

NEW BUSINESS

- Mary Zackery, 555 E. Liberty Street, Apartment 401, spoke regarding food availability in Berkley.
- Janis McKee, 903 Hatton Street, spoke regarding old ships in the waterway on Campostella.
- Lawrence Brown, 925 Walthan Street, spoke regarding process for spouses to obtain the pay of a recently deceased city employee.
- Raytron White, 3149 Kimball Terrace, spoke regarding the street renovation schedule for the Ohio Creek Project.
- Danny Lee Ginn, 3844 Dare Circle, spoke regarding good government.