

Agenda

City Council Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

2400 Washington Ave

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 7:00 PM



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3. City Clerk
4. Harris
5. Long
6. Vick
7. Woodbury

8. Eley
9. Bethany
10. Jones

K. Adjourn

*THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING WILL BE CONCLUDED NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M. TO ALLOW PERSONS TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL UNDER "CITIZEN COMMENTS ON MATTERS GERMANE TO THE BUSINESS OF CITY COUNCIL."

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**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE 10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023, 5:00 P.M.**



MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E.; Councilwoman Tina L. Vick; Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury; Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III; Councilman John R. Eley, III; Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div.; and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Archer, Collins L. Owens, Jr., Mabel Washington Jenkins, Darlene Bradberry, Robert Pealo, Lisa Cipriano, Cory Cloud, Scarlet Stiteler, Susan Goodwin, Virginia Lovell, Sheila McAllister, Flora Chioros, Allison Dichoso, Virginia Blount-Moore, Florence Kingston, Frank James, Shanti Mullen, Jerri Wilson, Brian Stille, Police Chief Steve Drew, Interim Fire Chief Wesley Rogers, Jeffrey Senter, Jered Grimes, James McElheney, Yann Le Gouellec, Lisa Wornom-Zahralddin, Ralph "Bo" Clayton, David Freeman, Eoghan "Owen" Miller, Marlin McDaniel, Tiffany Conatser, Kameron Smith, Dorothy Andrews, Tanisha Clark, Kristin Chhim, Josh Janney, Mark Jordan, Patrick Brannan, and Zina F. Middleton

I. Alcalde & Fay Introduction

Mayor Jones advised that at the beginning of the year (2023) the City decided to review some of the federal grants in which the City had applied for but were unsuccessful. It was the decision of the City to hire a consulting firm to assist with the federal grant process. The City acquired Alcalde & Fay – Government and Public Affairs Consultants, a very high powered lobbying firm in Washington, DC to assist with federal legislative services. Mayor Jones introduced Ms. Nancy Prowitt, President and Chief Operating Officer with Alcalde & Fay, to provide an overview of services (see Alcalde & Fay, Government and Public Affairs Consultants - Federal Legislative Services for the City of Newport News, Virginia – October 24, 2023, attached and made a part of these minutes).

Ms. Prowitt thanked the City Council for an opportunity to present. Ms. Prowitt introduced Mr. Kevin Fay, Vice-Chairman and CEO, a vital part of the team, and advised that he was known within the administration and around the world as a Global Environmental Policy Advocate. She advised that Mr. Fay was currently in Nairobi Kenya for the United Nations environmental program. She introduced her team as follows: Mr. Bob Matthias, Senior Consultant (via Zoom); Ms. Yasmin Albazzaz, Partner; and Ms. Kayla Joyner, Legislative Assistant.

Ms. Prowitt indicated that she led the team with the City of Virginia Beach and represented them for 30 years. She was excited about the opportunity to work with the City of Newport News.

Ms. Prowitt advised that Alcalde & Fay was among Washington's most experienced bipartisan government and public affairs firms. She indicated that Alcalde & Fay had been in business for 50

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years and had learned the processes to assist municipalities find federal government funding, worked on policy initiatives and appropriation of grant funds. She shared the following details:

- Founded in 1973 as a lobbying firm by Mr. Hector Alcalde, who continued to serve as the firm Chairman. One of the first lobbying firms to specialize in the representation of public bodies/municipalities.
- 40 clients nationwide, included cities, counties, transportation and water districts, school districts, higher education institutions, and industries.
- 17 partners and professional staff
 - Executive Branch Officials, Former Hill Staffers, Attorneys, and Industry Leaders.
- Nationally Recognized Government and Public Affairs Leader
 - Ranked as one of the **"Top 10 Lobbying Firms in the Country"**
- (GWU/ Columbia Books) according to a study conducted in 2015.

Ms. Prowitt shared a unique aspect of having been in business so long that Alcalde & Fay knew the process and prided themselves on the ability to handle any situation and accomplish the mission on behalf of its clients. She noted in the ranking was longevity and retention. She reminded that Alcalde & Fay had strong bipartisan working relationships in both the Congressional and Executive branches relations. She shared because of its longevity, the firm knew political appointees in just about all the agencies with long-term relationships.

Ms. Prowitt indicated that the Congressional and Executive Branch relationships with key leadership and senior staff included many of the Congressional Committees of importance to Newport News as follows:

- Appropriations
- Environment and Public Works
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Commerce, Science and Transportation
- Energy and Commerce
- Finance
- Ways and Means
- Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
- Homeland Security (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Ms. Prowitt indicated that she had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Jones and City staff to further evaluate the City's federal agenda. She shared that Alcalde & Fay had received marching orders on policy priority development and looked to coordinate the City's entire federal agenda and looked forward to building the City's image in Washington which included scheduling an in person meeting. She advised that Alcalde & Fay offices were located in Arlington, Virginia, just a 10-minute drive to Capitol Hill and extended a welcome City Council to visit or use the offices when in the area.

Ms. Prowitt advised of the priority issue areas reviewed was the continued support of the City's community project funding appropriations, previously known as earmarks. Some of which were pending because Congress had not completed work on the appropriation bills with funding awaiting final passage. She indicated Alcalde & Fay was working with, and looking to have the City engaged,

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for additional funding opportunities that had been a result of the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure law. There were a number of inflation reduction acts and coastal resiliency packages. She advised that Alcalde & Fay would work closely with the City on its submission of the reconnecting neighborhoods application and help to develop support from the Congressional Delegation and also worked with agencies such as the Department of Defense. She indicated the firm would work with City staff under public safety programs focusing on Department of Justice efforts on gun violence prevention, the drone first-responder pilot program, and would work closely with the Economic Development Administration. Ms. Prowitt further indicated that Alcalde & Fay would look for workforce training efforts and various programs in the City.

Ms. Prowitt shared details of the pursuit of federal resources as follows:

- **Pursue Community Project Funding (CPF) or "earmarks"**
 - Helped clients secure over \$23.2 million in CPFs in the FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill and \$25.1 million in the FY 2022 Omnibus Appropriations
 - \$82 million in CPFs being considered throughout the various FY 2024 Appropriations bills
- **Programmatic Appropriations**
 - Hundreds of millions of dollars in programmatic successes over the firm's history
- **Pursue federal grant opportunities**
 - Customized Grant Prospecting - Federal and Private Opportunities;
 - Coordination with Executive Agencies;
 - Grant Editing and Application Evaluation and Critique; and
 - Congressional Support and Agency Debrief

Ms. Prowitt indicated that Alcalde & Fay provided the City staff with an extensive listing of federal grant opportunities that were being rolled out over the next year and would meet with City Department Heads to discuss which grant(s) they wanted to go after. She reminded that in some instances, there would be a six-month lead time for grant applications, and if one did not know about them well ahead of time it was hard to pull all of the aspects of the grant together. Ms. Prowitt shared examples of recent funding successes for various clients on page nine of the attached presentation.

Ms. Prowitt shared the following details and summary of communication and reporting efforts with the City to date:

- **Administrative Items**
 - Reminded that Alcalde & Fay home office was available for use as needed.
 - Monthly report detailing federal advocacy activities performed on behalf of the City.
 - Delivery of memorandums outlining items of interest to the City or as major federal issues.
 - Quarterly filing of lobbying reports.
 - Annual end-of-year report detailing activities and accomplishments.
 - Provide weekly update, *This Week in Washington*, describing ongoing events on Capitol Hill, weekly legislative breakdowns, and a list of newly announced grant programs.
 - Emails, grant and webinar notifications, video and teleconference calls with clients, to include tracking and advising of public policy news.

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- **Meetings**

- Schedule in-person and virtual meetings for City representatives to advance City priorities with key members of Congress and Executive Branches.
- Included both Washington DC "fly-in" and project/site visits.

Ms. Prowitt shared a summary of progress to-date on behalf of the City of Newport News as follows:

- Met with Mayor Phillip Jones and Acting City Manager Alan Archer to review City priorities.
- Assisted with the City's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program grant application.
 - Worked with the City to identify potential stakeholders on the federal, state, and local levels.
 - Drafted letters of support for the Department of Transportation, Department of Defense (DoD), and local stakeholders including educational institutions and state officials.
 - Drafted and secured letters of support for the City's Congressional Delegation from U.S Senators and Congressman Robert Scott.
- Weekly Engagement
 - Calls with Ms. Jerri Wilson, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, Office of the City Manager.
 - Federal legislative and grant update newsletter.
- Regular Monitoring
 - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization.
 - FY 2024 Community Project Funding (CPF) submissions.
 - Grant opportunities; developed an extensive list of grant opportunities for the City's consideration.
- Federal Outreach
 - Newport News, Virginia (NNVA) Congressional Delegation.
 - DoD – Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC).
- Available to meet with City Department heads to review potential federal grant opportunities.

Ms. Prowitt thanked the City of Newport News for the opportunity and looked forward to reviewing and working on other priorities.

Mayor Jones shared how the process started, he attended the National Conference of Mayors and every Mayor had a Federal Lobbyist. He shared he did not fully understand how Washington, DC worked and recalled the Reconnecting Communities Grant that the City applied for but was unsuccessful. He believed that the City should have been awarded that grant, but there were details missing. Mayor Jones advised that hiring Alcalde & Fay was an investment, as having a consulting firm in Washington, DC who knew how to operate would bear dividends. He was sure that Alcalde & Fay would be a tremendous help with acquiring grants and other federal legislative services for the City.

Councilman Long questioned, since the City was not successful in some of the applications, whether there be recommendations for strengthening areas in order to get those additional dollars. Ms. Prowitt replied yes, but one of first recommendation on the reconnecting grants was to set up a meeting, to discuss the application to determine where any deficiencies were. She believed those discussions helped focus the application on the community support side, with an all team effort throughout the entire City with full engagement on a weekly basis. She believed the City was in a good

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position for securing the funds. She shared as Alcalde & Fay looked for additional grant opportunities to send to the City, staff would review and reach out to the federal office. Ms. Prowitt shared that as discussed with Mayor Jones, Alcalde & Fay wanted the City to know that the more federal grants applied for, and if there was a long enough time period, the process would not be as stressful. She shared because most of the notice of funding opportunities except for those newest grants, would be similar from year to year, therefore Alcalde & Fay could begin writing and looking to build the support with a longer timeline.

Councilwoman Vick welcomed Ms. Prowitt and the Alcalde & Fay team aboard and believed it was a great investment. She believed preparing and applying for grant(s) throughout the year was so important opposed to finding out at the last minute, would make such a big difference. Ms. Prowitt replied that Councilwoman Vick hit the nail on the head because so many opportunities were lost when one could not pull together the support and all of the parties needed. She believed that looking at grant application preparation from a strategic standpoint was going to be helpful.

Councilwoman Woodbury questioned how many grants had and/or would be applied for. Ms. Prowitt replied that was a two-way street, there were 75 – 100 grants on the list, but not all of those grants would be applicable to the City. She advised that they would do as many grant applications as the City wanted, but it would take City staff time too. Alcalde & Fay provided guidance as to where they believed the City was best positioned, but that was going to take some dialogue back and forth. She would like to see the City apply for at least 15, which would be a lot. She indicated some of the new programs required two parts, 1) submit an application of interest, and 2) the grant program administrators decide whether they would put the City in the pool of being able to submit an application. She shared that some of the new grants for the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law were being tweaked, but simultaneous to preparing the federal agency applications, Alcalde & Fay would work with the City on developing Community Project funds that hopefully Congress was going to move forward with again next year. Alcalde & Fay looked forward to figuring out the best project to ask the Congressional Delegation to ask for and would be simultaneously seeking agency funding, which would be competitive grants, and those grants would be directed through the community project funding.

Regarding the Jefferson Lab award, Mayor Jones requested a meeting with Ms. Prowitt and Ms. Wilson regarding the second part which was a sliding scale when it came to the money. Ms. Prowitt replied, as requested, a meeting would be scheduled.

Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she had written numerous grants when she was with Hampton University. She requested a list and schedule of the grants that would be applied for and the status of each. Acting City Manager Archer replied that the City administration recently hired a grants manager which had been a longtime goal and that person would soon be introduced to City Council. He indicated that position creation and the responsibilities would be in alignment with the City's Innovation Office. Acting City Manager Archer shared that he would provide the City Council with an overview of those prioritized grant initiatives that aligned with the City's strategic priorities. He shared that information provided would be in concert with the work being done with the City's federal lobbyists.

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II. 2024 State Legislative Priorities

Acting City Manager Archer indicated the draft of the 2024 State Legislative Priorities would be shared to provide City Council an opportunity to discuss or add items. He introduced Ms. Jerri Wilson, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, Office of the City Manager, to provide a briefing of the 2024 State Legislative Priorities (a copy of the presentation "2024 State Legislative Priorities Virginia General Assembly," October 24, 2023 is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

Ms. Wilson reported the 2024 General Assembly would begin the session with the pre-filing of bills on November 20, 2023, and end November 30, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. She advised that all 140 members were up for re-election in November 2023. There was a limit of 20 pre-file senate bills and 15 total house bills. She indicated that Governor Glenn Youngkin would present the budget to the Money Committees December 20, 2023. The 2024 General Assembly Session was scheduled to begin January 10, 2024, and set to adjourn March 9, 2024.

Councilwoman Vick asked Ms. Wilson to explain the filling of bills. Ms. Wilson explained the way bills were filed in Virginia: (1) every bill that goes before the General Assembly was required to have a legislative patron and had up until a certain point in December to file and get the bills in the system. She indicated that every year the General Assembly would decide whether or not there would be bill limits which were self-imposed. Ms. Wilson advised that the pre-filing could be limited to 15 – 20, but oftentimes there was no limit. Once the number of bills carried was decided, the bills may be reviewed, and a decision made on which pieces of legislation were actually going forward. She indicated the General Assembly leaned towards giving themselves bill limits more than the Senate. The Senate could pre-file 30 - 40 bills, whereas a House Patron may be limited to 15. She shared that the upcoming session was the long 60-day session, so the bill limits tend to be a little higher, but always pose the question of making sure that the delegation have capacity to carry all the bills that they were asked to carry. The key was getting the bill into the legislative information system. Once the pre-filing period ended, there were approximately three-days to file and Patrons could file bills up to the day the session began. The three pre-filing bills were usually very high priority items for the legislator who was carrying the bill.

Ms. Wilson shared there was a new General Assembly building, because of the new computer system and all of the new technology, there would be some changes to the telephone and the email system. She shared an example, that a Senator's email address was based on their district number that had changed. There was much discussion about whether to continue and reassign everybody to its district or whether to go to a name based system similar to what the House used and the same with the phone numbers.

Ms. Wilson reviewed the 2024 State Legislative Priorities and begun with the three Proposed Code Changes as follows:

1. **Code Change: Allow localities to impose an additional service charge for the improvement or maintenance of private dams and associated impoundments**

Amend the Code of Virginia § 15.2-2114 by adding:

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§ 15.2-2114.02. Additional Service Charge for the Improvement or Maintenance of Private Dams and Associated Impoundments

- A. A locality, by ordinance, may establish a service charge in accordance with the procedures stipulated in § 15.2-2114, to be assessed to owners of developed and undeveloped property contiguous to bodies of water impounded by private dams to allow for the improvement or maintenance of such impoundments.
- B. The impoundment(s) affected by a service charge adopted under this section must be specifically designated by ordinance, and the funds collected hereunder must be applied only to those designated impoundments.
- C. A service charge adopted under this section shall be in addition to any other service charge(s) imposed under § 15.2-2114 and shall be based upon an analysis demonstrating a rational relationship between amount charged and service provided.
- D. Service charges established pursuant to this section shall be assessed and collected in accordance with the procedures outlined in § 15.2-2114.

Ms. Wilson shared that the City of Newport News was home to many private dams and man-made lakes. A common denominator to these lakes was that there was often no mechanism to provide for needed maintenance of the dams and their associated impoundments. Additionally, since Newport News was an almost fully developed city, these private lakes were typically surrounded by residential and commercial structures.

Ms. Wilson stated a dam required periodic maintenance in order to function properly,. Spillways could become overgrown. Critical overflow piping designed to conduct excess water through the dam so it could be safely discharged may deteriorate and fail. Any issue that impedes the operation of the dam can lead to hazardous conditions threatening life and property, include excess retention of water and result in flooding above the dam and cause dam failure allowing for the uncontrolled release of water downstream.

Ms. Wilson indicated there were no existing tools to enable the city to step in and perform needed repairs on a private dam or an associated lake when surrounded by private property and not a part of the stormwater system. The city was willing, on a case by case basis and with proper authority, to arrange for and oversee work necessary to maintain the proper functioning of these impoundments. The proposed legislation would provide a legal mechanism for the city to do this and assess the costs to the private owners who were the principal beneficiaries of the repair projects.

- 2. Code Change: Allow the City of Newport News, by ordinance, to impose taxes or assessments on the property owner for the purpose of maintaining a private dam or lake.**

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Amend the Code of Virginia § 15.2-2404. Authority to impose taxes or assessments for local improvements; purposes, by adding:

H. In the City of Newport News, the governing body may, by duly adopted ordinance, impose taxes or assessments on the owners of developed and undeveloped property contiguous to bodies of water impounded by private dams to fund, in full or in part, maintenance of such dams and bodies of water in order to preserve the safe and proper functioning of these impoundments, provided that such taxes or assessments shall be apportioned among the abutting property owners and shall not be in excess of the total cost incurred by said city in repairing or maintaining the private impoundment or contiguous body of water.

As described in item 1 (previous), Ms. Wilson indicated that the lack of proper maintenance to dams or lakes on private property could result in significant threats to life and property. The proposed legislation would provide another legal mechanism for the city to do required maintenance and assess the costs to the owners.

Councilwoman Woodbury questioned which lake and the location. City Attorney Owens replied Lake Queen Anne located in the central district. Councilman Long shared there were 38 lakes in the central district that were privately owned and Lake Queen Anne was located in Merry Point Estates near Barclay Woods and Hidenwood. He reiterated there were 38 lakes in Central District that were filling this issue, those property owners who needed a special tax put on top of their home, so they could get maintenance done to their property. Councilwoman Woodbury questioned whether maintenance had been done by the City and the property owners still wanted the City to do so. Councilman Long replied that the City could not perform the maintenance. City Attorney Owens advised that the City had done a few things in the past to help the property owners, but regarding Lake Queen Anne when the private development was completed in the late 1960s early 1970s there were deed restrictions placed on all of the lots adjoining the lake that would be subject to an assessment to maintain the private impoundment over the last 50 years. He recalled that the property owners have not had anything major done to maintain private impoundments.

3. Code Change: Workers' Compensation Act - Remove the limiting date of July 1, 2014 from Virginia Code Section 65.2-605.1 Prompt payment; limitation on claims.

Ms. Wilson indicated as currently written § 65.2-605.1 imposes no statute of limitations for workers' compensation claims for health care services rendered before July 1, 2014. In contrast, claims filed after this date must be filed within one-year of receipt of the last payment for the treatment or within one-year of the date of the final order which determined compensability for the injury. The proposed change would create a one-year limitation period for all treatment regardless of the date that it was rendered. This would prevent a medical provider from filing for additional payment when an initial payment was accepted without inquiry or without giving notice of a dispute. The change would also mitigate issues caused by extensive delays such as when records no longer exist and witnesses are no longer able to testify about transactions.

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City Attorney Owens explained that previously under the worker's compensation act, there was not a statute of limitations for healthcare providers to submit bills. He indicated approximately one and a half years ago the new code change went into effect and the bill had to be submitted within one-year, but the older bills were grandfathered. The City was getting hit with old bills from 25 and 30 years prior and there were no available records. The way the old system operated, there was a presumption that the bill was correct and the City had to disprove it, but there were employers that no longer had documentation from 25 and 30 years prior. In order to rebut those bills when going in Civil Court, there would be a 5-year statute of limitations, so essentially they were getting 10-years should this code change go through.

Proposed Charter Changes

4. Charter Change: Amend Chapter 3 of the City's Charter to add a provision for recall elections of city council members

Ms. Wilson shared that adding a process of which the voters of the city could recall an elected council representative empowers voters to act at the time they deemed necessary without waiting for periodic future elections. As an accountability tool, having the option to recall ensures that all persons who hold office may do so only as long as their tenure of office is sanctioned by the will of the people.

As amended, Ms. Wilson indicated that the City Charter would allow for any member of the City Council to be recalled and removed from office only by the qualified voters of the district from which such member serves, or in the case of the mayor, from the qualified voters of the city at-large. In each case, the petition for recall must include a statement of factual reasons as grounds for the recall. No petition to recall any council member shall be filed within one year after they assume the duties of office.

5. Charter Change: Amend Chapter 3 of the City's Charter to institute a limit of two consecutive terms as mayor

Ms. Wilson reminded that the Mayor of the City of Newport News serves a 4-year term of office. From 1990 - 2022, the city elected only 3 mayors. Although a decade or more of public service is admirable, the extended term of an incumbent can serve as a huge disincentive for newcomers and challengers who wish to participate in the democratic process.

As amended, Ms. Wilson shared that the City Charter would allow any elected mayor to serve two, consecutive 4-year terms of office. Term limits on elected mayors can eliminate the incumbency advantage and promote higher representativeness and citizen participation through a more open and reinvigorated electoral competition in local governments.

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6. Charter Change: Amend Chapter 4 of the City's Charter to add a provision for emergency powers of the mayor on par with Norfolk and Williamsburg

Ms. Wilson advised that emergency powers exist so that government can act quickly to protect citizens. In circumstances where threats exist to public health and safety, the mayor, who is elected at-large by the residents of the city, should have the authority to direct the city's response to such threats.

As amended, the City Charter would allow the mayor, with the consent of the council, to take command of the police in the time of a declared federal, state, or local emergency affecting the city. The Cities of Norfolk and Williamsburg currently have such charter language.

Regarding recall for City Council, Mayor Jones indicated there had been much discussion in previous years. He advised that additional discussions would be held at the end of this presentation.

**7. Budget Request: Support for the Coastal Virginia STEM Learning Ecosystem Hub
\$1.5 million in each year of the biennium**

Ms. Wilson shared that the City of Newport News, in partnership with the Virginia Peninsula Community College (VPCC), asks that the General Assembly provide \$1,500,000 in each year of the biennium to support the Coastal Virginia STEM Learning Ecosystem Hub and VPCC STEM activities. The Coastal Virginia (COVA) STEM Hub is a regional learning ecosystem for the 17 municipalities in the Hampton Roads region. The Hub was established through the partnership with the Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center. The Innovation Center is a collaborative effort by the City of Newport News, Old Dominion University, and Newport News Shipbuilding to address the needs of underserved populations. The funding requested would be used to expand the partnerships and STEM programming in Hampton Roads with costs associated with program enhancements and expansion including personnel costs, curriculum development, industry-related equipment, computers, software and training for the STEM Digital Innovation and Fabrication Lab (BCiLab) and the Opportunity Center. The FY23 allocation of \$500,000 supported twenty-one STEM initiatives in the Hampton Roads region. Over 11,000 teachers, students, and other adults received access to new STEM programming from over 15 cities and counties in the Coastal VA region. An additional allocation would enable Newport News to serve more students and adults as they become engaged in STEM learning through both summer and year-round programming.

8. Budget Request: Gap funding of \$900,000 in the first year of the biennium for court expansion needed to meet demand for jury trials

Ms. Wilson indicated in July of 2021, Virginia implemented a new law that allows a criminal defendant to be tried by a jury but transfers sentencing responsibilities to the judge unless the defendant specifically requests that the sentence be set by the jury. This change was an important part of criminal justice reform because it removed the "jury penalty" which often led to criminal sentences that were significantly longer than defendants would have faced if they had opted for a trial before a judge or

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taken a prosecutor's plea deal. However, since the implementation of the law in 2021, Newport News has seen the number of jurors increase by 267 percent. Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2021 the jury count was 132 compared to a jury count of 351 between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2023. Unfortunately, the city's courtroom facilities are inadequate to meet the demands of the increased caseloads. Likely an unintended consequence of the legislation, the need for additional infrastructure has become an unfunded mandate.

Ms. Wilson shared that a backlog in jury trials poses the threat of potentially violating a defendant's sixth amendment right to a speedy trial. In order to accommodate the increased demand for jury trials, the city must act. To that end, a stakeholder group was convened and a plan was developed to remodel an existing court building to increase the capacity from one court room to three court rooms. The project is now estimated to cost \$6.4 million, however the budget included in the annual Capital Improvements Plan included only \$5.5 million. The City respectfully requests that the General Assembly provide gap funding of \$900,000 in the first year of the biennium for the court renovation.

Councilman Long questioned whether that funding included the Sheriff's Department staff to support those courtrooms. Ms. Wilson replied the funding was for the project, there was nothing specific in the request. The funds would be used to complete the entire project.

Councilwoman Vick inquired about the new ruling which caused the increase in jury trials. Ms. Wilson replied there was a bill in 2020 and during the special session it was SP 57 and it allowed someone to choose to have a jury trial, but a judge to impose sentencing. She shared that previously Virginia was one of the only a few states where if one had a jury trial one received a jury sentence which often led to much more extensive sentences than if a judge sentenced an individual. She indicated that initially the belief was that the change would not impact the number of requests for jury trials; however, it certainly had an impact in Newport News. Ms. Wilson indicated she knew two other localities (Roanoke and Williamsburg) also had seen an increase in the number of requests for jury trials. City Attorney Owens shared there had been an increase in criminal jury trials and civil jury trials. He indicated there were so many criminal jury trials that it was hard to get a civil jury trial scheduled. He shared that under the speedy trial rules, the criminal trials had to come first. City Attorney Owens indicated that the public defender's office with this change in the statute was requested criminal juries on just about every case, because there was a backlog of cases.

9. Budget Request: Increase the Port Host Communities Revitalization Grant Fund by \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium

Ms. Wilson shared that the Port Host Communities Revitalization Fund was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2019 to provide funding for the strategic removal or redevelopment of vacant, underutilized and deteriorated port related properties in the five port host communities of Front Royal, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Richmond. The General Assembly currently allocates \$1.5 million each year for the program and makes awards through a competitive grant process.

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Given that the resources provided are intended to serve five localities, the current allocation limits the potential impact of the program and may hamper the host cities efforts to leverage other state, local, and private resources to facilitate redevelopment efforts. In order to better equip the port host communities to transform blighted structures and foster new economic opportunities, the City respectfully requests that the General Assembly add \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium to the fund, bringing the total to \$3 million in each year of the biennium.

New Policy Position

10. Support increase in maximum threshold for non-judicial sale of tax delinquent real properties of minimal size and value

Ms. Wilson advised that the Code of Virginia § 58.1-3975 empowers the treasurer of a locality to sell at public auction a parcel of real property assessed at more than \$10,000 but no more than \$25,000 when taxes have been delinquent for a period of three years. As part of the East End Revitalization Program, the Newport News Treasurer takes low value abandoned vacant lots that have serious past due taxes to non-judicial sale tax auction. This includes 25-foot frontage lots that are merged into one 50-foot buildable lot and 37-foot frontage or greater lots that are buildable by right. The sale puts the lots in contractor's hands to build new homes in accordance with the city's building requirements.

The real estate sales market has significantly driven-up the value of vacant lots. For FY 2024, assessed values on 37-foot to 50-foot frontage lots increased over 30% and are now assessed in the range of \$37,000 and greater. The city supports increasing the value threshold in §58.1-3975 to \$40,000 in order to facilitate the continued revitalization of vacant and abandoned lots and foster increased housing supply.

Support increase in maximum threshold for non-judicial sale of tax delinquent real properties of minimal size and value.

- Current maximum value was \$25,000
- Assessment value of most Newport News lots were approximately \$37,000
- Support increasing maximum to \$40,000

Regarding the challenge with the lower part of the Southeast Community, Councilwoman Vick shared although the real estate was increasing in others areas, she believed it might be a problem if the threshold went up for the lots discussed. She also believed the lots may sit empty longer due to factors of people may not be able to credit qualify or may not income qualify. She requested the City review the new policy prior to increasing the price on the small lots. She did not want it to result in it being an additional challenge in an area where affordable homes were needed. Ms. Wilson replied that the requested change would not change the value of the lot itself, but would provide the treasurer the ability to auction a small lot that was valued higher than \$25,000. She shared that currently the treasurer could only auction off property at a judicial sale for lots worth up to \$25,000, because lots valued higher than \$25,000 could not be auctioned. City Attorney Owens indicated that lots valued

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over \$25,000 would go through a court proceeding, an attorney would have to take the case to court. He shared that if the taxes were two years delinquent the property could be taken to tax sale, but what the requested change would allow the treasurer to do was go directly to auction. He advised that the city wanted to obtain titles to some of the delinquent properties. He stated the cost to handle the court cases included several thousands of dollars for advertisement notice and indicated a lot of money was being spent on cases to jump through hoops. The City could spend \$7,000 - \$10,000 attempting to get titles of a vacant lot. He stated the requested change would allow the City to get title and allow the treasurer to take a vacant lot under a certain amount, provide the proper notices, and then take that property to auction without having to jump through hoops and to pay any additional fees.

Standing Policy Positions

11. Preserve local authority to regulate short-term rentals

Ms. Wilson indicated that no two municipalities faced the same opportunities and challenges when it comes to regulating short-term rentals. However, following best practices and working with community stakeholders has proven to be an important and effective tool in making short-term rentals work for all parts of the community. While short-term rentals are a prominent issue today, the challenge of balancing competing community interests is not a new one for local leaders. Mayors, councilmembers and other local officials are well-equipped to help bring stakeholders together to understand and navigate potential trade-offs and create policies that work for both. The City urges the General Assembly to reject any legislation that erodes local authority to regulate short-term rentals.

Ms. Wilson indicated short-term rentals were a huge issue at the state level and there was really no agreed upon solution, because a lot of the localities had ordinances that regulate short-term rental and others localities did not. She shared that some localities had very reasonable ordinances, while some localities had very unusual ordinances, and required a lot of restrictions. She indicated over the last several years there had been much discussion. The folks at companies liked Airbnb did not want to have restrictions on their service or products; however, realtors had proposed to manage the short-term rentals and believed they should be exempt from local ordinances. She shared there were people who felt there should be one set of statewide regulations, because that way businesses did not have to figure out patchwork regulations. There had been much of criticism directed at localities surrounding short-term rentals and all things housing because of zoning and the different rules and regulations and fees. Ms. Wilson believed that short-term rentals could be the "hot topic" this year - would the state or localities regulate short-term rentals; would the state allow localities to regulate; would the state erode locality authority; but the big push was to maintain local authority, because every community was different. She indicated that Newport News was not like other localities, and the local authorities wanted to be able to do what was best. The City's ordinance in particular being something that was a product of local stakeholder groups and reflected the people in Newport News. Ms. Wilson believed it was important that discussions be had in communities and stakeholders allowed to develop the ordinance for its community.

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Vice Mayor Bethany recalled the subject of short-term rentals at a recent Virginia Municipal League (VML) conference he attended. He indicated that other localities had similar concerns regarding short-term rentals. The region's localities had signed off and hoped that localities could control local authority. He recalled at the end of the VML presentation there was verbiage on short-term rentals, as a member of VML Newport News signed off and agreed. Ms. Wilson replied that one thing often heard from people on a committee after a bill goes through, was that they did not hear from ones locality. It was like stating that locality stood with VML, but it was very important for the individual localities to be heard. She shared although VML represented the City of Newport News and the City supported VML, the more people who stood up to speak about topic, the more of an impact would be made on the committee.

12. Maintain local revenue streams such as Machinery and Tools and Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) taxes

Ms. Wilson indicated the elimination or reduction of local revenue streams such as Machinery & Tools taxes or BPOL taxes results in a shift to city residents for the full cost of city services, such as public safety and education, which equally benefits residents and businesses. The burden of these taxes to most businesses is relatively small: two-thirds of Newport News businesses pay a flat fee of either \$30 or \$50, based on their annual gross receipts. Only one-third of the city's businesses pay a tax based on their business activity and the tax rate for that activity. In FY23, the revenue from these taxes made-up 8 percent of the Newport News General Fund. In FY23 the city collected approximately \$27.9 million in Machinery & Tools taxes and \$22 million in BPOL. To offset the loss of M&T and BPOL revenue, the city would have to increase the current real estate tax rate by a minimum of 23.3 cents. In order to compensate for the loss of local business taxes, which cost most businesses \$30 to \$50 annually, a homeowner in the city's median home value range of \$265,000 would see increased real estate taxes of approximately \$617 annually. The Newport News City Council urges the General Assembly to reject any legislation that will reduce or eliminate local revenue streams such as Machinery & Tools and BPOL taxes.

Regarding BPOL taxes, Councilwoman Woodbury inquired whether the issue with the Newport News Shipyard not wanting to pay and seek a reduction in BPOL taxes was resolved. Ms. Wilson and Acting City Manager Archer replied they were unaware of that request. Mayor Jones replied there was an assessment issue that the City was attempting to resolve with the Newport News Shipyard.

13. Support funding for the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program

Ms. Wilson indicated that in 2022, the General Assembly created the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program (VMCIGP) to support local infrastructure projects that enhance the value of military installations in the Commonwealth and benefit both the local community and the installations. The 2022-2024 biennial budget included \$5 million for the program. Currently, defense communities in Virginia can apply for these funds to help offset the non-federal share of Department of Defense (DoD) grants. The initial allocation of \$5 million was obligated within the first year of the two-year budget cycle, demonstrating a clear need and demand for these funds. The City of Newport

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News received over \$1.2 million of the initial allocation as matching dollars for its Harwood's Mill Reservoir Dam Improvement Project. Across the Commonwealth, the initial \$5 million investment leveraged \$24 million in DoD grants. The City supports funding for the VMCIGP of \$5 million in each year of the next biennial budget. Further, the City supports expanding the program so grants can be awarded directly to defense communities rather than of being restricted to offsetting the non-federal match of DoD grants.

14. Support additional resources for school construction and modernization

Ms. Wilson shared that the City of Newport News supports amending the Code of Virginia to allow all localities the option of increasing local sales taxes specifically for the purpose of school construction and major renovation. According to 2021 cost data from the Virginia Department of Education, the Commonwealth needs over \$7 billion to build, expand or renovate Virginia's K-12 schools. The needs continue to grow and far exceed the resources available to address them. Sales taxes were among the more common sources of dedicated revenue for funding school infrastructure projects, outside of property taxes, and were sometimes structured as a local option by referendum. At least 45 states and D.C. use sales taxes to fund school infrastructure projects. In Virginia, only a handful of localities have been given the authority to use local option sales taxes for school construction despite pervasive needs. All localities should have resources and a level playing field when it comes to school construction funding opportunities.

15. Oppose unfunded mandates

Ms. Wilson indicated that public expectations of services provided by local government continue to increase while local revenue streams, which are heavily dependent on property, sales, and other taxes, are limited. The City of Newport News requests that the General Assembly: 1) refrain from creating unfunded mandates, 2) not adopt tax relief programs that sacrifice local revenues without a commitment to making communities whole, 3) fully meet the State's financial commitment to programs and services it deems essential, and 4) not create administrative and procedural hurdles that negatively impact the fair and timely collection of local revenue.

16. Support economic development and redevelopment incentive programs

Ms. Wilson shared the City of Newport News requests that the General Assembly increase funding for existing economic development/redevelopment incentive funds. These incentives played a pivotal role in attracting, retaining, and expanding business. Programs that support redevelopment are especially important for Newport News as an urban city that was virtually fully developed. Grant programs that assist with redevelopment and rehabilitation will continue to be essential as the City worked to repurpose and redevelop strategic properties in the city.

Ms. Wilson shared the three important economic development tools for Newport News include:

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Enterprise Zones - The General Assembly should provide sum-sufficient funding for the Enterprise Zone program. This program creates an improved climate for private sector investment, development and expansion in targeted areas by providing state grants and local tax relief. Newport News consistently ranked as one of the top Enterprise Zones in the state, regularly placing at or near the top in grant dollars leveraged and total number of qualifying businesses. When the General Assembly failed to provide sufficient program funding, grants are then prorated which significantly impacts the effectiveness of the program. The City of Newport News urged the General Assembly to provide the amount of funding needed to fully honor grant awards and maintain the effectiveness of this important economic development tool.

Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP) - The General Assembly should provide a minimum of \$5 million funding in each year of the biennium for VJIP. VJIP provides services and funding to companies creating new jobs or experiencing technological change to reduce the human resource development costs for new companies, expanding companies, and companies retraining its employees. VJIP provides valuable assistance supporting workforce development at the local level and allows flexibility to meet specific needs of businesses.

Virginia Investment Performance Grant (VIP) - The VIP Grant encourages continued capital investment by existing Virginia companies, resulting in added capacity, modernization, increased productivity, or the creation, development, and utilization of advanced technology. The City encouraged the General Assembly to increase funding for this program.

Vice Mayor Bethany questioned whether the request for an additional \$1 million was sufficient. Ms. Wilson replied the request should be a lot more, but the additional \$1 million was a reasonable request.

17. Support public safety and community violence intervention

Ms. Wilson indicated that building communities across the Commonwealth where all residents feel safe and are safe is a core function of government. Localities cannot accomplish this task alone and must rely on the significant resources of the Commonwealth to identify, implement, and fund public safety and community violence intervention programs. The City of Newport News supports initiatives that stem the tide of community violence such as crisis intervention training programs, expanded services and supports for teenagers and young adults, and helping formerly incarcerated individuals successfully reenter their communities. Additionally, the City supports Commonwealth funding of HB99, aid to local police departments, as stipulated by the distribution formula in the Code of Virginia. The current practice of basing local allocations on instructions in the Appropriations Act for a standard, across-the-board percentage increase or decrease from the previous fiscal year results in funding levels far below what would occur from calculating HB99 funds on even the anticipated revenue growth since 2000.

18. Support increased funding for road maintenance for port host cities

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Ms. Wilson advised, in 2006, the General Assembly allocated \$1 million for the host cities of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) for road maintenance due to the impact of the trucks on local roads. This amount has never increased despite the tremendous expansion of truck traffic, legislation that allowed for increased truck weights, the time value of money, and inflation. The City of Newport News supports a minimum increase of \$1 million in each year of the biennium, bringing the fund to \$2 million each year. The fund will assist port host localities and facilitate better access for trucks to port sites.

Ms. Wilson indicated the City of Newport News' priorities were supported by State and Regional Partners as a member of the Virginia Municipal League, Virginia First Cities, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, Hampton Roads Transit, Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, and the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board. Each of these organizations adopts its own legislative agenda and unless otherwise stated, the City of Newport News supports the legislative agendas of the aforementioned organizations.

Regarding the Charter Changes: (4) Amend Chapter 3 of the City's Charter to add a provision for recall elections of city council members, (5) Charter Change: Amend Chapter 3 of the City's Charter to institute a limit of two consecutive terms as mayor, and (6) Charter Change: Amend Chapter 4 of the City's Charter to add a provision for emergency powers of the mayor on par with the Cities of Norfolk and Williamsburg. Mayor Jones believed that anyone elected should have the ability to be recalled, if there was a certain threshold reached. He indicated it was complicated, but again believed everyone elected should have the ability to be recalled due to actions. Mayor Jones was of the belief that when one was elected and served as a mayor, there should be a term limit. He believed every generation should have its chance to remake the City and he shared that his whole purpose of running for mayor was to give a voice to people who had not been heard. Mayor Jones believed he could get that done in two terms. He advised that the charter change would only affect the mayor and limit the term to two four-year terms. Mayor Jones stated everyone saw what happened in January 2023 with Richneck Elementary School and there was a reason why emergency powers existed. He shared that the City of Norfolk, a larger locality and the City of Williamsburg, a smaller locality, implemented the provision for emergency power to the mayor. He indicated there were a lot of nuances that went into charter changes for instance, if the City Council agreed and wanted to pass an item at the council level, that would not affect the school board and so that would not actually be fair. There had been some push back on whether the mayor should be unlimited and there was push back because maybe in the future there could be a mayor that was unqualified and used the power and did something crazy. He believed what was best would be to have an independent citizen-led charter commission process, in order to have people appointed by City Council and that way the independent third party would make its recommendations for charter changes and affording City Council the ability to ratify. Mayor Jones requested that Council provide feedback and he would like to have closure within the next two weeks. He suggested preparation of a resolution or motion within the next two weeks to establish an independent charter review commission by citizens.

Councilman Long questioned whether the goal was for the established independent charter review commission recommendations to be included in the 2025 legislative priorities after City Council reviewed the charter changes. Mayor Jones replied that numerous localities had an independent charter review commission and he believed that an independent review of charter changes would be best. He did not believe that the recall charter change would be agreed upon by City Council. An

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independent charter review commission could sort through the pros and cons and make a recommendation.

Regarding the recall charter change, Councilwoman Woodbury shared that the City of Hampton Councilman Chris Bowman was a perfect example. The City Council and its citizens had no recourse and believed the recall charter change could be helpful. Mayor Jones indicated people that were elected should have the agency to get the job done, they should be held accountable and held to a higher standard, and that it was not a forever position. The mayor would have eight years and then responsibilities would be passed on to the next mayor. Mayor Jones believed that what happened was not negative of the City, but people stayed in office for a long time and there was no bench and then there was a gap which was where structure was needed.

Councilwoman Vick believed that the recall charter change should be by each locality. She recalled that in the City of Portsmouth, citizens were upset with racial concerns and the decision made by a black mayor. She further gave an example of the City of Virginia Beach City Council meeting that ended after midnight where the citizens in a particular neighborhood did not wish to have affordable workforce housing built. She said citizens could band together and request a recall because they did not agree with the decision of City Council. Councilwoman Vick shared the people had different views, whereas she liked affordable workforce housing and her constituency does not she could be recalled. Mayor Jones, again, shared that he believed everyone should have the ability to get recalled, but he would vote against it because there was no provision for school board. It would be the same thing for rank choice voting, but could only do it at City Council and not for the school board; in order to move forward things needed to match.

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III. Bloomberg Initiatives

Mayor Jones shared that he was able to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard program in August 2023, and he was able to select two key members of the team that were able to participate in the program. He advised the he and those members applied for a track and an overview would be provided. Those key members were Mr. Ralph “Bo” Clayton, Assistant City Manager and Ms. Allison Dichoso, Director, Department of Human Services. He advised he wanted someone from the City Manager’s office to be a key member which was the reason ACM Clayton was chosen and Ms. Dichoso was chosen, because he believed when you look at smaller cities, especially in Virginia, there was a human capital talent management issue.

Mayor Jones introduced Mr. Ralph “Bo” Clayton, Assistant City Manager (ACM); Mr. Eoghan “Owen” Miller, Acting Assistant City Manager (AACM); and Mr. Marlin McDaniel, Innovation Program Manager, to provide an update and progress of the Bloomberg Initiative program (see Bloomberg Initiatives – October 24, 2023, attached and made a part of these minutes).

ACM Clayton shared the City had an opportunity to engage in several of the Bloomberg opportunities. He advised that each year the Bloomberg Institute for City leadership partners with Harvard selected 40 Mayors from around the world. He shared that this year Mayor Jones was selected to participate. ACM Clayton advised the he and Allison had the opportunity to go to New York for four days and met

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with Harvard Professors along with 80 others from 40 different municipalities. He indicated he and Allison had the opportunity to participate in the city leadership initiative where three tracks were discussed which included data, innovation, and cross collaboration. He advised that Newport News applied for the cross collaboration track and received it.

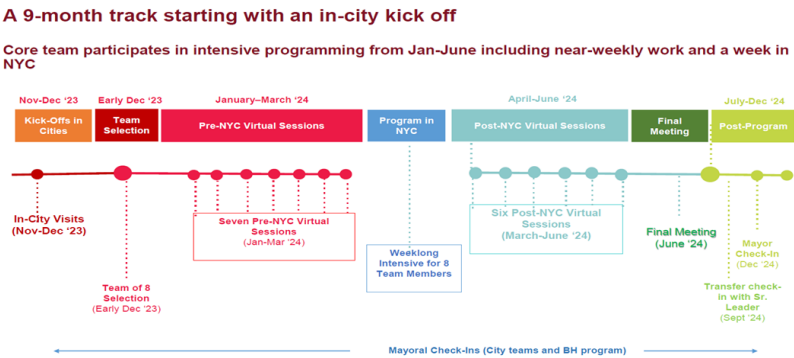
ACM Clayton emphasized that any one of those tracks awarded to the different cities was described as building “muscle” that could be applied against other problems, issues, or initiatives within the community. ACM Clayton shared the cross collaboration track details as follows:

- The Cross Collaboration Track helped cities strengthen their abilities to harness the talents, resources, and energy of diverse stakeholders working across sectors, jurisdictions, and agencies to solve complex problems.
 - Make progress on a key priority problem in the City.
 - Gain skills, key frameworks, and concepts that can be applied to various strategic collaborations the City pursues.
 - Transfer learning to other future problems needing collaboration.
 - Requires involvement and know-how from a cross-sector team.

ACM Clayton advised that the City applied for something that was absolutely strategic and a priority for the City, which was Downtown Revitalization. The Downtown Revitalization and the cross collaboration track would work as follows:

- Team makeup: Mayor and 8 key staff members
- The City’s intent was to gather a cross-section of stakeholders (i.e. Economic Development Authority, Newport News Shipyard, Navy, etc.) that would include partners already in the downtown and those interested in partnering with the City to address specific focus areas.
- Potential focus areas would include (but not limited to) workforce, market rate housing, greenspace activation, food and retail expansion, transportation, parking, safety and security, services, etc.
- First meeting with Bloomberg/Harvard collaboration team would be held Friday, October 27, 2023

ACM Clayton shared the process would take nine months. He advised of specifics and details of the timeline as follows:



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ACM Clayton indicated the process was about collecting a group using the cross collaboration track approach, bringing entities together, and seeing how the City could make a significant impact across the entire City and through the community.

Councilwoman Woodbury questioned who was on the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative Committee. ACM Clayton replied there was no committee to-date. He shared that a meeting had been scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2023, to get guidelines and recommendations on who from the community should be a part of the committee. The selection process could then begin.

Mayor Jones indicated that Councilman Long made calls with Bloomberg around the City's housing strategies. He advised that being a part of the Bloomberg-Harvard City Leadership Initiative was a big deal for the City, he believed the only other city in Virginia that was participating in the program was the City of Hampton, Mayor Donnie Tuck, two years prior. At which time, the City of Hampton selected how they were going to reduce gun violence. He indicated that a number of professors and the municipalities could receive a guess estimate of \$1 - \$2 million of free consulting work. There would be numerous Bloomberg Harvard fellows and professors visiting to Newport News and because the City selected downtown revitalization. He believed that downtown was the future, once the City was able to maximize its downtown potential. Mayor Jones shared that the City would have a strong footing, financially, and professionally. The Bloomberg-Harvard city Leadership Initiative would provide the City with the ability to have million dollars of free casework.

ACM Clayton introduced Mr. Marlin McDaniel, Innovation Program Manager, to continue with another portion of the Bloomberg Initiative called "What Works."

Mr. McDaniel advised that over his first 90 day tenure with the City he had the opportunity to participate in many conversations and attended the Jefferson Lab special announcement of the high performance data center on Monday, October 16, 2023. He advised that data was the future of work within the private and public sectors in which we operate as a community. The Bloomberg What Works Cities (WWC) Program was the City's way of participating in this national-international conversation and joining leading municipalities in this space. He indicated cities such as Denver, Colorado; Los Angeles, California; Washington, DC; and Boston, Massachusetts, were doing great work around how they leverage data to improve the lives of their community members.

Mr. McDaniel indicated that the City would participate in a very rigorous program that did not necessarily evaluate financial procedures, practices, and stewardships as a way of evaluating the City's data management. He shared that how the City collected data, how the data was used and how the City leveraged the data to inform of the services delivered to community members. Mr. McDaniel advised that the Bloomberg-Harvard WWC Certification program was the gold standard in the marketplace. He shared the WWC was evidence-based; it had been validated over several years, and there were three tiers as follows:

- **Silver 2023** – Cities are GOOD at understanding data, tracking progress, and using data and evidence to inform decision
- **Gold 2023** - Cities are GREAT at understanding data, tracking progress, and using data and evidence to inform decision

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- **Platinum 2023-** Cities are EXEMPLARY and set the precedent in understanding data, tracking progress, and using data and evidence to inform decisions

Mr. McDaniel advised the intention was to pursue at least one of the three tiers while creating results for the community. He shared some of the benefits and explained why the program was a model for a best practices framework, and how municipalities harness data to better understand the needs of its community, to prioritize taxpayer resources, and promote transparency and accountability across government.

Mr. McDaniel shared the following summarized details of the What Works Cities Certification Program – using data to deliver better outcomes for all residents:

- Standard of excellence for data-driven, well-managed government
 - Four out of five report better using data to deliver city services more efficiently, effectively, and/or equitably
 - Four out of five report better using data to make budget decisions
 - Three in five report better using data to repurpose dollars or defund ineffective programs
 - Half report better using data to award city contracts and/or shift procurement dollars

Mr. McDaniel indicated the above summary were highlights from a recent study regarding the WWC program and the impact it had on municipalities that had gone through the program. The City was embarking on this journey to bolster and reaffirm its reputation as a breakthrough community. He shared the City could only win accolades and awards.

Mr. McDaniel shared the WWC process timeline would begin in January with a May 2024 completion. He advised of the following activities which would take place between the timeline:

- Submit self-assessment
- Join the certification community
- Submit documentation for validation
- Develop action plan
- Share progress updates
- Achieve certification

Mr. McDaniel reminded that the goal was to achieve certification; however, it could take longer, but at the end of the process the City would know what was needed for the city to continue to refine the data management practices, whether it was around balance scorecard and performance analytics, open data, or results-driven contracting.

Mr. McDaniel advised of another key partnership that the City would work with to help guide this project over the next few months was the College of William and Mary (W&M) Department of Public Policy. There was a team of 10 to 15 graduate students, as well as faculty members supporting the City to review policies and procedures. He indicated the good work that the City potentially had in place, there was open data scattered throughout the City in various elements, forms, and fashion and W&M would help develop evidence-based strategies to move the needle towards certification. He

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shared in addition, Bloomberg had an extensive network of technical assistance, to include John Hopkins Institute and the Center for Government Excellence as well as Results for America.

Mayor Jones requested the City reach out to Christopher Newport University to determine whether they had interest in a partnership. Mr. McDaniel replied he had done his due diligence reaching out to local universities, and would be more than happy to reach out again. He advised that the College of William and Mary was the most responsive. Councilwoman Vick questioned whether W&M was selected because they were already connected to the Bloomberg Network. Mr. McDaniel advised that he proposed this project, and set-up meetings with local universities in the area to talk about the Innovation office and some of the potential work that would be taking place in the near future. He advised that William and Mary was the most receptive to assigning resources to this initiative within our timeline.

Mr. McDaniel introduced Acting Assistant City Manager (AACM) Eoghan "Owen" Miller to complete the Bloomberg Initiative Program presentation.

Mayor Jones advised there were numerous reasons that the City was doing so many Bloomberg programs. He indicated that Bloomberg was the only organization with numerous resources, with the sole purpose of helping cities and Mayors. The Bloomberg program offered numerous different programs and once a City participated in the program in August, there was access to everything. If another City applied without being in the program the odds were against them. Mayor Jones indicated that because he completed the program a few months prior, the City was able to apply for programs and access resources. He shared that he participated in the Bloomberg City Lab a week prior and would return in a few weeks. The idea was to take advantage of the entire Bloomberg Program. ACM Clayton shared, it was a year-long process and hoped to remain plugged into the program. He indicated Mayor Tuck, City of Hampton, was taking full advantage of the program and hoped that Newport News would do the same.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the cost to participate in the Bloomberg Program. Mayor Jones replied the Bloomberg Program was free, there was no cost to the City.

Mr. Miller indicated he would share information on the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities Initiative. He advised that it was a brand new initiative from Bloomberg and included a team of other organizations. In fact the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities Initiative actually incorporated three or four existing initiatives, some of which was previously explored. For example - in essence it really was supposed to look at the nexus of two critically important issues, not only here in the City of Newport News, but across the country, which were climate change, investing in climate initiatives, and racial wealth equity. The ultimate goal was obviously to improve the lives of the residents in the community, particularly those that were most affected by certain issues.

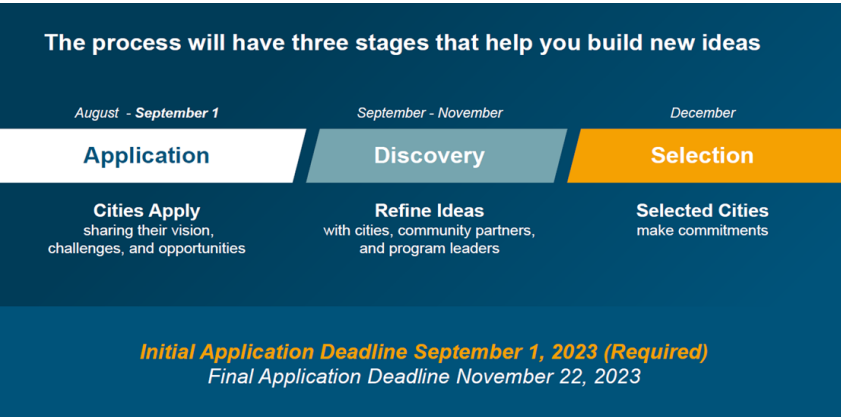
Mr. Miller indicated City Halls and community partners would receive three years of deep, customized support which was a long commitment. He shared that friends with Bloomberg and the consultants that had already been hired to work with the City, would assist the City with formulating a plan to address the issues and assign an IT team to help implement a plan over the course of three years. He believed that the themes seen throughout all of the Bloomberg initiatives was: 1) additional capacity to beef up what staff was already doing, 2) technical assistance from experts in the field; and 3) the

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final component of this which was obvious throughout to foster collaboration. Mr. Miller advised that Bloomberg and the consultants provided a team of the experts over the course of three years to not only assist City staff, but also the Community Partners involved in the initiative. He indicated with some of the other initiatives, William and Mary was a partner, but he also advised that the City had also engaged Christopher Newport University (CNU) and Hampton University (HU) with this potential initiative. Mr. Miller advised there had been some initial discussions with the City of Hampton Mayor Tuck indicated that Hampton was heavily involved in some of the Bloomberg initiatives and believed that there was an opportunity to pursue the American Sustainable Cities Initiative.



Mr. Miller advised of the Bloomberg application process and deadline as follows:



Mr. Miller advised that the City found out about this opportunity in August 2023. There was a quick turnaround for an initial application, which was September 2023, at which time the City already had assistance from Bloomberg and the application coaches and was fortunate enough to get that application in. The City moved ahead in the process and he believed 25 - 30 localities were included in this process. Continued dialogue at the staff level. There was a meeting scheduled with Bloomberg and the team on Friday, October 27, 2023. The meeting would prepare the City and include other partners for an application that would be due right before Thanksgiving. Hopefully, Bloomberg would like what they see and the City could proceed and advance. He advised that was when the IT team

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would begin assisting and providing an opportunity to work together and further refine the process. Mr. Miller indicated some of the work to continue which was already being done, to include Workforce Development, particularly in the Southeast Community, flood mitigation efforts in the Southeast Community, in other parts of Salters Creek and other low-lying areas throughout the City. He shared those were some opportunities that the City could do a lot of good while advancing some of the existing programs.

Mr. Miller shared that there was a Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Initiative which would help cities use art and community engagement to improve street safety and revitalize public space. He indicated the initiative responds to the growing number of cities around the world embracing art as an effective and relatively low-cost strategy to activate their streets. The focus of this initiative was visual interventions on **roadways** (intersections and crosswalks), **pedestrian spaces** (plazas and sidewalks), and **vertical infrastructure** (utility boxes, traffic barriers, and underpasses). He shared the current application round for cities in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S., closed in June and grants would be announced in the Fall 2024.

Mr. Miller advised of additional Bloomberg opportunities, the City participated in the City Lab conference which occurred the week of October 16, 2023. He indicated that staff would also attend the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities Conference in New Orleans in the next several weeks. He shared that another opportunity was that City staff had been invited to participate in Bloomberg City's Idea Exchange to build upon this network, cohort of other Bloomberg localities, and get to share some of these innovative new ideas.

[Bloomberg Initiatives - 10.24.2023 - Presentation](#)

IV. Fiscal Year 2024 Bond Authorization

Acting City Manager Archer introduced Ms. Lisa Cipriano, Director, Department of Budget and Evaluation, to provide an overview of the Fiscal Year 2024 Bond Authorization (see Fiscal Year 2024 Bond Authorization – October 24, 2023, attached and made a part of these minutes).

Ms. Cipriano advised that the FY 2024 Bond Authorization ordinance was scheduled for the Regular City Council meeting agenda of October 24, 2024 for consideration. She would provide a brief overview since the majority of City Council would be experiencing this process for the first time. Ms. Cipriano reminded City Council of the importance of the following three steps in the Capital Projects process:

- **Step One** – Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)
 - FY 2024 CIP was adopted by City Council on September 26, 2023, which was the adopted first year of a bi-year plan
- **Step Two** – Bond Authorization
 - The City did not have the capacity to fund \$54 million within one-year in the annual operating budget, so the City had to borrow the money. The City needed the authority given by City Council to borrow the money
- **Step Three** – City council Appropriation by Project

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- Each individual capital project that was contained in each CIP was brought back to City Council for consideration. It gave City Council the last opportunity to affirm the projects for the City and make any adjustments on any funding strategies that may have changed, whether the project expanded or needed additional money or to substitute projects.

Ms. Cipriano indicated that a bond authorization ordinance was the instrument that allowed City Council to:

- Appropriate funds for approved FY 2024 CIP Projects
- Issue bonds to pay for Capital Projects
- May include emergency or other projects not in CIP
- Based on need to borrow, not on fiscal year

Ms. Cipriano provided the following summary of the Recommended FY 2024 Bond Authorization in the amount of \$54,440,000. She shared the chart below of all the amounts that would be borrowed in each category for the specific projects in the adopted FY 2024 CIP

Recommended FY 2024 Bond Authorization \$59,440,000	Community Development	\$16,450,000
	Parks & Recreation	\$1,870,000
	Public Buildings	\$19,155,000
	Schools	\$10,000,000
	Stormwater Drainage	\$6,000,000
	Streets & Bridges	\$5,965,000

Ms. Cipriano advised that there were no wastewater or sewer projects in FY 2024. She indicated those projects would be done by cash capital within the operating budget of the Wastewater fund.

Ms. Cipriano shared the following details on how the bond authorization was calculated:

- The Base - Current Adopted FY 2024 **CIP General Obligation Bond Projects (\$59.4 million)**
- The Bond Authorization was based on “just in time” cash flow needs
- Municipal Bonds are sold in \$5,000 increments
- Categories rounded down to meet \$5,000 requirement

Ms. Cipriano shared how the bond authorization would be paid as follows:

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Who Pays the Debt?

- Bond Sale proceeds provide the cash to support all CIP Project categories
- The General Fund & User Fees Funds make the annual Debt payments
 - \$53.4 million = 90% was General Fund Paid Debt
 - \$ 6.0 million = 10% was User Fee Paid Debt

[FY 2024 Bond Authorization - 10.24.2023 - Presentation](#)

V. Comments/Ideas/Suggestions

Regarding the Community Support Funds, Councilman Harris inquired whether the City would be provided with a report for those agencies or organizations that received the Community Support Funds in order to see how impactful those agencies or organization's services was in the community. He questioned whether those reports would be shared in the near future. Lastly, he questioned whether the City would be providing youth employment and enrichment programs in the Summer of 2024. Acting City Manager Archer replied yes, to both questions. He indicated a report on the impact of the agencies or organizations that received Community Support funding would be forthcoming. The City had already established a working committee and prepared the framework for some type of meaningful summer engagement and/or employment program. He would be presented with those ideas in the near future and the idea was to use that framework as the initial impetus to bring together a Steering or Advisory Group, who could add and make it truly a collaborative program for the summer. The proposals would then be incorporated in the City Manager's proposed FY 2025 operating budget. Councilwoman Vick added that in previous years the process would began in June when the students were out of school. She requested that the proposal process begin in March 2024 or earlier, in order for parents and youth to get the information in a timely fashion. Acting City Manager Archer replied yes, the City consistently announced whatever it was going to do in the March timeframe, because of the registration and orientation process. All of those components had to be in place in order for the program to begin after the school year.

Mayor Jones indicated that next summer the City would do a full communications push to ensure that the community was aware of all summer programming. The plan was currently being worked on to provide detailed information on social media, at every recreation center, churches, etc. The plan was for the City to bring back the summer jobs programs in some capacity. He had spoken with Police Chief Steve Drew on many occasions and his main focus was reducing gun violence and economic development in downtown. He agreed that the summer jobs program needed to return.

Councilman Eley thanked the Communications Department for its assistance with flyers for the 2023 Career Fair scheduled Friday, October 27, 2023, at the Hampton Road Convention Center (1610 Coliseum Drive). He shared that the Career Fair which began with about 300 students from Newport News and Hampton, had increased to 700 students and now included York County students. Councilman Eley advised that the Department of Communications had been instrumental with getting the information out and ensuring that Newport News looked good.

Councilman Long indicated that he wanted to update City Council on the housing initiatives. He shared that the City hired a consultant, Urban Partners, in collaboration with Stromberg/Garrigan & Associates (SGA) to review the City's housing needs. Some of the questions that SGA would answer

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involved: (1) ten-year housing needs; (2) did the City have a correct balance of owner-occupied-to rental units; (3) how to revitalize the older housing stock – 53% of the City’s homes were built prior to 1980; (4) correct number of housing for employers to attract new professionals; and (5) housing stock to support seniors. He advised that a Bloomberg consultants assisted with the consultant team to ensure the City received the best product for the citizens. The study would take up to ten-months, and at the end the City would have recommendations to address the housing needs for Newport News.

Councilman Long indicated that following the Conversation on Homelessness there were five action items that came out of the report. He shared that one item was a website that one could obtain information about homelessness, as well as the video of the meeting. He stated that hopefully he would be reporting within the next few weeks on the other action items that were a part of that Conversation on Homelessness. Mayor Jones thanked Councilman Long for taking the lead on the housing initiative.

Mayor Jones advised that he was able to participate in the City Lab Conference in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. He shared that the big take away - there were approximately 100 Mayors participating from across the globe, and the big push was for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and what machine learning could mean for localities. Regarding AI, he had discussions with Acting City Manager Archer and he did not believe a lot of cities, to include Newport News, had the inherent knowledge or capacity right now. He believed that Generative AI would be the future. He advised that he would probably be working heavily with the Innovation Office. Acting City Manager Archer would send out an after-action report.

Regarding the 2024 Legislative Package, Mayor Jones indicated he would make phone calls over the next several days to City Council concerning the legislative package and move forward with that citizen-led charter commission.

Mayor Jones advised that he would review the first draft of the City Council Ethics Handbook/Guidebook with the City Attorney and make some recommendations. He shared that draft one was complete and should be available before Thanksgiving. He wanted to make City Council aware of the progress.

Mayor Jones thanked Ms. Florence Kingston, Director, Department of Development and City staff for all of the hard work that went into Jefferson Lab’s Special Announcement held on Monday, October 16, 2023, located at 12000 Jefferson Avenue. He indicated once the programs were up and running, investments would include a lot of PhDs with an average salary of \$140,000. The question for the City was how to retain those individuals, so Newport News did not become a City where everyone works, but lived in surrounding localities. The big push he believed was for development in the North District (Uptown) and how the City would be able to have housing to attract those individuals. He thanked Councilman Long for the update on the housing initiative, and he agreed and believed it was hand-in-hand with the housing strategy. He indicated the new Jefferson Lab program was a great thing that began approximately four-years prior under Mayor Price. He hoped that Ms. Wilson would work to ensure that Newport News received \$500 million versus \$300 million.

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VI. Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:31 P.M.

Zina F. Middleton, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Phillip D. Jones
Mayor
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk

FY 2024 BOND AUTHORIZATION

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 24, 2023



3 Steps in Capital Projects

- *First* - Capital Improvement Plan
- *Second* - Bond Authorization
- *Third* - City Council Appropriation
by Project

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Questions?

Bloomberg Initiatives

City Council Work Session

October 24, 2023



Bloomberg-Harvard City Leadership Initiative

Cross-collaboration track

- The Collaboration Track helps cities strengthen their abilities to harness the talents, resources, and energy of diverse stakeholders working across sectors, jurisdictions, and agencies to solve complex problems.
 - Make progress on a key priority problem in your city.
 - Gain skills, key frameworks, and concepts that can be applied to various strategic collaborations your city pursues.
 - Transfer learning to other future problems needing collaboration.
 - Requires involvement and know-how from a cross-sector team.

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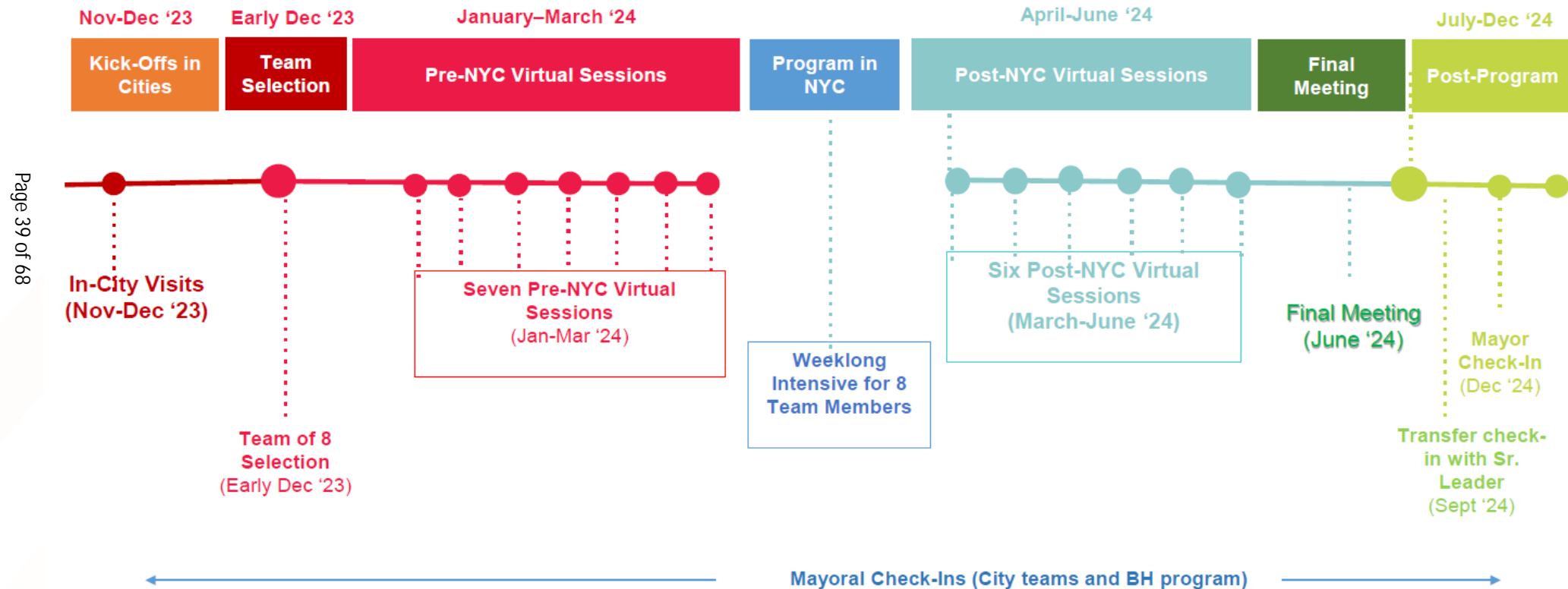
Downtown Revitalization

- Team makeup: Mayor and 8 key staff members
- Our intent is to gather a cross-section of stakeholders that will include our partners already in the Downtown and those interested in partnering with the City to address specific focus areas.
- Potential focus areas will include (but not limited to) workforce/market rate housing, greenspace activation, food & retail expansion, transportation, parking, safety & security, services, etc.
- First meeting with Bloomberg/Harvard collaboration team this week

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A 9-month track starting with an in-city kick off

Core team participates in intensive programming from Jan-June including near-weekly work and a week in NYC



What Works Cities (WWC) Certification

Using data to deliver better outcomes for all residents

- Standard of excellence for data-driven, well-managed government
 - Four out of five report better using data to deliver city services more efficiently, effectively, and/or equitably.
 - Four out of five report better using data to make budget decisions
 - Three in five report better using data to repurpose dollars or defund ineffective programs
 - Half report better using data to award city contracts and/or shift procurement dollars



Cities are **GOOD** at understanding data, tracking progress, and using data and evidence to inform decisions

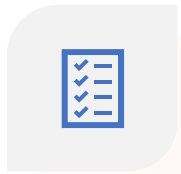


Cities are **GREAT** at understanding data, tracking progress, and using data and evidence to inform decisions

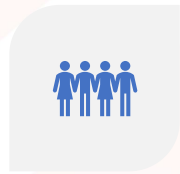


Cities are **EXEMPLARY** and set the precedent in understanding data, tracking progress, and using data and evidence to inform decisions

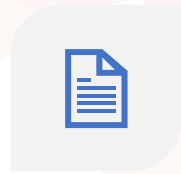
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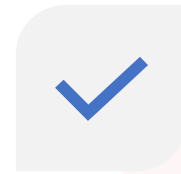
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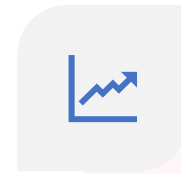
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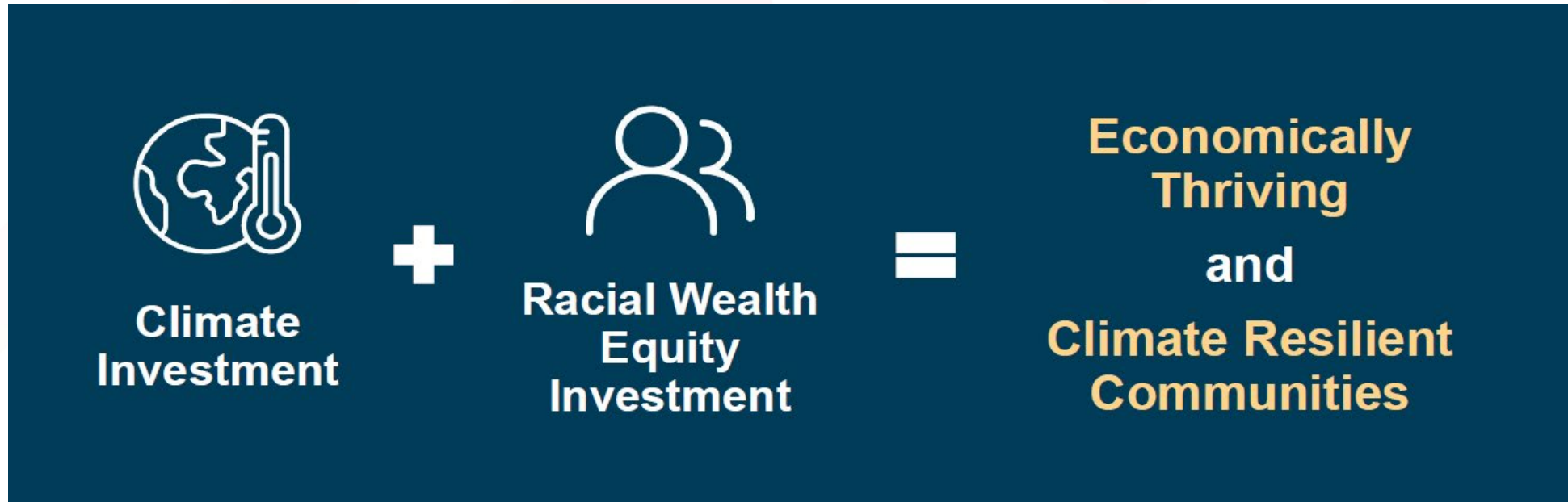
January – May 2024

External Partners

William & Mary University Department of Public Policy

Bloomberg WWC Network

Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities



Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities

City halls and community partners will receive 3 years of deep, customized support

City Halls



Embedded Staff

with innovation, partnership, and delivery expertise

Technical and Policy Assistance

including support with federal funding

Mayoral Support

including a coach to engage the mayor in the work

City Halls & Community Partners



Facilitated Planning Process

to co-develop customized strategies

Peer Learning Networks

to share best practices

Community Partners



Financial and In-kind Support

to enable their full participation

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities

The process will have three stages that help you build new ideas

August - September 1

September - November

December

Application

Discovery

Selection

Cities Apply
sharing their vision,
challenges, and opportunities

Refine Ideas
with cities, community partners,
and program leaders

Selected Cities
make commitments

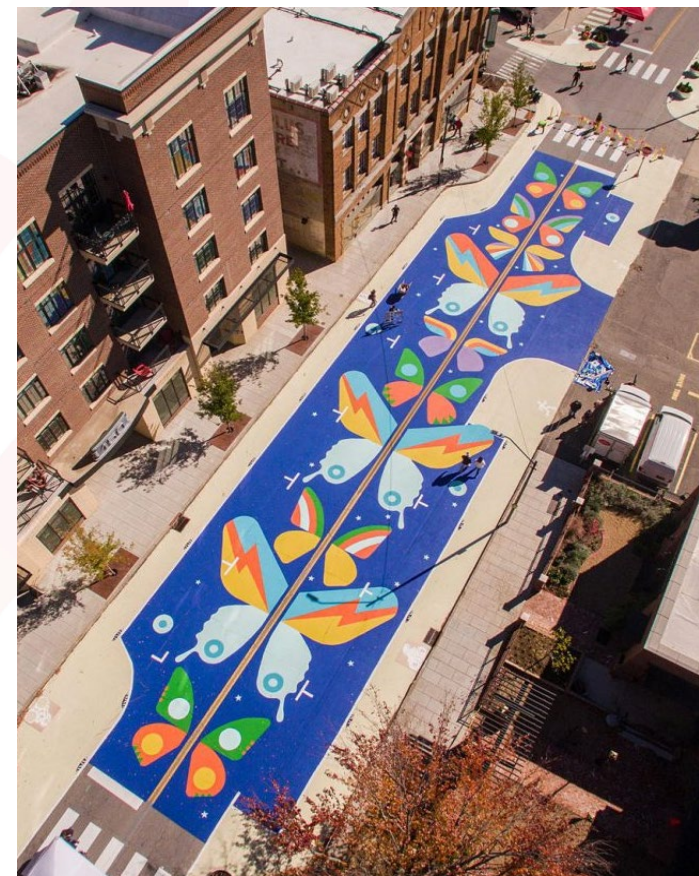
Initial Application Deadline September 1, 2023 (Required)
Final Application Deadline November 22, 2023

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The Initiative responds to the growing number of cities around the world embracing art as an effective and relatively low-cost strategy to activate their streets. The focus of this initiative is visual interventions on **roadways** (intersections and crosswalks), **pedestrian spaces** (plazas and sidewalks), and **vertical infrastructure** (utility boxes, traffic barriers, and underpasses).

Previous grant rounds supported 64 projects in the U.S. and Europe. The current application round for cities in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S., closed in June and grants will be announced in the fall.



Questions?



2024 State Legislative Priorities

CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 24, 2023



About the Session

All 140 members elected on November 7

Pre-filing begins November 20 – ends 5 PM on November 30

Governor presents budget to Money Committees December 20

Session begins January 10

- Long/budget session
- New GAB, new office assignments
- Sine Die adjournment set for March 9 (Saturday)



Proposed Code Changes

1. Allow localities to impose an additional service charge for the improvement or maintenance of private dams and associated impoundments
2. Allow the City of Newport News, by ordinance, to impose taxes or assessments on the property owner for the purpose of maintaining a private dam or lake
3. Workers' Compensation Act - Remove the limiting date of July 1, 2014 from Virginia Code Section 65.2-605.1 Prompt payment; limitation on claims



Proposed Charter Changes

4. Add provision for recall elections of city council members
5. Institute a limit of two consecutive terms as mayor
6. Add provision for emergency powers of mayor on par with Norfolk and Williamsburg



Proposed Budget Amendments

7. Support for the Coastal Virginia STEM Learning Ecosystem Hub
~ \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium
8. Gap funding of \$900,000 in the first year of the biennium for
court expansion needed to meet demand for jury trials
9. Increase the Port Host Communities Revitalization Grant Fund
by \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium



New Policy Position

Support increase in maximum threshold for non judicial sale of tax delinquent real properties of minimal size and value

- Current maximum value is \$25,000
- Assessment of most NN lots now around \$37,000
- Support increasing maximum to \$40,000



Standing Policy Positions

Preserve local authority to regulate short-term rentals

Maintain local revenue streams such as Machinery & Tools and BPOL taxes

Support funding for the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program

Support additional resources for school construction and modernization



Standing Policy Positions

Oppose unfunded mandates

Support economic development and redevelopment incentive programs

Support public safety and community violence intervention

Support increased funding for road maintenance for port host cities



State and Regional Partners

Virginia Municipal League

Hampton Roads Transit

Virginia First Cities

Hampton Roads Planning
District Commission

Hampton-Newport News
Community Services Board

Hampton Roads Transportation
Planning Organization

Hampton Roads Military and
Federal Facilities Alliance

Hampton Roads Transportation
Accountability Commission

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GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTANTS

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA



NEWPORT NEWS CLIENT TEAM



NANCY PROWITT, PRESIDENT & COO, AND TEAM LEADER

- ❖ More than 38 years of government and lobbying experience.
- ❖ Long-term relationships with senior members of Congress, with strong ties to relevant transportation and infrastructure, economic development and Defense policy and appropriations advocating on behalf of municipalities, ports, higher education and private sector clients..
- ❖ Lead for the City of Virginia Beach, City of Homestead, Fairfax County, Port of Los Angeles, several Colleges and Universities, as well as several private sector clients particularly industry environmental advocacy efforts. Worked on Hill for Virginia Congressman on Appropriations Committee, and was appointed by Governors McAuliffe and Northam to George Mason University Board of Visitors.



KEVIN FAY, VICE-CHAIRMAN & CEO

- ❖ One of the foremost global environmental policy advocates with significant experience in public policy and association management.
- ❖ Executive Director of the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, providing critical environmental industry leadership and has shaped United States atmospheric-policy for decades.
- ❖ Has served as a member of the Board of Fairfax County Park Authority, a \$100 million independent agency responsible for managing over 22,000 acres of parks, athletic facilities, cultural, and natural resources in Fairfax County, Virginia.
- ❖ Led an industry-wide effort in support of the passage of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, the first climate agreement ratified by the United States government since 1992. Currently attending United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, ahead of the 35 the Montreal Protocol Meeting of the Parties.

NEWPORT NEWS CLIENT TEAM



BOB MATTHIAS, SENIOR CONSULTANT

- ❖ Former Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Virginia Beach, a role which he held between 1993 and 2021. In total, Mr. Matthias worked for more than 46-years for the City of Virginia Beach.
- ❖ Through his work with the federal delegation, Virginia Beach received over \$200 million in earmarks.
- ❖ Considered to be a regional asset on transportation, working with the military and multiple other aspects of local, regional, state, and federal government.



YASMIN ALBAZZAZ, PARTNER

- ❖ Experience in advocating on behalf of a broad range of clients including those in the maritime, aviation, municipal, international, and non-profit sectors.
- ❖ Plays a leading role in facilitating philanthropic outreach and political fundraising activities on behalf of the firm and firm clients.
- ❖ Worked for a member of the Virginia Congressional delegation who was also a Member of the House Appropriations Committee.



KAYLA JOYNER, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

- ❖ Provides research and administrative support to the firm's associates and partners.
- ❖ Assists the firm's staff with tasks to assist their wide variety of clients.
- ❖ Interned for Senator Mark Warner.

ABOUT THE FIRM

AMONG WASHINGTON'S MOST EXPERIENCED BIPARTISAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS FIRMS

- Founded in 1973 as a lobbying firm by Hector Alcalde, who still serves as the firm Chairman. One of the first lobbying firms to specialize in the representation of public bodies.
- 40 clients nationwide, including cities, counties, transportation and water districts, school districts, higher educational institutions, and industry.
- 17 partners and professional staff
 - Executive Branch Officials, Former Hill Staffers, Attorneys, and Industry Leaders.
- Nationally Recognized Government and Public Affairs Leader
 - Ranked as one of the *"Top 10 Lobbying Firms in the Country"* (GWU/ Columbia Books) according to a study conducted in 2015.



CREATIVITY AND PERSISTENCE

- History of determined pursuits of every available opportunity to advance client objectives, and strategically achieve their goals.

STRONG BIPARTISAN WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

- Long standing relationships with key chairmen, ranking members, senior congressional committee staff along with executive branch staff.



CONGRESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH RELATIONSHIPS

- ❖ These relationships with key leadership and senior staff include many of the Congressional Committees of importance to Newport News:
 - Appropriations
 - Transportation & Infrastructure
 - Energy & Commerce
 - Ways & Means
 - Homeland Security (FEMA)
 - Environment & Public Works
 - Commerce, Science & Transportation
 - Finance
 - Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- ❖ Long-term relationships extend well into the ranks of political appointees and senior career staff in Federal departments and agencies, including strong relationships with the: Departments of Transportation, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Environmental Protection Agency, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



UNDERSTANDING AND APPROACH

❖ Federal Agenda & Policy Priority Development

- Evaluate, update and advocate existing and pending federal legislative projects and priorities.
- Proactive recommendations regarding timing and manner of engagement.
- Identify and recommend positions on federal legislative, budgetary, and regulatory issues.
- Analysis of federal budget and appropriations opportunities.

❖ Coordination of Federal Agenda

- Work with staff to identify and understand federal issues of interest to the City and prepare items like Community Project Funding forms and talking points on other initiatives.
- Activities related to the passage or defeat of proposed legislative items needed to carry out City priorities.

❖ Build City Image in Washington, D.C.

- Develop communications strategies that help further increase Newport News' image on the national stage.
- Schedule in-person and virtual meetings for City representatives to advance City priorities with key Members of Congress and Executive Branch officials.
- Coordinate project and area visits by key Members of Congress and Executive Branch officials for project related events.

PRIORITY ISSUE AREAS

- ❖ **Infrastructure and Environmental Resiliency Programs**
 - Continued support for the City's pending CPF for Sewer Main Replacement
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
 - Inflation Reduction Act of 2022
 - Coastal Resiliency
 - Department of Defense
- ❖ **Public Safety Programs**
 - Department of Justice
 - Drone First-Responder Pilot Program
 - Gun violence prevention
- ❖ **Economic and Workforce Development Programs**
 - Departments of Labor and Education
 - STEM/Brooks Crossing Opportunity Center



PURSUIT OF FEDERAL RESOURCES

- ❖ **Pursue community project funding (or “earmarks”)**
 - Helped clients secure over \$23.2 million in CPFs in the FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill and \$25.1 million in the FY 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.
 - \$82 million in CPFs being considered throughout the various FY 2024 Appropriations bills.
- ❖ **Programmatic Appropriations**
 - Hundreds of millions of dollars in programmatic successes over the firm’s history.
- ❖ **Pursue federal grant opportunities**
 - Customized Grant Prospecting - Federal and Private Opportunities;
 - Coordination with Executive Agencies;
 - Grant Editing and Application Evaluation and Critique; and
 - Congressional Support and Agency Debrief



EXAMPLES OF RECENT FUNDING SUCCESSES

- ❖ **\$105 million** authorization for Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements in the Water Resources Development Act for the City of Albany, GA, which will now be distributed over the legal duration of the authorization.
- ❖ **\$2 million** in CPFs for the City of Homestead, FL's, expansion of the City's septic to sewer projects;
- ❖ **\$1 million** in CPFs for the City of Homestead, FL's, replacement of existing aging overhead electric facilities;
- ❖ **\$750,000** in CPFs for the City of Homestead, FL's, purchase and implementation of Body-Worn Cameras;
- ❖ **\$1.46 million** in CPFs for the City of Hallandale Beach, FL's, Electric Vehicle Bus Transit and Charging Facilities project;
- ❖ **\$1 million** in CPFs for the City of Homestead, FL's, Downtown Revitalization and Resilient Electrical Infrastructure project;
- ❖ **\$500,000** in CPFs for Broward County Public Schools for Peer Mentoring Programs;
- ❖ **\$8 million** grant for undergrounding electric utilities from the EDA, City of Albany, GA;
- ❖ **\$8 million** under DOT's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary grant program for a rehabilitation and capacity expansion project, Port of Miami, Miami-Dade County, FL;
- ❖ **\$6 million** under U.S. Department of Education (Ed) Department of Hispanic Serving Institutions(HSI) office to bolster the STEM pipeline from developmental math up to four-year degree completion, the largest grant award in its history of this category, Hillsborough Community College.
- ❖ **\$1,014,000** for youth gang violence prevention for the School District of Palm Beach County, FL.

PROGRESS TO DATE AND WORK AHEAD

- ❖ Met with Mayor Phillip Jones and Interim City Manager Alan Archer to review City priorities.
- ❖ Assisted with the City's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program grant application.
 - Worked with the City to identify potential stakeholders on the federal, state, and local levels.
 - Drafted letters of support for the DOT, DoD, and local stakeholders including educational institutions and state officials.
 - Drafted and secured letters of support for the City's Congressional Delegation from U.S Senators and Congressman Scott.
- ❖ Weekly Engagement
 - Calls with Jerri.
 - Provides weekly update, *This Week in Washington*, describing ongoing events on Capitol Hill, weekly legislative breakdowns, and a list of newly announced grant programs.
- ❖ Regular Monitoring
 - FAA Reauthorization.
 - FY24 Community Project Funding (CPF) submissions.
 - Grant opportunities; developed an extensive list of grant opportunities that the City may want to consider.
- ❖ Federal Outreach
 - ❖ NNVA Congressional Delegation.
 - ❖ DoD OLDCC.
- ❖ Planning City Department head meetings to review potential federal grant opportunities.

WHY ALCALDE & FAY?

- ❖ Distinguished record of success for 50 years helping clients secure funding for their priority initiatives; demonstrating high return on investment.
- ❖ Proven ability to “think outside the box” to identify funding opportunities, and pursue creative and alternative strategies to achieve City objectives and increase visibility.
- ❖ Bipartisan expertise in navigating Congress and Executive Branch agencies to cut through red-tape and secure critical approvals and policy guidance.
- ❖ Depth of experience and long-standing strong working relationships with key Members of Congress, including Chairmen and Ranking Members of important committees and senior staff members, as well as with key Administration Officials at agencies of interest to the City.
- ❖ Immediate understanding of the City of Newport News and the issues most critical to its success.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT US

“ONE OF AMERICA’S MOST INFLUENTIAL LOBBYING FIRMS”

-The George Washington University

***“THEY HAVE MORE THAN PAID THEIR
SALARY FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS!”***

-Fmr. Mayor Roscoe Warren, City of Homestead, FL

***“AMONG WASHINGTON’S BIGGEST BATS
IN THE TRANSPORTATION LINEUP”***

-Center for Public Integrity



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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEWPORT NEWS CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**



MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E.; Councilwoman Tina L. Vick; Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury; Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III; Councilman John R. Eley, III; Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div.; and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

A. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to all.

Mayor Jones stated the City Code identified the procedure for citizen participation regarding items on the Council agenda, as well as the opportunity for citizens to address City Council on matters germane to the business of the Council and were advised to register in the foyer. He explained matters that were germane to the business of Council meant matters that the City Council, by law, were empowered to act upon. This did not include announcements that were personal to an individual, business, or organization, including campaign information. He pointed out copies of the ordinance highlighting citizen participation and encouraged citizens to review the document.

Mayor Jones requested that cell phones and electronic devices be silenced or turned off.

B. Invocation

Mayor Jones advised that it was the practice of the Newport News City Councilmembers to stand for the invocation and pledge. He welcomed all in attendance to also stand but indicated they were under no obligation to do so.

The invocation was rendered by Father George Chioros, Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilman John Eley.

D. Presentations

1. Hilton Art Walk Chalk Art Competition: Newport News Public Schools Arts Students Recognition

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Mayor Jones presented certificates to recognize winners of the Arts Walk and Busker Festival which was in collaboration with the Newport News Public Schools.

The Annual Hilton Arts Walk and Busker Festival invited the Newport News community to engage in an art experience with juried artisans, musicians, and opportunities to observe live artists while working creatively. Hilton Village Main Street hosted a volunteer driven community event for approximately 3,000 attendees, bolstering the economic vitality for the historic merchant district and driving income for artisans and makers from Virginia and beyond. The festival sought partnerships with local arts organizations. Collaborations historically had been active with the Contemporary Arts Network (CAN) Foundation, and Newport News Public Arts Foundation.

Mayor Jones announced that the first Chalk Walk Battle was held during the fourth Annual Hilton Arts Walk and Busker Festival. Hilton Village Main Street and Newport News Public Schools partnered with students from each high school to create the new sidewalk chalk art competition.

In 2023, the opportunity presented itself to work in new ways by hosting a dynamic Chalk Art Battle with Newport News Public Schools art students, partnering with staff at both the school and district level. Ms. Katie Sheehan-Smith, Newport News Public Schools Arts Supervisor, was integral in the success of this partnership.

Students from Warwick High School were victorious out of six entries and 26 students. The winners were Ms. Ella Lowe, Ms. Marianna Shannon and Ms. Ava Strom. Mayor Jones presented certificates to each of the students. The students were accompanied by Ms. J. B. Crowley, Executive Director, Hilton Village Main Street; and art teachers, Ms. Sheila Scotti and Mr. Michael Norton; as well as the Principal of Warwick High School, Ms. Kellie Mason. (A photo shoot of Mayor Jones and each of the winners was held.)

E. Public Hearings

1. Ordinance Authorizing Change of Zoning No. CZ-2023-0003, to Gethsemane Baptist Church, from C1 Retail Commercial and R4 Single-Family Dwelling to C1 Retail Commercial with Proffers, Located at 3509 Chestnut Avenue and 1149 - 35th Street

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN ORDINANCE NO. 5028-97 BY AMENDING THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "ZONING DISTRICT MAP" (CONSISTING OF REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT MAPS 001 THROUGH 322 AND KEPT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING DATED THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1997, WHICH SAID MAP IS MADE A PART OF THE SAID ORDINANCE NO. 5028-97.

The ordinance authorized Change of Zoning No. CZ-2023-0003 to Gethsemane Baptist Church, from C1 Retail Commercial and R4 Single-Family Dwelling to C1 Retail Commercial with Proffers, Located at 3509 Chestnut Avenue and 1149-35th Street.

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The proposed change of zoning would allow the reuse of the existing structure on the property for a variety of medical services and a food pantry. The applicant provided five proffers that addressed the overall use of the properties, landscaping, building design and signage. The proffers limited the use of the property to community support services.

The proposed change of zoning was consistent with the One City, One Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan land use map.

On October 4, 2023, the City Planning Commission voted 7:0 with one abstention to recommend approval of Change of Zoning CZ-2023-0003 with proffers.

The City Manager recommended approval.

Bishop Dwight Riddick, Pastor, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 5405 Roanoke Avenue, Newport News, encouraged members of City Council to approve Change of Zoning No. CZ-2023-0003, to Gethsemane Baptist Church, from C1 Retail Commercial and R4 Single-Family Dwelling to C1 Retail Commercial with Proffers, located at 3509 Chestnut Avenue and 1149-35th Street, to house a medical center to address health disparities in the Southeast Community. He indicated this center would be a tremendous asset as it helped to change the trajectory of health for many of the residents in the City of Newport News.

Ms. Chantal Brown, 942-11th Street, Newport News, shared that she was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church and an employee of the City of Newport News. Ms. Brown indicated that it was very important for the medical facility to open in the Southeast Community as it would encourage community care. She advised that community care included all care outside of hospitals, and brought care closer to where people lived and spent most of their time. Citizens could receive treatment in the comfort of their homes. For patients, including the elderly and disabled, accessing services locally was more convenient than travelling miles to hospitals in the North or in the City of Hampton. Ms. Brown advised it was the duty of citizens to care for one another, support peers, and be connected to one's wellbeing and that of others.

Ms. Angela Deloatch, 1141-36th Street, Newport News, shared that she lived across the street from the property being addressed. Having been a resident since 2006, Ms. Deloatch advised that she valued her quality of life, her property, as well as adjacent properties. She agreed with the need for the services in the Southeast Community, and supported the opportunity to provide those services to those in need. Ms. Deloatch expressed concerns regarding potential issues. She indicated the zoning change would change traffic patterns and the parking situation tremendously for those residents living on 35th and 36th Streets, as well as Booker T. Washington Middle School. Ms. Deloatch advised members of City Council that along with the change of zoning, there remained i's to dot, and t's to cross before completion. She sought City Council's commitment to serving the Southeast Community by making it better for all.

Mr. Nelson Armstrong, 1145-36th Street, Newport News, advised that he wanted to be supportive of the Change of Zoning No. CZ-2023-0003, to Gethsemane Baptist Church,

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from C1 Retail Commercial and R4 Single-Family Dwelling to C1 Retail Commercial with Proffers, at 3509 Chestnut Avenue and 1149-35th Street. He advised of his concerns and those of adjacent property owners that dealt with traffic issues, the safety of the neighborhood children, and their quality of life. Mr. Armstrong shared that his mother was a nurse at Whittaker Hospital where he was born, and both he and his siblings were appreciative of the Southeast Community and wanted healthcare to remain an important issue; but wanted all to be mindful of the additional traffic that the project would generate. He shared that a traffic study was completed but advised that he, nor his neighbors had been contacted regarding the proposal and potential changes, to enable them to participate in the discussion and ensure that no one would be hurt. Mr. Armstrong advised that they believed in healthcare and the potential projects, but wanted to ensure that all i's were dotted, and t's crossed for the residents on 35th and 36th Streets, as well as Chestnut Avenue.

Ms. Heather Strock, Executive Director of Operations, Sentara Community Care, 605 Lynn Shores Circle East, Virginia Beach, shared that Sentara was excited about their partnership in the City of Newport News. She advised that Sentara was excited to work with the community to dismantle potential concerns and barriers by bringing wrap-around services, improving food security, and other opportunities by bringing health workers directly into the neighborhood, working side by side and being a part of the community. Sentara Community Care would offer community space, classrooms, and various opportunities that would be open and available to all residents. Ms. Strock advised that Sentara was ready and available to meet with the community to work through any issues regarding parking and reach a solution. Sentara was excited about how the partnership would benefit all.

Mr. Otis Moore, 911-12th Street, Newport News, encouraged City Council to approve Change of Zoning No. CZ-2023-0003, to Gethsemane Baptist Church, from C1 Retail Commercial and R4 Single-Family Dwelling to C1 Retail Commercial with Proffers, Located at 3509 Chestnut Avenue and 1149-35th Street to allow the project to proceed. He shared that he was also born in Whittaker Hospital in the 60's, later a health care facility (Partnership to Improve Community Health) was opened behind the hospital, and another opened on 48th Street (Southeastern Virginia Health Systems). He questioned what could be done to work with the children of the future. As he considered a health care center, people in the community needed help. Regarding parking, he advised that most would be on Chestnut Avenue as the lot was not large enough to accommodate patrons without disturbing the neighbors. He advised that citizens needed to take the Southeast Community back. Mr. Moore urged City Council to do what was necessary to allow the project to proceed.

Ms. Shonda H. Jones, 1124-80th Street, Newport News, shared that she was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church. She indicated that she was in favor of Change of Zoning No. CZ-2023-0003, to Gethsemane Baptist Church, from C1 Retail Commercial and R4 Single-Family Dwelling to C1 Retail Commercial with Proffers, located at 3509 Chestnut Avenue and 1149-35th Street. Ms. Jones shared that she had a social work background and was a Care Coordinator with Optima Health. With over 20 years of experience in healthcare

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systems, she worked with the nursing facility members with complex medical needs. The proposal provided a great opportunity for Sentara to provide healthcare assistance to citizens in the community. She spent a great deal of time educating assigned members on complex medical issues and management of health issues to ensure stabilization. Ms. Jones shared that she had seen benefits on how the healthcare system had evolved in ways to reach the community.

Ms. Robyn Davis, 702 Ninebark Court, Newport News, shared that she had been a Newport News resident since the mid-1980s. Ms. Davis expressed support for Change of Zoning No. CZ-2023-0003, to Gethsemane Baptist Church, from C1 Retail Commercial and R4 Single-Family Dwelling to C1 Retail Commercial with Proffers, Located at 3509 Chestnut Avenue and 1149-35th Street due to the healthcare gap and medical needs in the Southeast Community. She read the following statement, “what the Chestnut Avenue facility is offering is very different than anything that we currently have in downtown Newport News, and is an opportunity for the community to partner and become a part of working with healthcare organizations to be very much involved in healing itself, working with primary care and healing and working with doctors, mental health, and seeing the holistic part.” Ms. Davis suggested being proactive in providing for a community that was underserved with measures to help alleviate losses in the lives of the citizens. She did understand the concerns expressed by previous speakers, but felt this could be overcome for the overall health and welfare of the City.

Ms. Felecia DeBrew, 2808 Marshall Avenue, Newport News, expressed support for Change of Zoning No. CZ-2023-0003, to Gethsemane Baptist Church, from C1 Retail Commercial and R4 Single-Family Dwelling to C1 Retail Commercial with Proffers, Located at 3509 Chestnut Avenue and 1149-35th Street as the facility was greatly needed in the Southeast Community to help alleviate healthcare concerns. This would be an asset to the community. Regarding medical needs, Ms. DeBrew advised that many citizens typically used emergency rooms or ambulatory services as a primary healthcare need. Sentara was a reputable healthcare facility that the Southeast Community residents could call their own. Regarding traffic and parking concerns, Ms. DeBrew believed there were other initiatives which the City administration could take to assist and alleviate the concerns expressed. Ms. DeBrew advised that citizens in the community were willing to meet and work with everyone involved to bring the project to fruition.

Moved by Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, seconded by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, to close the public hearing.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

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Moved by Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, seconded by Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., adoption of the ordinance.

Councilman Eley inquired about the number of members on the church rolls when Gethsemane was located at the former site. He recalled attending Gethsemane as a young child. Bishop Riddick invited Councilman Eley back to Gethsemane. He recalled there were 2,000 members on the rolls and with multiple services, sat approximately 800 per service.

Councilman Eley expressed his support for the Change of Zoning No. CZ-2023-0003, to Gethsemane Baptist Church, from C1 Retail Commercial and R4 Single-Family Dwelling to C1 Retail Commercial with Proffers, Located at 3509 Chestnut Avenue and 1149-35th Street to allow a medical facility in the Southeast Community, which would prevent him from driving twenty plus miles to Port Warwick for medical care. Sentara would be an asset to the community. He expressed appreciation to Sentara and Gethsemane for their efforts.

Councilwoman Vick urged Bishop Riddick and Ms. Strock to reach out to residents in the community to help alleviate their concerns. Bishop Riddick responded that meetings had begun and would continue in an effort to overcome any obstacles.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

2. Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Text Amendment No. ZT-2023-0004 to the City of Newport News, Amending and Reordaining City Code Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance Adding the Definition of Continuing Care Facility, Adding the Use to the Summary of Uses Matrix and Providing General Regulations for the Use

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS, SECTION 45-201, DEFINITION OF CERTAIN WORDS AND TERMS, BY ADDING THE DEFINITION OF CONTINUING CARE FACILITY; ARTICLE IV. SUMMARY OF USES BY DISTRICT, SECTION 45-402, SUMMARY OF USES BY DISTRICT, BY AMENDING PERMITTED USES "B" RESIDENTIAL; ARTICLE V. GENERAL REGULATIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 45-538, CONTINUING CARE FACILITY. This ordinance amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance, of the City Code as listed below:

Article II. Definitions

- Section 45-201, Definitions of Certain Words and Terms
 - Article IV. Summary of Uses by District
- Section 45-402, Summary of Uses By District

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- Article V. General Regulations
- Section 45-538, Community Care Facility

The proposed amendment provided a definition of a continuing care facility where senior could live through the different stages of the aging process. The use provided an integrated community that allowed for independent living, assisted living when needing assistance, as well as skilled nursing care in one facility. It allowed for long-term care for those who wanted to remain in the same place through the different phases of the aging process.

The amendment provided the location of where the communities could develop and provided regulations on how the use would operate.

On October 4, 2023, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously (8:0) to recommend approval of Zoning Text Amendment ZT-2023-0004.

The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Moved by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, seconded by Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., to close the public hearing.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

Moved by Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., seconded by Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., adoption of the ordinance.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

3. Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Text Amendment No. ZT-2023-0005 to the City of Newport News, Amending and Reordaining City Code Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance Article XXII, C3 Regional Business District Amending the Area and Dimensional Regulations, and Buffering and Loading Provisions in the C3 Regional Business District

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 45, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE XXII. C3 REGIONAL BUSINESS

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DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 45-2203, AREA AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 45-2204, SIGN REGULATIONS, SECTION 45-2205, OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS, SECTION 45-2206, GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS OF DESIGN AND OPERATION, SECTION 45-2211, RELATIONSHIP TO THE NEWPORT NEWS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND SITE PLAN ORDINANCE, AND SECTION 45-2212, APPEAL. This ordinance amended and reordained the City Code, Chapter 45, Zoning Ordinance, of the City Code as listed below:

Article XXII. C3 Regional Business District Regulations

- Section 45-2203, Area and Dimensional Regulations
- Section 45-2204, Sign Regulations
- Section 45-2205, Off-street Parking and Loading Regulations
- Section 45-2206, General Performance Standards of Design and Operation
- Section 45-2211 Relationship to the Newport News Comprehensive Plan and Site Plan Ordinance
- Section 45-2212, Appeal

The Zoning Ordinance prescribed area and dimensional requirements of buildings, required buffering between uses, as well as required loading areas within the Regional Business District. These provisions were typically found in suburban areas rather than downtown areas. The amendment eliminated the dimensional requirements, loading areas and buffering requirements between uses, clarified that freestanding signs were not permitted and encouraged the use of building signage. The amendment would more easily allow the new structures that fit the urban character of downtown.

On October 4, 2023, the City Planning Commission voted unanimously (8:0) to recommend approval of Zoning Text Amendment ZT-2023-0005.

The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Moved by Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, seconded by Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., to close the public hearing.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

Moved by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, seconded by Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., adoption of the ordinance.

Carried by the following votes:

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Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

4. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents, Including Deeds, Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of City-Owned Property Located at 1242 24th Street to Innovative Developments, LLC

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT AND DEED, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENTS, LLC. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute documents necessary to effectuate the conveyance of City-owned property located at 1242-24th Street to Innovative Developments, LLC.

City Council action was requested to approve the conveyance of a surplus City-owned parcel at 1242-24th Street. A request was received from Innovative Developments, LLC to acquire the property, a 25 foot x 100 foot lot. The lot was undeveloped.

Innovative Developments, LLC owned the adjacent property at 1244-24th Street and wished to combine the lots to construct a single-family home. Innovative Developments, LLC had specialized experience in developing similar small lots, and had successfully done so at other locations in Newport News. Innovative Developments, LLC agreed to pay the assessed value for the parcel, which totaled \$6,900.

The potential sale was circulated for interdepartmental review and there were no objections to the conveyance.

The sale of the property would generate \$6,900 in revenue, remove the City's maintenance burden, and provide real estate tax revenue in the future.

The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Moved by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, seconded by Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., to close the public hearing.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

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Moved by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, seconded by Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., adoption of the ordinance.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

5. Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents, Including Deeds, Necessary to Effectuate the Conveyance of City-Owned Property Located at 2212 Oak Avenue to Bruce Marie Ward and Audrey Alexander

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT AND DEED, NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BRUCE MARIE WARD AND AUDREY ALEXANDER. This ordinance authorized and directed the City Manager to execute documents necessary to effectuate the conveyance of City-owned property located at 2212 Oak Avenue to Bruce Marie Ward and Audrey Alexander.

City Council action was requested to approve the conveyance of a surplus City-owned parcel at 2212 Oak Avenue to Bruce Marie Ward and Audrey Alexander. A request was received from Ms. Bruce Ward to acquire 2212 Oak Avenue, a 25 foot x 106.25 foot lot. The parcel was undeveloped.

Ms. Ward and Ms. Alexander owned the adjacent property at 2210 Oak Avenue and wished to combine the lots to build an addition onto their home and install a driveway. Ms. Ward and Ms. Alexander agreed to pay the assessed value for the parcel, which was \$6,900.

The potential sale was circulated for interdepartmental review and there were no objections to the conveyance.

The sale of the property would generate \$6,900 in revenue, remove the City's maintenance burden, and provide real estate tax revenue in the future.

The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Moved by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, seconded by Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, to close the public hearing.

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Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

Moved by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, seconded by Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., adoption of the ordinance.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

6. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Third Amendment to Tower Attachment Lease, By and Between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for Space on the City Tower Located at or Near 519 Industrial Park Drive

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN THIRD AMENDMENT TO TOWER ATTACHMENT LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, DATED THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2023, RELATING TO SPACE ON THE LEE HALL TOWER SITE. This resolution authorized and directed the City Manager to execute the third amendment to Tower Attachment Lease by the City and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

City Council was requested to approve the proposed Third Amendment to Tower Attachment Lease; which continued the use of space by Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless on the City-owned communications tower at or near 519 Industrial Park Drive.

The proposed terms, equipment requirements and pricing were negotiated by the Department of Development and the City's cell tower management consultant. The Third Amendment would extend the lease for a five-year period, from December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2028. Rent would begin at \$62,447.90 per year and would continue to be increased annually by an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the rent for the prior year.

All other terms and conditions of the original lease would remain in full force and effect.

The proposed Amendment would contribute \$62,447.90 for the first year, increasing annually by 3% in each of the following four years.

The City Manager recommended approval.

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Moved by Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, seconded by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, to close the public hearing.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

Moved by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, seconded by Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, approval of the resolution.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

7. Ordinance Authorizing the City to Contract a Debt and Issue General Obligation General Improvement (GOGI) Bonds of the City in the Principal Amount of \$59,440,000

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FIFTY-NINE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$59,440,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, GENERAL OBLIGATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF AND FOR THE CITY; FIXING THE FORM, DENOMINATION AND CERTAIN OTHER DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS AND DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER CERTAIN POWERS WITH RESPECT THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND A FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT RELATING TO THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE OR A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A LIKE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS; AND SPECIFYING MORE PARTICULARLY THE PURPOSES TO WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE APPLIED. This ordinance authorized the City to contract a debt and issue General Obligation General Improvement (GOGI) Bonds in the amount of \$59,440,000 to finance the costs of various public improvement projects.

Ninety percent (90%) or \$53,440,000 of the total Bond Authorization was General Fund tax revenue debt supported projects. The remaining \$6,000,000 (or 10%) was for projects in the fee based self-supporting Stormwater Fund for stormwater drainage.

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It was standard practice for projects approved by City Council in the previous Bond Authorization that have not been appropriated to be carried forward and reauthorized, or to include emerging projects or additional project funding if needed. The base of the FY 2024 Bond Authorization was \$59,440,000, which was the funding required to support the FY 2024 Capital Improvements Plan. There were no carry forward amounts requested for reauthorization.

A category summary of the proposed bond authorization is below:

Fiscal Year 2024 Bond Authorization

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Community Development</u>	<u>\$16,450,000</u>
<u>Parks and Recreation</u>	<u>1,870,000</u>
<u>Public Buildings</u>	<u>19,155,000</u>
<u>Schools</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>
<u>Stormwater Drainage</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
<u>Streets and Bridges</u>	<u>5,965,000</u>
Total	\$59,440,000

State law required that City Council conduct a public hearing to allow citizens to present their views on the proposed bond ordinance. The Notice of Public Hearing appeared in the Daily Press on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, and again on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

Adoption of the proposed ordinance would allow the City to issue bonds to support the FY 2024 Capital Improvements Plan when market conditions were favorable to the City.

The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

Moved by Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, seconded by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, to close the public hearing.

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

Moved by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, seconded by Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, adoption of the ordinance.

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Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

F. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., seconded by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items F1 and F2, as shown below.

1. Minutes of the Work Session of October 10, 2023

(No registered speakers)

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023

(No registered speakers)

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

G. Other City Council Actions

1. Motion to Approve the Designation of National League of Cities (NLC) Voting Delegates

City Council was requested to designate, by motion, the City's Voting and Alternate Voting Delegate, for the National League of Cities (NLC) Annual Business Meeting during the Annual Business Meeting on November 18, 2023. The 2023 NLC City Summit Conference was scheduled to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 16-18, 2023. The Annual Business Meeting was scheduled at the conclusion of the conference on Saturday, November 18, 2023. As a direct member City, Newport News was entitled to four votes at the meeting based on population. A voting delegate and alternate must be officially designated by the City, as NLC by-laws prohibited voting by proxy, and the voting delegate or alternate must be present to cast the City's votes.

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(No registered speakers)

Vice Mayor Bethany moved to designate Councilman Long as the City's Voting Delegate, and Vice Mayor Bethany as the Alternate, at the 2023 NLC Annual Conference Business Meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Vick.

(No registered speakers)

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

H. Appropriations

Moved by Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, seconded by Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, adoption of Appropriations, Item H1 as shown below.

1. Department of Engineering – Fiscal Year 2023 Virginia Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Fund – \$2,207,193

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY PROGRAM (\$2,207,193) FOR THE Newport News TRANSPORTATION CENTER PROJECT. This resolution appropriated \$2,207,193.00 for the Newport News Transportation Center Project.

The Virginia Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant program (CMAQ) awarded surplus funds from completed projects in the Hampton Roads area to the City of Newport News for the Newport News Transportation Center project.

This project included the construction of an Amtrak station, platform, parking, track work and roadways, located in the vicinity of Bland Boulevard near the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport.

The funding would be used to complete the site grading, paving, drainage, erosion, sediment control and completion of interior finishes inside the station building.

This request would appropriate \$2,207,193 of CMAQ funds for the Newport News Transportation Center. The CMAQ Grant was 80% federal, 20% State, and 0% local funds.

The City Manager recommended approval.

(No registered speakers)

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Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Councilman Cleon M. Long, P.E., Councilwoman Tina L. Vick, Councilwoman Dr. Patricia P. Woodbury, Vice Mayor Curtis D. Bethany, III, Councilman John R. Eley, III, Councilman Marcellus L. Harris III, D. Div., and Mayor Phillip D. Jones

I. Citizen Comments on Matters Germane to the Business of City Council

Mr. Clarence “Bo” Whitley, 403 Menchville Road South, Newport News, spoke on the 1884 Warwick County Confederate Monument. He reminded that he had addressed City Council on several occasions requesting that the monument City Council voted to remove in 2020 be re-erected. He recalled Ms. Angela Harris suggesting at the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting of City Council that he visit the Greenlawn Cemetery if he wanted to visit a Confederate Monument. Mr. Whitley advised that he did visit the Greenlawn Cemetery (renamed Greenlawn Memorial Park), and there was one monument that was erected December 8, 1941 in honor of the dead Confederate soldiers. He advised that there was a footstone that listed the names of all of the prisoners from Camp Newport News. The remains were exhumed from the Camp Newport News site and brought to the Greenlawn Memorial Park and placed in the “Confederate Circle” on Confederate Avenue. Mr. Whitley advised that the monument was actually a headstone that was erected in 1909 by R. E. Lee Camp No. 3 Confederate Veterans out of Hampton, Virginia. The footstone behind the headstone lists the names of the confederate prisoners. Regarding the Warwick County Confederate Monument, erected in 1905 and dedicated to Company H, 32nd Virginia Infantry/Artillery. Mr. Whitley indicated that the people of Warwick County, York County, and Hampton donated the money for the monument to be erected at the Warwick County Courthouse. He requested that the monument be re-erected in honor the Confederate soldiers.

Councilwoman Woodbury inquired about the current location of the monument. Mr. Whitley replied that he had some idea, but chose not to speculate in public. He was told that the City had stored the Confederate monument. He shared that a member of City Council had mentioned that the City have something done with the monument other than having it re-erected. Mr. Whitley requested that the City take perpetual care of the monument.

Mr. Kevin Crowder, 326-64th Street, Newport News, extended thanks to local law enforcement officials and the Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) for quickly addressing the threat receive two weeks prior at Woodside High School. He further advocated for the NNPS budget to ensure that they hire and retain high caliber faculty and staff for the younger citizens. When people are not preoccupied with low-income, they focus better on the job at hand, which was the feeding and teaching of the children, as well as the cleaning and maintenance of the facilities that supported their education.

Mr. Thomas Arnold, 1111 Thompson Circle, Newport News, spoke on the 1884 Warwick County Confederate Monument. He reminded that Mr. Whitley had previously suggested four different locations with the City of Newport News to re-erect the Confederate Monument and have it placed on private property. Mr. Arnold offered two locations on private property

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outside of the City of Newport News. Mr. Arnold shared the following locations: (1) Walters, Virginia, on private property in Isle of Wight County to be placed alongside a Confederate Monument and (2) at Lee-Jackson Memorial Park, off of Interstate 81 near Lexington, Virginia. The City would honor the 1884 Warwick County Confederate Monument and care for the monument by assisting in its relocation. Mr. Arnold requested a meeting between Mr. Whitley and himself with Mayor Jones.

Ms. Jenny “JB” Crowley, 87 Hopkins Street, Newport News, on behalf Historic Hilton Village, Inc., and Hilton Village Main Street, acknowledged and extended thanks to Ms. Megan Adams, and Ms. Katie Sheehan-Smith, for their hard work with the NNPS students on the Hilton Arts Walk Chalk Art Competition. Ms. Crowley also thanked members of City Council for honoring the students that participated in the competition. She hoped the collaboration between Hilton Village Main Street, CAN Foundation, and Newport News Public Arts Foundation would grow and expand.

Ms. Crowley announced the Historic Hilton Village Fall Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and extended thanks to City Departments, to include Engineering, Permitting, Planning, and the City Clerk’s Office who worked to bring it to fruition.

J. Old Business, New Business and Councilmember Comments

Acting City Manager Archer provided guidelines for those choosing to trick-or-treat on Halloween on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. He advised that trick or treating was allowed for children 12 years of age and younger from dusk to 8:00 p.m. He reminded of the following tips: (1) watch out for children who walked on roadways, medians or curbs; (2) Ensure that costumes and candy bags are reflective; (3) remain on the path and do not stray from well-marked routes; (4) when in doubt, throw the candy out; (5) avoid candy with loose wrappings or completely unwrapped; and (6) keep a watchful eye on candles. He encouraged parents to call the Newport News Fire Department Public Education Office with any questions at (757) 945-5400.

Acting City Manager Archer shared, the 3rd Annual STEM Exploration Community Event, was held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center. There were 722 participants for hands-on fun with various STEM activities. Over 45 exhibitors were in attendance. Numbers showed a 52% increase over 2022 and 260% increase over 2021, the first year, with 278 participating. He extended thanks to Ms. Lisa Wornom Zahralddin, MS, Project Manager, Department of the City Manager, and the entire event planning team.

Acting City Manager Archer shared the Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheons, occurred on October 17, 2023 at Victory Landing Park; October 18, 2023 at City Center; and October 19, 2023 at the former Kmart site on Oriana Road. The luncheons provided an opportunity for all to come together, enjoy great food, and connect on a personal level. Acting City Manager Archer thanked all Newport News City employees and members of the Newport News City Council for showing support for these activities. He expressed appreciation for their dedication and hard work.

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Acting City Manager Archer expressed condolences to Councilman John Eley regarding the loss of his grandmother, Ms. Mary C. Patterson, who succumbed at the age of 85 on October 12, 2023.

Councilman Eley extended thanks to everyone for the love shown during the loss of his grandmother, Ms. Mary Patterson. He advised that Ms. Patterson was in a better place. She had been married to his grandfather (Mr. George C. Patterson, Sr.) for 63 years.

Councilman Eley announced that Historic Hilton Village Main Street would host Main Street 101, on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., at 87 Main Street. This information sharing session was a collaborative session with the Main Street Program Manager and Program Administrator.

Councilman Eley announced, in partnership with the Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center, Virginia Peninsula Community College, and What's Next, a Career Fair was scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2023, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton. The schedule was as follows: (1) High School Students, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; and (2) General Admission, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. He advised there were over 60 different companies registered to participate, with many hiring on the spot. This event was free and open to all individuals looking to enter the workforce, change or transition into a new career, or explore local opportunities.

Councilman Eley extended thanks to the staff in the Department of Communications for support and assistance with getting the word out to the community about the Career Fair on Friday, October 27, 2023.

Councilman Long shared that Newport News hosted the 2023 District 7600 Rotary Conference on October 13, 2023, 11:00 a.m., at the Marriott at City Center. He was honored to welcome 216 fellow Rotarians to the event. The highlight of the event was a presentation of a \$10,000 check to Thankdeka Tutu-Gxashe, CEO of the Desmond Tutu Tutudesk Campaign and eldest daughter of the Archbishop for lap-desks for children in Africa.

Councilman Long also shared that the Newport News Circuit Court Clerk's Office held a Community Resource Fair on Saturday, October 21, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive. Workshops held included, but not limited to, the expungement process, real estate tax exemption, and navigating probate.

Councilman Long announced that the Newport News Department of Human Services would host a Know Poverty Symposium, scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, at the Denbigh Community Center, 15198 Warwick Boulevard. The event would include a poverty simulator, speakers, and opportunities to share ideas.

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Councilwoman Woodbury advised that she had missed two Council meetings and extended thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her illness. She advised that she was back and was glad to see everyone in attendance.

Vice Mayor Bethany shared that it was incredible to witness the historic announcement on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) that the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab) was the lead for its new High Performance Data Facility Hub (HPDF). Jefferson Lab would partner with DOE's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California to form a joint project team led by Jefferson Lab. HPDF would be a \$300-\$500 million computing resource to provide transformational capabilities for data analysis, networking, and storage for the nation's research enterprise, providing researchers with tools, methods and technologies to maximize the scientific value of data. Vice Mayor Bethany shared that U. S. Senator Mark Warner stated that this was the largest technological investment in the Hampton Roads area.

Vice Mayor Bethany shared that he attended the Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon held on October 18, 2023 at City Center, and October 19, 2023 at the former Kmart site on Oriana Road. On behalf of City Council, Vice Mayor Bethany expressed thanks and appreciation for the dedication and hard work of all city employees.

Vice Mayor Bethany shared that he also was able to meet the 9-1-1 dispatchers and took a tour of the center. He advised that many citizens did not recognize the hard work that occurred to provide the services offered.

Regarding the earlier historic announcement by the DOE that Jefferson Lab was the lead for its new High Performance Data Facility Hub (HPDF). Mayor Jones extended special thanks to Ms. Florence Kingston, Director, Department of Development, and staff for their hard work on this project. Mayor Jones added that this announcement would generate many opportunities for not only the City of Newport News, but the region.

Mayor Jones shared that he attended the Bloomberg CityLab Conference in Washington, D. C., held October 18-20, 2023. Topics ranged from leading communities through rapid urbanization, to confronting emerging technologies, to reinvigorating economic development, and solving issues for housing affordability. He looked forward to working with Jefferson Lab and the City's new Innovation Office to bring new opportunities and capabilities to the City of Newport News.

Mayor Jones shared that the City of Newport News was selected for its Bloomberg project focusing on the economic development of downtown. He reiterated his belief that the center of gravity and the City's bid for success was in the downtown area, capitalizing on its achievements and becoming the best version of itself. "Newport News is a city built on breakthroughs and rooted in innovation." Mayor Jones advised that he looked forward to leading the City forward.

Mayor Jones extended thanks to everyone for their attendance and participation, and sharing their concerns.

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K. Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
ON MOTION, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:56 P.M.

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

Phillip D. Jones
Mayor
Presiding Officer

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk

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Agenda Item Summary


City Council Regular Meeting
November 14, 2023





SECTION: Other City Council Actions
ITEM: Receipt of Bids for an Easement Across City-Owned Property
Located at 1001 Baptist Road in York County, Virginia
DEPARTMENT: Waterworks


STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:



Health, Safety & Well-being



Education & Learning


Opportunity & Economic Prosperity


Fun, Entertainment & Culture


Welcoming Communities & Connected Neighborhoods


Quality Government & Innovation


Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

ACTION:

Receipt of Bids Granting a Deed of Easement Over City-Owned Property Located at 1001 Baptist Road in York County, Virginia

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council is asked to grant an easement approximately 15-feet wide and 150-feet long over City-owned property, located at 1001 Baptist Road in York County, Virginia to supply utilities to a new development more fully described on the plat attached to the deed.

The Waterworks Department has determined the value of the easement based on the tax assessment of the parcel. The parcel is .052 acres in size, with an easement value of \$776.50.

Proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the Waterworks Land Fund for use in future land purchases.

A request to receive bids was properly advertised in the legal section of the Daily Press on October 30, 2023, and November 6, 2023.

Formal action to grant the Deed of Easement to the successful bidder is anticipated to be placed on the November 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda.

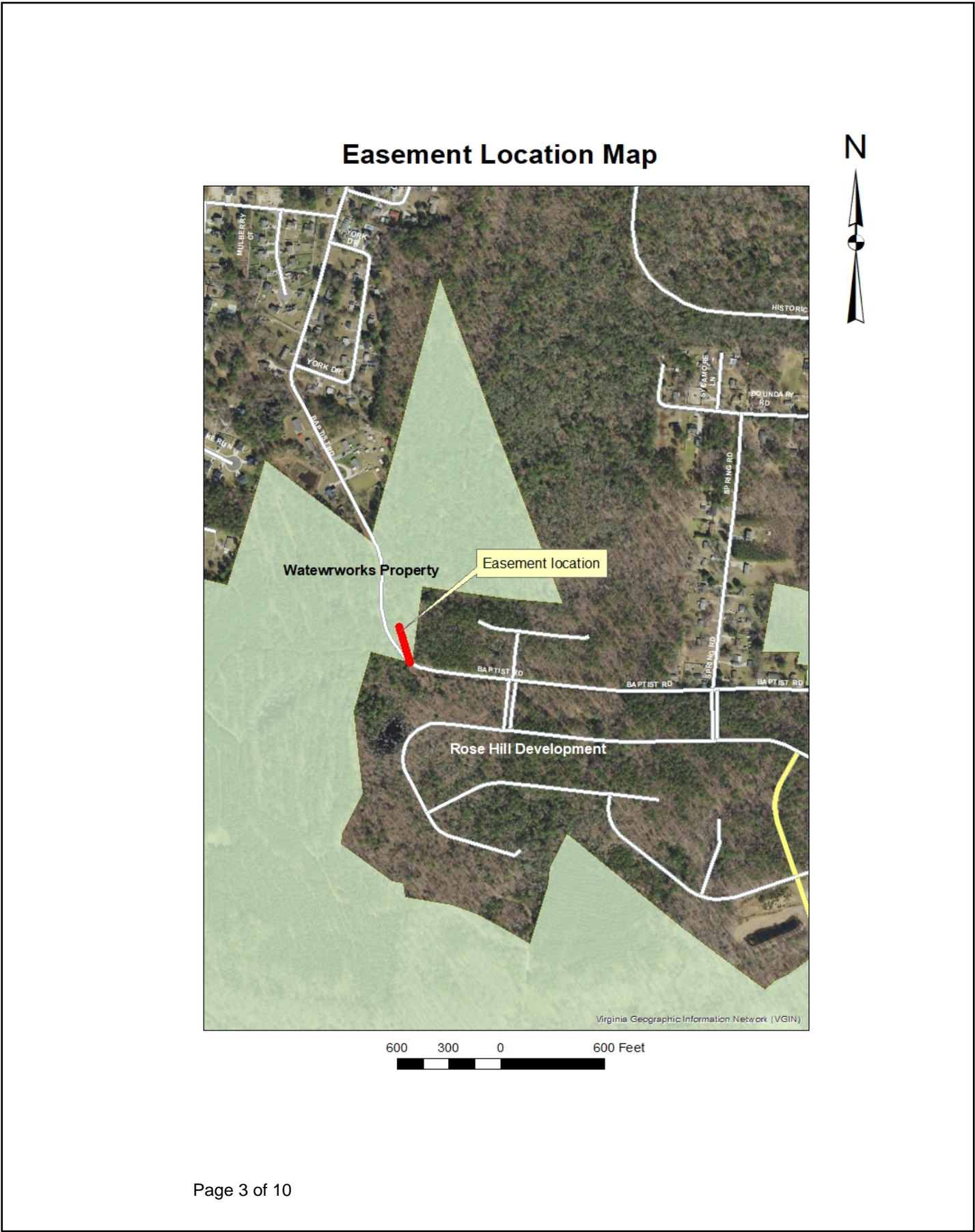
FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Proposed Utility Easement – 1001 Baptist Road – 11-14-23 – Map](#)

[Deed of Easement - 1001 Baptist Road - 11-14-2023 - Proposed Ordinance](#)



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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, THAT CERTAIN DEED OF EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, AND _____, DATED THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023, FOR AN EASEMENT ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1001 BAPTIST ROAD, YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

- 1. That it hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest, on behalf of the City of Newport News, Virginia, that certain Deed of Easement by and between the City of Newport News, Virginia, and _____, dated the 28th day of November, 2023, for an easement across City-owned property located at 1001 Baptist Road, York County, Virginia.
- 2. That a copy of the said Deed of Easement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Easement Across Portion of
GPIN: N11c-1432-0614
1001 Baptist Road

Consideration: \$ _____

Prepared By:
City Attorney's Office
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607
Tel: (757) 926-8416
Fax: (757) 926-8549

Exemption Claimed Under Section
58.1-811.C.4. For Taxes Imposed by
Section 58.1-802 on a Conveyance by
a Virginia City.

Title Insurance: Unknown

THIS DEED OF EASEMENT, made this 28th day of November, 2023, between the
CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of
Virginia, hereinafter called "GRANTOR" and _____,
hereinafter called "GRANTEE," whose mailing address is _____.

NOTICE TO LANDOWNER: YOU ARE CONVEYING RIGHTS TO A PUBLIC
SERVICE CORPORATION. A PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION MAY HAVE THE
RIGHT TO OBTAIN SOME OR ALL OF THESE RIGHTS THROUGH EXERCISE OF
EMINENT DOMAIN. TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY OF THE RIGHTS BEING CONVEYED
ARE NOT SUBJECT TO EMINENT DOMAIN, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE NOT
TO CONVEY THOSE RIGHTS AND YOU COULD NOT BE COMPELLED TO DO SO. YOU
HAVE THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE COMPENSATION FOR ANY RIGHTS THAT YOU
ARE VOLUNTARILY CONVEYING.

WITNESSETH:

That for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), cash in hand paid, and other valuable consideration,
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, GRANTOR grants unto GRANTEE, its successors
and assigns, for a period of forty (40) years from the date of recordation of this deed of easement,
the non-exclusive right, privilege and easement, approximately fifteen (15) feet in width and one
hundred fifty (150) feet in length, as shown on the drawing referenced below and attached hereto,
to lay, construct, operate and maintain one or more lines of overhead or underground conduits and
cables, including any and all associated equipment, located on the property hereinafter described,
for purposes of transmitting and distributing cable television and other communications and related

services; and for use in placing and positioning all wires, conduits, cables, transformers, transformer enclosures, concrete pads, handholds, connection boxes, ground connections, meters, attachments, equipment, accessories and appurtenances (hereinafter referred to as “facilities”) as GRANTEE may from time to time deem expedient or advisable, located on the easement hereinafter described.

The said rights, privilege and easement extends over, under, through and across certain lands of GRANTOR, situated in the York County, Virginia, as shown on the drawing attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The facilities constructed hereunder shall remain the property of GRANTEE. GRANTEE shall have the right to inspect, rebuild, remove, repair, improve, relocate on the easement, and make such changes, alterations, substitutions, additions to or extensions of its facilities as GRANTEE may from time to time deem advisable.

GRANTEE shall at all times have the right to keep the easement clear of all buildings, structures, and other obstructions (except fences), trees, roots and undergrowth. All trees and limbs cut by GRANTEE shall, except as hereinafter provided, remain the property of GRANTOR. Trees cut by GRANTEE with merchantable trunks six (6) inches or more in diameter will be cut into lengths of not less than four (4) feet when requested by GRANTOR and will be placed in piles separate from other trees, limbs, and undergrowth cut by GRANTEE. All trees, limbs, roots and other growth removed during the periodic maintenance of the easement by GRANTEE shall be disposed of by GRANTEE, and after which GRANTEE shall restore the surface area affected by the removal to a level grade safe for pedestrian travel.

For the purpose of constructing, inspecting, maintaining or operating its facilities on the easement on the property of GRANTOR or on its easement on any other property, GRANTEE

shall have the right of ingress and egress over, upon and along such easement. If GRANTEE is unable reasonably to exercise the right of ingress and egress over, upon and along the easement on the property of GRANTOR, GRANTEE shall have such right of ingress and egress over the property of GRANTOR adjacent to the easement. GRANTEE shall have the further right of ingress to and egress from the easement over such private roads as may now or hereafter exist on the property of GRANTOR. The right, however, is reserved to GRANTOR to shift, relocate, close or abandon such private roads at any time. If there are no public or private roads reasonably convenient to the easement, GRANTEE shall have such right of ingress and egress over the lands of GRANTOR adjacent to the easement and lying between public and private roads and the easement in such manner as shall occasion the least practicable damage and inconvenience to GRANTOR.

GRANTEE shall not install any above-ground facilities within roads or trails on the property of GRANTOR, and will repair damage to roads, fences or other improvements and shall pay GRANTOR for other damage done in the process of the construction, inspection, or maintenance of GRANTEE's facilities, or in the exercise of its right of ingress and egress; GRANTEE shall be liable for all damages resulting from its exercise of the right of ingress and egress across such adjacent lands, provided GRANTOR gives written notice thereof to GRANTEE within sixty (60) days after any property damage occurs.

GRANTOR, its successors and assigns, may use the easement for any purpose not inconsistent with the rights hereby granted, provided such use does not interfere with or endanger the construction, operation and maintenance of GRANTEE's facilities and provided that no buildings, structures or other obstructions (except fences) may be constructed on the easement.

In the event that GRANTEE fails or ceases to use the entire easement for a continuous period of two (2) or more years, then all rights and privileges hereby granted to GRANTEE shall forever cease and revert to GRANTOR by operation of law.

The rights, privileges, and easement conveyed pursuant to this Deed of Easement are in addition to, and not in substitution of, any other rights which may be available to GRANTEE to install its facilities on the property.

GRANTEE's rights herein are expressly subject to any and all easements, restrictions, encumbrances, and other matters of record affecting the said property.

GRANTOR covenants that it is seized of and has the right to convey the said easement, rights and privileges; that GRANTEE shall have quiet and peaceable possession, use and enjoyment of the aforesaid easement, rights and privileges; and that GRANTOR shall execute such further assurances thereof as may be required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, GRANTOR has caused its corporate name to be signed hereto by its Acting City Manager and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its City Clerk.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

By: _____
Acting City Manager

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
City Clerk

By: _____
City Attorney

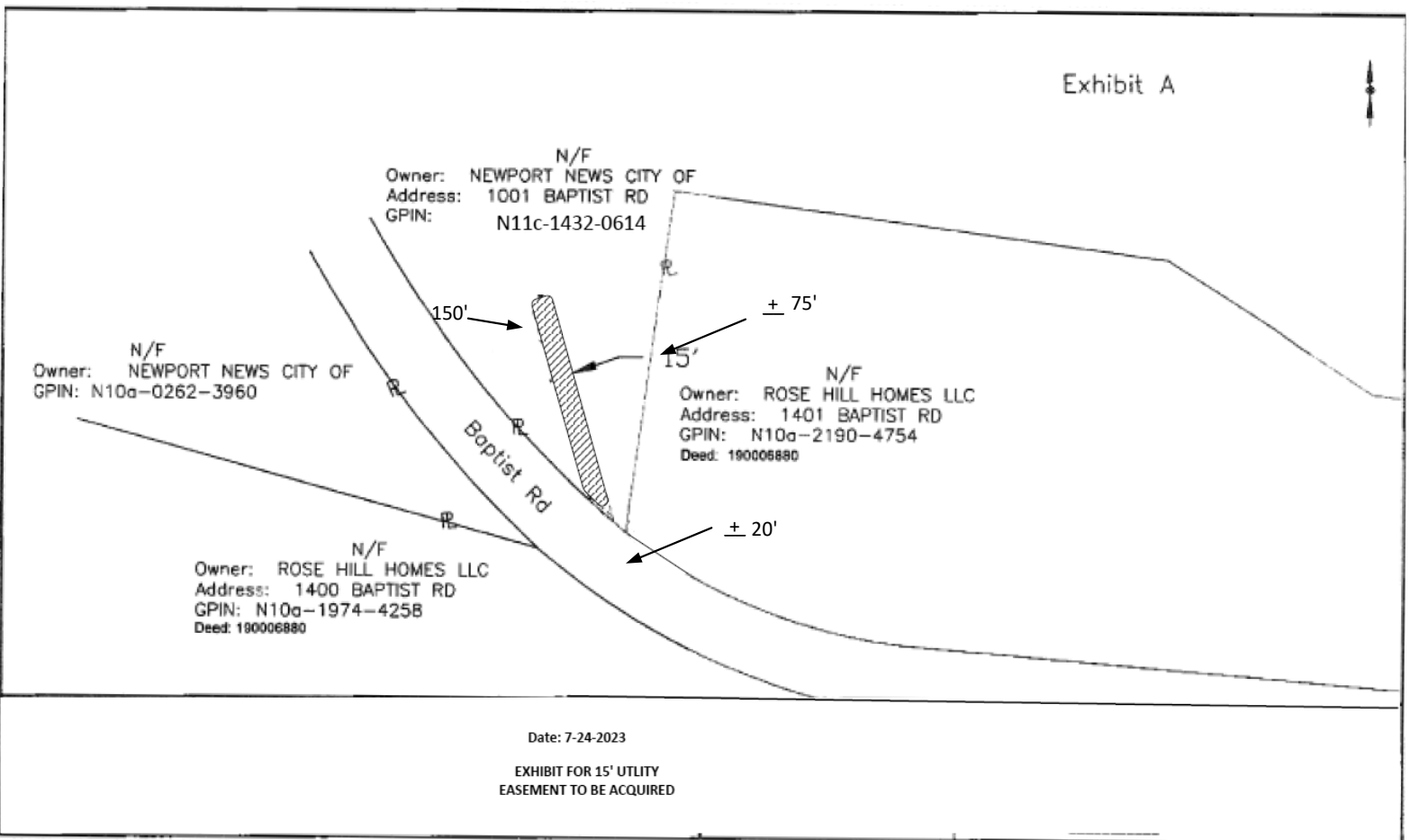
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
City of Newport News, to wit:

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for the City and Commonwealth aforesaid, whose commission expires on the ____ day of _____, _____, do hereby certify that the CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, by Alan K. Archer, its Acting City Manager, and attested by Mabel Washington Jenkins, its City Clerk, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, hereto annexed, have each acknowledged the same before me in my City and Commonwealth aforesaid.

GIVEN under my hand this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public
Registration No.: _____

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Agenda Item Summary

City Council Regular Meeting
November 14, 2023



SECTION: Other City Council Actions
ITEM: Resolution Approving and Adopting the City of Newport News' Legislative Program for the 2024 Virginia General Assembly Session
DEPARTMENT: City Manager

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:



Health, Safety & Well-being



Education & Learning



Opportunity & Economic Prosperity



Fun, Entertainment & Culture



Welcoming Communities & Connected Neighborhoods



Quality Government & Innovation



Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

ACTION:

A Request to Approve a Resolution Approving and Adopting the City of Newport News' Legislative Program for the 2024 Virginia General Assembly Session.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Please find attached to the resolution, a copy of the City's 2024 State Legislative Priorities for the Virginia General Assembly. The draft was presented for Council's review at the October 24, 2023 Work Session.

The 2024 legislative priorities draft package includes (3) code change requests, (3) budget requests, and (9) "other policy positions." The legislative requests include:

- 1. Allow localities to impose an additional service charge for the improvement or maintenance of private dams and associated impoundment
- 2. Allow the City of Newport News, by ordinance, to impose taxes or assessments on the property owner for the purpose of maintaining a private dam or lake
- 3. Workers' Compensation Act ~ Remove the limiting date of July 1, 2014 from Virginia Code Section 65.2-605.1 Prompt payment; limitation on claims

The Budget Amendment Requests include:

- 1. Support for the Coastal Virginia STEM Learning Ecosystem Hub ~ \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium

2. Gap funding of \$900,000 in the first year of the biennium for court expansion needed to meet demand for jury trials
3. Increase the Port Host Communities Revitalization Grant Fund by \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium

Additionally, the Proposed Draft Includes Policy Statements that:

- Preserve local authority to regulate short-term rentals
- Support increase in maximum threshold for non-judicial sale of tax delinquent real properties of minimal size and value
- Maintain local revenue streams such as Machinery & Tools and BPOL taxes
- Support funding for the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program
- Support additional resources for school construction and modernization
- Oppose unfunded mandates
- Support economic development and redevelopment incentive programs
- Support public safety and community violence intervention
- Support increased funding for road maintenance for port host cities

As in previous years, in lieu of restating each item, the City's package includes notice that, unless otherwise stated, the City supports the legislative priorities of: the Virginia Municipal League; Virginia First Cities; the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission; the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization; Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance; Hampton Roads Transit; the Hampton Newport News Community Services Board; and the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

Once Council has approved the legislative priorities, a final copy of the City's Legislative Package will be distributed to our General Assembly delegation.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Approving & Adopting the City's Legislative Program for the 2024 VA General Assembly - 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS’ LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 2024 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, the Newport News City Council analyzes and adopts both specific legislative proposals and general policy positions as a part of its legislative program during its deliberations concerning positions to be presented for use by the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the legislative proposals are specific initiatives which the Newport News City Council believes should be acted upon as a part of the work of the 2024 Virginia General Assembly legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the Newport News City Council requests that the Virginia General Assembly consider and act upon the legislative proposals identified in the Newport News 2024 Legislative Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, that it hereby approves and adopts the Newport News 2024 Legislative Program, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the City Council’s express desire that the legislative proposals approved and adopted hereby be considered and acted upon during the legislative session of the 2024 Virginia General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or her designee, is directed to provide a copy of the 2024 Legislative Program to each member of the City’s Virginia General Assembly delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, the City Attorney and/or their designee(s) is/are hereby authorized and directed to provide necessary input and clarification during the 2024 Virginia General Assembly session and to carry out other activities as needed to assist in attaining the goals and objectives contained in the City’s 2024 Legislative Program.

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2024 State Legislative Priorities Virginia General Assembly



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2024 legislative priorities

Newport News City Council

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mayorsoffice@nnva.gov

North District
Curtis D. Bethany, III, Vice-Mayor

South District
John R. Eley, III

North District
Marcellus L. Harris, III, D. Div.,

Central District
Cleon M. Long, P.E.,

South District
Tina L. Vick

Central District
Dr. Patricia Woodbury

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Code Change Requests:

1. Allow localities to impose an additional service charge for the improvement or maintenance of private dams and associated impoundments
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1. **Code Change: Allow localities to impose an additional service charge for the improvement or maintenance of private dams and associated impoundments**

Amend the Code of Virginia § 15.2-2114 by adding:

§ 15.2-2114.02. Additional Service Charge for the Improvement or Maintenance of Private Dams and Associated Impoundments

A. A locality, by ordinance, may establish a service charge in accordance with the procedures stipulated in § 15.2-2114, to be assessed to owners of developed and undeveloped property contiguous to bodies of water impounded by private dams to allow for the improvement or maintenance of such impoundments.

B. The impoundment(s) affected by a service charge adopted under this section must be specifically designated by ordinance, and the funds collected hereunder must be applied only to those designated impoundments.

C. A service charge adopted under this section shall be in addition to any other service charge(s) imposed under § 15.2-2114 and shall be based upon an analysis demonstrating a rational relationship between amount charged and service provided.

D. Service charges established pursuant to this section shall be assessed and collected in accordance with the procedures outlined in § 15.2-2114.

The City of Newport News is home to many private dams and man-made lakes. A common denominator to these lakes is that there is often no mechanism to provide for needed maintenance of the dams and their associated impoundments. Also, since Newport News is an almost fully developed city, these private lakes are typically surrounded by residential and commercial structures.

In order to function properly, a dam requires periodic maintenance. Spillways can become overgrown. Critical overflow piping designed to conduct excess water through the dam so it can be safely discharged may deteriorate and fail. Any issue that impedes the operation of the dam can lead to hazardous conditions threatening life and property, including excess retention of water and resultant flooding above the dam and dam failure allowing for the uncontrolled release of water downstream.

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There are no existing tools to enable the city to step in and perform needed repairs on a private dam or an associated lake when they are surrounded by private property and not part of the stormwater system. The city is willing, on a case by case basis and with proper authority, to arrange for and oversee work necessary to maintain the proper functioning of these impoundments. The proposed legislation would provide a legal mechanism for the city to do this and assess the costs to the private owners who are the principal beneficiaries of the repair projects.

2. **Code Change: Allow the City of Newport News, by ordinance, to impose taxes or assessments on the property owner for the purpose of maintaining a private dam or lake.**

Amend the Code of Virginia § 15.2-2404. Authority to impose taxes or assessments for local improvements; purposes, by adding:

H. In the City of Newport News, the governing body may, by duly adopted ordinance, impose taxes or assessments on the owners of developed and undeveloped property contiguous to bodies of water impounded by private dams to fund, in full or in part, maintenance of such dams and bodies of water in order to preserve the safe and proper functioning of these impoundments, provided that such taxes or assessments shall be apportioned among the abutting property owners and shall not be in excess of the total cost incurred by said city in repairing or maintaining the private impoundment or contiguous body of water.

As described in item 4 (previous), the lack of proper maintenance to dams or lakes on private property can result in significant threats to life and property. The proposed legislation would provide another legal mechanism for the city to do required maintenance and assess the costs to the owners.

3. **Code Change: Workers' Compensation Act - Remove the limiting date of July 1, 2014 from Virginia Code Section 65.2-605.1 Prompt payment; limitation on claims.**

As currently written § 65.2-605.1 imposes no statute of limitations for workers' compensation claims for health care services rendered before July 1, 2014. In contrast, claims filed after this date must be filed within one year of the receipt of

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the last payment for the treatment or within one year of the date of the final order which determined compensability for the injury. The proposed change will create a one year limitation period for all treatment regardless of the date that it was rendered. This will prevent a medical provider from filing for additional payment when an initial payment was accepted without inquiry or without giving notice of a dispute. The change will also mitigate issues caused by extensive delays such as when records no longer exist and witnesses are no longer able to testify about transactions.

4. **Budget Request: Support for the Coastal Virginia STEM Learning Ecosystem Hub \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium**

The City of Newport News in partnership with the Virginia Peninsula Community College (VPCC) asks that the General Assembly provide \$1,500,000 in each year of the biennium to support the Coastal Virginia STEM Learning Ecosystem Hub and VPCC STEM activities. The COVA STEM Hub is a regional learning ecosystem for the 17 municipalities in the Hampton Roads region. The Hub was established through the partnership with the Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center; the Innovation Center is a collaborative effort by the City of Newport News, Old Dominion University, and Newport News Shipbuilding to address the needs of underserved populations. The funding requested will be used to expand the partnerships and STEM programming in Hampton Roads with costs associated with program enhancements and expansion including personnel cost, curriculum development, industry-related equipment, computers, software and training for the STEM Digital Innovation and Fabrication Lab (BCiLab) and the Opportunity Center. The FY23 allocation of \$500,000 supported twenty-one STEM initiatives in the Hampton Roads region. Over 11,000 teachers, students, and other adults are receiving access to new STEM programming from over 15 cities and counties in the Coastal VA region. An additional allocation will enable us to serve more students and adults as they become engaged in STEM learning through both summer and year-round programming.

5. **Budget Request: Gap funding of \$900,000 in the first year of the biennium for court expansion needed to meet demand for jury trials**

In July of 2021, Virginia implemented a new law that allows a criminal defendant to be tried by a jury but transfers sentencing responsibilities to the judge unless the

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defendant specifically requests that the sentence be set by the jury. This change was an important part of criminal justice reform because it removed the “jury penalty” which often led to criminal sentences that were significantly longer than defendants would have faced if they had opted for a trial before a judge or taken a prosecutor’s plea deal. However, since the implementation of the law in 2021, Newport News has seen the number of jurors increase by 267 percent. Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2021 the jury count was 132 compared to a jury count of 351 between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2023. Unfortunately, the city’s courtroom facilities are inadequate to meet the demands of the increased caseloads. Likely an unintended consequence of the legislation, the need for additional infrastructure has become an unfunded mandate.

A backlog in jury trials poses the threat of potentially violating a defendant’s sixth amendment right to a speedy trial. In order to accommodate the increased demand for jury trials, the city must act. To that end, a stakeholder group was convened and a plan was developed to remodel an existing court building to increase the capacity from one court room to three court rooms. The project is now estimated to cost \$6.4 million, however the budget included in the annual Capital Improvement Plan included only \$5.5 million. The city respectfully requests that the General Assembly provide gap funding of \$900,000 in the first year of the biennium for the court renovation.

6. Budget Request: Increase the Port Host Communities Revitalization Grant Fund by \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium

The Port Host Communities Revitalization Fund was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2019 to provide funding for the strategic removal or redevelopment of vacant, underutilized and deteriorated port related properties in the five port host communities of Front Royal, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Richmond. The General Assembly currently allocates \$1.5 million each year for the program and makes awards through a competitive grant process.

Given that the resources provided are intended to serve five localities, the current allocation limits the potential impact of the program and may hamper the host cities efforts to leverage other state, local, and private resources to facilitate redevelopment efforts. In order to better equip the port host communities to

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transform blighted structures and foster new economic opportunities, the city respectfully requests that the General Assembly add \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium to the fund, bringing the total to \$3 million in each year of the biennium.

7. **Preserve local authority to regulate short-term rentals**

No two municipalities face the same opportunities and challenges when it comes to regulating short-term rentals. However, following best practices and working with community stakeholders has proven to be an important and effective tool in making short-term rentals work for all parts of the community. While short-term rentals are a prominent issue today, the challenge of balancing competing community interests is not a new one for local leaders. Mayors, councilmembers and other local officials are well-equipped to help bring stakeholders together to understand and navigate potential trade-offs and create policies that work for both. The city urges the General Assembly to reject any legislation that erodes local authority to regulate short-term rentals.

8. **Support increase in maximum threshold for non judicial sale of tax delinquent real properties of minimal size and value**

The Code of Virginia § 58.1-3975 empowers the treasurer of a locality to sell at public auction a parcel of real property assessed at more than \$10,000 but no more than \$25,000 when taxes have been delinquent for a period of three years. As part of the East End Revitalization Program, the Newport News Treasurer takes low value abandoned vacant lots that have serious past due taxes to non-judicial sale tax auction. This includes 25 foot frontage lots that are merged into one 50 foot buildable lot and 37 foot frontage or greater lots that are buildable by right. The sale puts the lots in contractors hands to build new homes in accordance to the city's building requirements.

The real estate sales market has significantly driven-up the value of vacant lots. For FY24 assessed values on 37 foot to 50 foot frontage lots have increased over 30% and are now assessed in the range of \$37,000 and greater. The city supports increasing the value threshold in §58.1-3975 to \$40,000 in order to facilitate the continued revitalization of vacant and abandoned lots and foster increased housing supply.

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9. Maintain local revenue streams such as Machinery & Tools and BPOL taxes

The elimination or reduction of local revenue streams such as Machinery & Tools taxes or BPOL taxes results in a shift to city residents for the full cost of city services, such as public safety and education, which equally benefit residents and businesses. The burden of these taxes to most businesses is relatively small: two-thirds of Newport News businesses pay a flat fee of either \$30 or \$50, based on their annual gross receipts. Only one-third of the city's businesses pay a tax based on their business activity and the tax rate for that activity. In FY23, the revenue from these taxes made-up 8 percent of the Newport News General Fund. In FY23 the city collected approximately \$27.9 million in Machinery & Tools taxes and \$22 million in BPOL. To offset the loss of M&T and BPOL revenue, the city would have to increase the current real estate tax rate by a minimum of 23.3 cents. So, in order to compensate for the loss of local business taxes, which cost most businesses \$30 to \$50 annually, a home owner in the city's median home value range of \$265,000 would see increased real estate taxes of about \$617 annually. The Newport News City Council urges the General Assembly to reject any legislation that will reduce or eliminate local revenue streams such as Machinery & Tools and BPOL taxes.

10. Support funding for the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program

In 2022, the General Assembly created the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program (VMCIGP) to support local infrastructure projects that enhance the value of military installations in the Commonwealth and benefit both the local community and the installations. The 2022-2024 biennial budget included \$5 million for the program. Currently, defense communities in Virginia can apply for these funds to help offset the non-federal share of Department of Defense (DoD) grants. The initial allocation of \$5 million was obligated within the first year of the two-year budget cycle, demonstrating a clear need and demand for these funds. The City of Newport News received over \$1.2 million of the initial allocation as matching dollars for its Harwood's Mill Reservoir Dam Improvement Project. Across the Commonwealth, the initial \$5 million investment leveraged \$24 million in DoD grants. The city supports funding for the VMCIGP of \$5 million in each year of the next biennial budget. Further, the city supports expanding the program so grants can be awarded directly to defense communities instead of being restricted to offsetting the non-federal match of DoD grants.

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11. Support additional resources for school construction and modernization

The City of Newport News supports amending the Code of Virginia to allow all localities the option of increasing local sales taxes specifically for the purpose of school construction and major renovation. According to 2021 cost data from the Virginia Department of Education, the Commonwealth needs over \$7 billion to build, expand or renovate Virginia's K-12 schools. The needs continue to grow and far exceed the resources available to address them. Sales taxes are among the more common sources of dedicated revenue for funding school infrastructure projects, outside of property taxes, and are sometimes structured as a local option by referendum. At least 45 states and D.C. use sales taxes to fund school infrastructure projects. In Virginia, only a handful of localities have been given the authority to use local option sales taxes for school construction despite pervasive needs. All localities should have resources and a level playing field when it comes to school construction funding opportunities.

12. Oppose unfunded mandates

Public expectations of services provided by local government continue to increase while local revenue streams, which are heavily dependent on property, sales, and other taxes, are limited. The City of Newport News asks that the General Assembly: 1) refrain from creating unfunded mandates, 2) not adopt tax relief programs that sacrifice local revenues without a commitment to making communities whole, 3) fully meet the State's financial commitment to programs and services it deems essential, and 4) not create administrative and procedural hurdles that negatively impact the fair and timely collection of local revenue.

13. Support economic development and redevelopment incentive programs

The City of Newport News asks that the General Assembly increase funding for existing economic development/redevelopment incentive funds. These incentives play a pivotal role in attracting, retaining, and expanding business. Programs that support redevelopment are especially important for Newport News because we are an urban city that is virtually fully developed. Grant programs that assist with redevelopment and rehabilitation will continue to be essential as we work to repurpose and redevelop strategic properties in the city.

Three very important economic development tools for Newport News include:

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Enterprise Zones - The General Assembly should provide sum-sufficient funding for the Enterprise Zone program. This program creates an improved climate for private sector investment, development and expansion in targeted areas by providing state grants and local tax relief. Newport News consistently ranks as one of the top Enterprise Zones in the state, regularly placing at or near the top in grant dollars leveraged and total number of qualifying businesses. When the General Assembly fails to provide sufficient program funding, grants are then prorated which significantly impacts the effectiveness of the program. The City of Newport News urges the General Assembly to provide the amount of funding needed to fully honor grant awards and maintain the effectiveness of this important economic development tool.

Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP) - The General Assembly should provide a minimum of \$5M funding in each year of the biennium for VJIP. VJIP provides services and funding to companies creating new jobs or experiencing technological change to reduce the human resource development costs for new companies, expanding companies, and companies retraining their employees. VJIP provides valuable assistance supporting workforce development at the local level and allows flexibility to meet specific needs of businesses.

Virginia Investment Performance Grant (VIP) - The VIP Grant encourages continued capital investment by existing Virginia companies, resulting in added capacity, modernization, increased productivity, or the creation, development, and utilization of advanced technology. We encourage the General Assembly to increase funding for this program.

14. Support public safety and community violence intervention

Building communities across the Commonwealth where all residents feel safe and are safe is a core function of government. Localities cannot accomplish this task alone and must rely on the significant resources of the Commonwealth to identify, implement, and fund public safety and community violence intervention programs. The City of Newport News supports initiatives that stem the tide of community violence such as crisis intervention training programs, expanded services and supports for teenagers and young adults, and helping formerly incarcerated individuals successfully reenter their communities. Additionally, the city supports Commonwealth funding of HB599, aid to local police departments, as stipulated by the distribution formula in the Code of Virginia. The current practice of basing

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local allocations on instructions in the Appropriations Act for a standard, across-the-board percentage increase or decrease from the previous fiscal year results in funding levels far below what would occur from calculating HB599 funds on even the anticipated revenue growth since 2000.

15. Support increased funding for road maintenance for port host cities

In 2006, the General Assembly allocated \$1 million for the host cities of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) for road maintenance due to the impact of the trucks on local roads. This amount has never increased despite the tremendous expansion of truck traffic, legislation that has allowed for increased truck weights, the time value of money, and inflation. The City of Newport News supports a minimum increase of \$1 million in each year of the biennium, bringing the fund to \$2 million each year. The fund will assist port host localities and facilitate better access for trucks to port sites.

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The City of Newport News is a member of the Virginia Municipal League, Virginia First Cities, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, Hampton Roads Transit, Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, and the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board. Each of these organizations adopts its own legislative agenda and unless otherwise stated, the City of Newport News supports the legislative agendas of these organizations.



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November 14, 2023



SECTION: Other City Council Actions

ITEM: Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code Chapter 2, Administration, By Creating Article XVII. Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:



Health, Safety
& Well-being



Education &
Learning



Opportunity &
Economic
Prosperity



Fun,
Entertainment
& Culture



Welcoming
Communities &
Connected
Neighborhoods



Quality
Government &
Innovation



Environmental
Stewardship &
Sustainability

ACTION:

A Request to Adopt an Ordinance Amending and Reordaining City Code Chapter 2, Administration, By Creating Article XVII. Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 1989, the City established the Newport News Advisory Committee on Disabilities (Committee). The Committee's main duties included advising City Council of potential access problems throughout the City and making recommendations for access compliance. In 2014, after years of inactivity, the Committee was dissolved.

It has been requested that the City re-establish an advisory committee with similar functions, as set forth in the attached Ordinance, all of which aim to assist the City in meeting the needs of persons with disabilities.

City Council is requested to adopt the proposed Ordinance which will amend City Code Chapter 2, Administration, adding Article XVII. Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

[City Code Chapter 2 Administration: Adding Article XVII. Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities - 11-14-2023 - Ordinance](#)

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, BY CREATING ARTICLE XVII. MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

That Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the City of Newport News, Virginia, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by adding thereto, Article XVII. Mayor's Committee For Persons With Disabilities, as follows:

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE XVII. MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Sec. 2-534. Creation of committee.

There is hereby created an advisory committee of the City of Newport News to be known as the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities, hereinafter referred to in this article as the committee.

Sec. 2-535. Composition; appointment and terms of members; organization.

The committee shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the city council. Membership shall be selected to include, as a majority, persons with disabilities or immediate family members of persons with disabilities. For purposes of this article, persons with disabilities shall be defined to include those persons who have a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activity. Appointments shall reflect, whenever possible, the diversity of functional groups within that population, including but not limited to the blind, deaf, mentally handicapped, amputees, and persons with mobility impairments. Three (3) of the initial members shall be appointed for a one (1) year term commencing on January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024. Three (3) of the initial members shall be appointed for a two (2) year term commencing on January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2025. Three (3) of the initial members shall be appointed for a three (3) year term commencing on January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2026. Thereafter, all committee members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms.

The committee shall elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary from among its members. The committee shall adopt procedures for conducting its affairs, and shall meet at least quarterly.

Sec. 2-536. Powers and duties.

The committee shall serve as an advisory body to the city council. The committee's functions shall be the following:

- (a) To analyze the needs of persons with disabilities in the city.
- (b) To determine and assess resources available to meet the needs of persons with disabilities in the city.
- (c) To advise the mayor, city council and city manager on the needs of persons with disabilities.
- (d) To assist the mayor, city council and city manager in responding to the needs of persons with disabilities by reviewing city code and city policy and recommending amendments to assure compliance with state and federal law and to remove physical and other barriers which confront persons with disabilities.
- (e) To assist the mayor, city council and city manager in conducting special events and awareness campaigns focusing on persons with disabilities.
- (f) To review and make recommendations to the mayor, city council and city manager regarding city diversity and inclusion policies and programming for persons with disabilities.
- (g) To provide a forum in which persons with disabilities and their advocates may make known the problems and challenges they face in daily life and make recommendations for corrective actions.
- (h) To review and make recommendations to the mayor, city council and city manager on programs, policies and services that might remove barriers faced by persons with disabilities in housing, transportation, building access, public accommodations, employment, health, social services, and education.
- (i) To assist the city in identifying outside funds available for carrying out programs, policies, and services recommended by the committee.
- (j) To cooperate and coordinate with the Governor's and President's committees for persons with disabilities.

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SECTION: Other City Council Actions

ITEM: Resolution of the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia,
Accepting the Donation of an Off-Road Ambulance

DEPARTMENT: Fire

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:



Health, Safety
& Well-being



Education &
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Opportunity &
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Prosperity



Fun,
Entertainment
& Culture



Welcoming
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ACTION:

A Request to Approve a Resolution of the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia,
Accepting the Donation of an Off-Road Ambulance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) has offered to donate a MedStat 500 Off-Road Ambulance, valued at \$73,000, to the City of Newport News. HRPDC purchased the vehicle to support the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System (HRMMRS), using funds from federal Metropolitan Medical Response System contracts and grants.

HRPDC has agreed to transfer ownership of the vehicle to be used by the City to augment the City's emergency medical response resources during a mass casualty, disaster or terrorism event as part of HRMMRS.

It is requested that City Council accept the donation of the MedStat 500 Off Road Ambulance to be used by the City for this purpose.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Accepting the Donation of an Off-Road Ambulance from HR Planning District Commission - 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA,
ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF AN OFF ROAD AMBULANCE.

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (“HRPDC”) has offered to donate a MedStat 500 Off Road Ambulance (VIN# A7BS592M7NB011785), valued at \$73,000, to the City of Newport News; and

WHEREAS, HRPDC purchased the vehicle to support the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System (“HRMMRS”), using funds from federal Metropolitan Medical Response System contracts and grants; and

WHEREAS, HRPDC has agreed to transfer ownership of the vehicle to be used by the City to augment the City’s emergency medical response resources during a mass casualty, disaster or terrorism event as part of HRMMRS; and

WHEREAS, the Acting City Manager recommends to City Council that this donation be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby accepts the donation of a MedStat 500 Off Road Ambulance (VIN# A7BS592M7NB011785), valued at \$73,000, from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.
2. That it hereby extends its sincere appreciation to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for this donation.
3. That the Acting City Manager, or his designee, is authorized and directed to accept this donation and to sign, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form, all documents necessary to effectuate the donation.
4. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, November 14, 2023.

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SECTION: Other City Council Actions

ITEM: Item 1 of 2: Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Purchase of Certain Real Property Located at 15674 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia

DEPARTMENT: Waterworks

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

						
Health, Safety & Well-being	Education & Learning	Opportunity & Economic Prosperity	Fun, Entertainment & Culture	Welcoming Communities & Connected Neighborhoods	Quality Government & Innovation	Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

ACTION:

A Request to Approve a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Purchase of Certain Real Property Located at 15674 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Newport News Waterworks is engaged in a comprehensive Lee Hall Complex Master Plan partly designed to relocate employees at offices from City Center to Lee Hall. The primary elements of this plan encompass the creation of a customer-facing facility providing convenient access to and from Warwick Boulevard and Interstate 64 and a new Administrative Building accommodating multiple Waterworks Divisions.

Approximately 65% of Waterworks employees currently operate from the Lee Hall Maintenance and Operations Center (LHMOC) and the Lee Hall Water Treatment Plant; upon plan implementation, 90% of Waterworks employees would operate from the Lee Hall Complex.

Newport News Waterworks and the owner of the property at 15674 Warwick Boulevard, WarJeff, LLC, have agreed upon purchase price of \$875,270.00. This purchase price represents a premium of 10% above the City's assessed value of \$795,700.00.

This strategic acquisition aligns with key objectives outlined in the Waterworks Lee Hall Complex Master Plan. The acquired property would be repurposed to accommodate Waterworks' Customer Service Branch and other customer-facing personnel. Situated at the crossroads of Warwick Boulevard and Industrial Park Drive, it will establish a strong and outward-facing presence for the City, amplifying its profile and services within the community. This property's ideal location is strategically adjacent to LHMOC, enhancing operational efficiency and cohesion within Waterworks operations.

Engineering design has begun for this estimated \$10,000,000 project. The design costs to date are \$186,856. At this time, City Council is requested to appropriate \$1,062,126 in Waterworks Revenue Bond Funds to support design costs and land acquisition costs.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

The project cost is \$1,062,126.00 for the purchase of the property (\$875,270.00) and engineering design supporting the Waterworks Lee Hall Complex master plan. Funding for the project is sourced from Waterworks Revenue Bond funds.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[15674 Warwick Blvd – 11-14-2023 – Aerial](#)

[Waterworks Acquisition of 15674 Warwick Boulevard - 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)



- Red – Outlines the property at 15674 Warwick Boulevard
- Blue – Outlines Newport News Waterworks' Lee Hall Complex

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15674 WARWICK BOULEVARD, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA.

WHEREAS, the WarJeff, LLC, is the current owner of an approximately 1.34 acre parcel of land located at 15674 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia (Parcel ID: 057.0001-05) (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City has offered to purchase the Property; and

WHEREAS, WarJeff, LLC has agreed to convey the Property to the City for the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$875,270.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby authorizes the voluntary acquisition, by general warranty deed, of that parcel of land located in Newport News, Virginia, commonly known as 15674 Warwick Boulevard (Parcel ID: 057.0001-05), comprised of 1.34 acres, more or less.
2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to act for and on behalf of the City of Newport News, Virginia, in purchasing the Property for the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$875,270.00), provided that any outstanding claims against the Property for taxes, deeds of trust, or other liens shall be paid by the seller.
3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and the City Clerk to attest, on behalf of the City of Newport News, Virginia, any and all agreements, deeds, permits, or other documents necessary to effectuate the purchase and complete the transaction, provided that all such documents shall be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney before execution.
4. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, November 14, 2023.

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SECTION: Other City Council Actions

ITEM: Item 2 of 2: Resolution to Appropriate Funds from Waterworks Revenue Bonds to Purchase Property Located at 15674 Warwick Boulevard – \$1,062,126

DEPARTMENT: Waterworks

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

Health, Safety & Well-being	Education & Learning	Opportunity & Economic Prosperity	Fun, Entertainment & Culture	Welcoming Communities & Connected Neighborhoods	Quality Government & Innovation	Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

ACTION:

A Request to Approve a Resolution Appropriating \$1,062,126 from Waterworks Revenue Bonds to Purchase Property Located at 15674 Warwick Boulevard.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Newport News Waterworks is engaged in a comprehensive Lee Hall Complex Master Plan partly designed to relocate employees at offices from City Center to Lee Hall. The primary elements of this plan encompass the creation of a customer-facing facility providing convenient access to and from Warwick Boulevard and Interstate 64 and a new Administrative Building accommodating multiple Waterworks Divisions.

Approximately 65% of Waterworks employees currently operate from the Lee Hall Maintenance and Operations Center (LHMOC) and the Lee Hall Water Treatment Plant; upon plan implementation, 90% of Waterworks employees would operate from the Lee Hall Complex.

Newport News Waterworks and the owner of the property at 15674 Warwick Boulevard, WarJeff, LLC, have agreed upon the purchase price of \$875,270.00. This purchase price represents a premium of 10% above the City's assessed value of \$795,700.00.

This strategic acquisition aligns with key objectives outlined in the Waterworks Lee Hall Complex Master Plan. The acquired property would be repurposed to accommodate the

Waterworks' Customer Service Branch and other customer-facing personnel. Situated at the crossroads of Warwick Boulevard and Industrial Park Drive, it will establish a strong and outward-facing presence for the City, amplifying its profile and services within the community. This property's ideal location is strategically adjacent to LHMOC, enhancing operational efficiency and cohesion within Waterworks' operations.

Engineering design has begun for this estimated \$10,000,000 project. The design costs to date are \$186,856. At this time, City Council is requested to appropriate \$1,062,126 in Waterworks Revenue Bond Funds to support design costs and land acquisition costs.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

The total projected cost for Phase I of this plan is estimated at \$10,000,000. City Council is requested to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,062,126 at this time. These costs are \$875,270 for the purchase of the property and \$186,856 for project Engineering design costs to date. Funding for this project is sourced from Waterworks Revenue Bond funds.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[15674 Warwick Blvd –11-14-2023 – Aerial](#)

[Waterworks-Revenue Bonds - Purchase of 15674 Warwick Blvd Appropriation \(\\$1,062,126\) - 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)



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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM WATERWORKS REVENUE BOND PROCEEDS TO WATERWORKS CONSTRUCTION AND WATERWORKS ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15674 WARWICK BOULEVARD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News:

That it hereby appropriates funds from Waterworks Revenue Bond Proceeds to Waterworks Construction and Waterworks Engineering Services, as follows:

Appropriate From:

Waterworks Revenue Bond Proceeds	
6001-600-41-0000-400500-000000-	
0000-00000-	\$ 1,062,126

Appropriate To:

Waterworks - Construction	
6001-600-41-4173-579708-000000-	
2021-00000-P1006	\$ 875,270
Waterworks – Engineering Services	
6001-600-41-4173-579702-000000-	
2021-00000-P1006	\$ 186,856

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SECTION: Appropriations

ITEM: Item 1 of 2: Virginia Commission for the Arts – Local Government Challenge Grant: Local Performing and Fine Arts Foundation – \$4,500

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:



Health, Safety & Well-being



Education & Learning



Opportunity & Economic Prosperity



Fun, Entertainment & Culture



Welcoming Communities & Connected Neighborhoods



Quality Government & Innovation



Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

ACTION:

A Request to Approve a Resolution Appropriating \$4,500 of the State Grant Revenue from the Virginia Commission for the Arts for Allocation by the City of Newport News, Virginia to the Local Performing and Fine Arts Foundation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Virginia Commission for the Arts has awarded the City of Newport News, Virginia (City) a \$4,500 Local Government Challenge Grant.

These grant funds will be utilized in conjunction with the \$154,879 approved in the City’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operating Budget for Support for the Performing Arts to award individual grants to eligible performing and fine arts organizations.

The combined funding available for FY 2024 is \$159,379.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

Approval of this resolution allows for the receipt of \$4,500 in State grant funds. The City’s matching funds of \$154,879 have been budgeted in the FY 2024 Operating Budget, in Community Support of the General Fund.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Government Challenge Grant Appropriation \(\\$4,500\)
– 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE GRANT TO VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS GRANT - SUPPORT FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News:

That it hereby appropriates funds from Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Government Challenge Grant to Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant - Support for the Performing Arts, as follows:

Appropriate From:

Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Government Challenge Grant - 2640-000-37-3796-482000-000000- 0000-37R24-37R24	\$	4,500
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Appropriate To:

Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant - Support for the Performing Arts - 2640-000-37-3796-556302-000000- 0000-37R24-37R24	\$	4,500
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November 14, 2023



SECTION: Appropriations

ITEM: Item 2 of 2: Resolution Approving Specific Grant Awards to Various Local Performing and Fine Arts Organizations, in Accordance with Recommendations from the Newport News Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:



Health, Safety & Well-being



Education & Learning



Opportunity & Economic Prosperity



Fun, Entertainment & Culture



Welcoming Communities & Connected Neighborhoods



Quality Government & Innovation



Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

ACTION:

A Request to Approve a Resolution Approving Specific Grant Awards to Various Local Performing and Fine Arts Organizations, in Accordance with Recommendations from the Newport News Arts Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Through an annual competitive application process, the Newport News Arts Commission makes recommendations to City Council for allocation of City and State grant funds to various local performing and fine arts organizations.

Grant awards are made in two tiers, for General Operating Support and for Project Support. Applications for the annual Arts Commission awards were made in July 2023 for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 award cycle.

The combined funding of City and State grants available for FY 2024 is \$159,379. Sixteen (16) organizations are recommended to receive General Operating Support of \$95,150. Thirteen (13) organizations are recommended to receive \$64,229 for Project Support. The slate of proposed General Operating Support and Project Support is listed on the attached resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

City Council approved \$154,879 in the FY 2024 Operating Budget for Support to Performing Arts. This amount provides the local match required for the \$4,500 Virginia Commission for

the Arts Grant recommended for appropriation under separate action. Combined available funds is \$159,379 in FY 2024.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[NNAC Recommended Operating Support FY24 – 11-14-2023](#)

[NNAC Recommended Project Support FY24 – 11-14-2023](#)

[NNAC Not Recommended- FY24 – 11-14-2023](#)

[Grant Awards to Various Local Performing & Fine Arts Organizations Appropriation – 11-14-2023 – Resolution](#)

**City of Newport News
Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions**

GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (General Operating Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
1	Big Pink Music Big Pink Music is a nonprofit, member-supported organization dedicated to the enrichment of the human spirit through the presentation, encouragement, and preservation of live music. Big Pink Music provides a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all people to perform, listen to, appreciate, and share live music. Funds will support monthly open mics, singer/songwriter in-the-round shows, and special events.	Michael Adams	\$5,000.00	\$500.00
2	Ferguson Center 2023-2024 Performance Season Christopher Newport University's Ferguson Center for the Arts has become an international force, presenting the finest cultural attractions in the world. They are proud to offer a broad range of performances to reach the largest possible number of community members while maintaining their status as the finest performing arts center in Hampton Roads.	J. Roger Hamilton	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00
3	Hampton Roads Philharmonic The Hampton Roads Philharmonic (HRP) showcases the area's rich musical talent in four to six exciting full symphony orchestra programs throughout the season, and provides educational and community outreach opportunities in schools, retirement communities, and cultural institutions. The HRP includes active and retired military, music teachers, students, senior citizens, and youth.	Michael Adams	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00

**City of Newport News
Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions**

GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (General Operating Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
4	The Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center Serving the Christopher Newport community, Hampton Roads and all of Virginia, the Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center (The Torggler) cultivates extraordinary encounters with the visual arts. The Torggler's exhibitions are free to the public and feature nationally and internationally-acclaimed artists, as well as local artists and area students. They are accompanied by free lectures, gallery talks, guided tours, field trips, and other special events, and are complemented by year-round studio art classes for youth and adults in our community.	J. Roger Hamilton	\$50,000.00	\$13,500
5	Mildred McDaniel Concert Series The Mildred McDaniel Concert Series provides an intimate venue for superior quality musical, vocal, instrumental, and theatrical performances for the City of Newport News and beyond. For nearly 20 years, the concert series has provided exceptional musical programs that are free and open to the public.	Katie Sheehan Smith	\$1,670.00	\$1,650.00
6	Mosaic Steel Orchestra Mosaic Steel Orchestra provides no-fee out-of-school Steelpan ensembles. The proposed general operation cost is proportionate to services offered to Newport News residents and includes program development, grant writing, community engagement, marketing, and finance.	Robert Walters	\$25,000.00	\$8,000.00

**City of Newport News
Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions**

GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (General Operating Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
7	Newport News Public Art Foundation The Newport News Public Art Foundation seeks general operating support for three main programs: commissioning and installing world-class, contemporary art in highly visible locations; maintaining the collection; and conducting outreach within the community to help them appreciate the art around them.	Pat Nahormek	\$8,000.00	\$7,500.00
8	Peninsula Community Theatre Peninsula Community Theatre provides performance opportunities to volunteer artists and quality live theatre to a diverse regional audience. Their five mainstage productions this season will include two musicals, two comedies, and one absurdist dramatic comedy. PCT will also produce two musical cabarets and three children's theatre performances.	Katie Stodgill	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00
9	Peninsula Youth Orchestra Peninsula Youth Orchestra (PYO) is a program of Soundscapes, Inc. PYO provides opportunities for intermediate and advanced students musicians from 12-25 to build their skills and experience through weekly rehearsals and frequent performances. PYO consists of four ensembles: a string ensemble, a wind band, and a full symphony orchestra, and a performance ensemble for the most experienced students.	Robert Walters	\$10,000.00	\$4,000.00

**City of Newport News
Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions**

GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (General Operating Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
10	Port Warwick Foundation The Port Warwick Foundation aims to organize and manage free arts and entertainment events at Styron Square in Port Warwick, Newport News. They will offer three primary programs: the 19th Annual Port Warwick Art and Sculpture; the Port Warwick Holiday Tree Lighting; and the Port Warwick Summer Concert Series.	Lynne Allen	\$6,000	\$5,000.00
11	Tidewater Arts Outreach (TAO) Tidewater Arts Outreach programs enhance its participants' physical, emotional, and mental wellness. Funding will support 55-70 minute programs consisting of interactive music and performing arts presentations, participatory spoken word/poetry, songwriting workshops, and hands-on visual projects. In addition, TAO produces programs in partnership with senior living communities, nursing homes, hospitals, shelters, hospice providers, day support centers, and other organizations that serve a population prone to isolating circumstances.	Michael Adams	\$7,500	\$5,000.00
12	Virginia Choral Society The Virginia Choral Society's mission is to enhance quality of life by performing the finest choral music to inspire audiences of all ages. Funds requested in this proposal will be used to support choral concerts in Newport News. The 2023-2024 concert season consists of six ticketed concerts, four of which are in Newport News. A large percentage of the Society's members lives in Newport News.	Katie Stodgill	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00

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Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions**

GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (General Operating Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
13	The Virginia Opera Association, Inc. The Virginia Opera Association, Inc. is committed to engaging, educating, and exciting a diverse base of audiences, volunteers, and professionals through producing quality performances in Virginia. Therefore, the Virginia Opera requests general operating support for <i>Art Accessibility and Excellence</i> for Newport News residents. The 2023- 2024 programming includes four Mainstage productions, and one community production at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center, plus Student Night at the Opera tickets will be available for students and their chaperones. Public concerts and pre-performance lectures are offered free of charge.	Pat Nahormek	\$10,000.00	\$4,000.00
14	Virginia Stage Company (VSC) Virginia State Company is the area's leading professional theater destination, serving an audience of over 50,000 annually. Funding will assist VSC with general operating support to continue rebuilding post-pandemic. VSC will open its 45 th season in October 2023 with five mainstage productions and a holiday offering. Funding will also assist in keeping performances fully accessible and inclusive.	Richard Reese	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
15	Virginia Symphony Orchestra (VSO) The VSO offers world-class orchestral performances to over 10,000 people, including 2,250 NNPS students who attend Young People's Concerts at the Ferguson Center. These concerts feature a variety of repertoire, in addition to the regular performance season. They also provide Lifelong Learning programs and Sensory-Friendly Concerts specifically designed for neuro-diverse audience members who may not feel comfortable in a standard concert setting.	Pat Nahormek	\$25,000	\$10,000.00

City of Newport News
Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions

GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (General Operating Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
16	Young Audiences Arts for Learning Virginia, Inc. (YAV) Young Audiences of Virginia (YAV) strives to bring innovation and imagination to education through the arts. YAV requests funding to support high-quality arts-in-education programs in Newport News. Operating funds will be used to continue to provide the services that they offer: paying professional artistic and administrative staff competitive fees/salaries; funding the programs and technology required to run an effective nonprofit organization; and subsidizing programs so that remain free of cost for families.	Katie Sheehan Smith	\$12,000.00	\$9,000.00
OPERATING SUPPORT SUBTOTAL			\$207,370	\$95,150

**City of Newport News
Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions**

GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (Project Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
1	Access Virginia Access Virginia requests funding for the continuation and expansion of services currently offered. First, they wish to continue offering open captioning at Ferguson Center for the Arts and both open captioning and audio descriptions at Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center. Second, Access Virginia wishes to add audio descriptions at Ferguson Center for the Arts and tours at the James A. Fields House in FY24. Finally, they are creating a program through which they train venues and museums on how to improve the accessibility of the visitor experience.	Katie Stodghill	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
2	The CAN Foundation The CAN Foundation seeks funding for their Residency and Multidisciplinary Arts Program in Newport News. Two artists per quarter will participate in three month residencies, for a total of four residency programs featuring eight artists-in-residence over the course of the year. During their time in residency, the artists will produce work for quarterly exhibitions and accompanying programming.	J. Roger Hamilton	\$36,000.00	\$12,000.00
3	Ferguson Center Ferguson Center requests funding for the <i>Arts for All</i> initiative, which provides complimentary tickets to schools and non-profit organizations serving families, children, and at-risk communities throughout Hampton Roads. The goal for the 2023-2024 season is to provide up to 3,000 <i>Arts for All</i> tickets to Newport News residents. This initiative also includes masterclasses for area students and services for patrons with disabilities.	J. Roger Hamilton	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
4	The Mariners' Museum The Mariners' Museum requests funding to support physical improvements in the Exploration Gallery to better connect with visitors. The Museum will contract with the Contemporary Arts Network to hire a lead creative, Asa Jackson, who will select a team of artists to assist in designing an art installation to display the Museum's collection of navigational tools from around the world.	Katie Sheehan Smith	\$10,000.00	\$8,500.00

**City of Newport News
Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions**

GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (Project Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
5	Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center The Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center requests funding to support Family Fun Days, child and family-friendly events that are free and open to the community. Held four Saturdays per year, each event features art projects, gallery scavenger hunts, artist demonstrations, refreshments, and more. Family Fun Days are designed as a fun and creative way to help children and families engage with work on view in the galleries.	J. Roger Hamilton	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
6	Rainbow Productions, Inc. Rainbow Productions requests funding to create and present "Beautiful Tales," a trilogy of tales based on the idea of beauty. It will include three musical re-tellings of children's classics: <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> , <i>The Ugly Duckling</i> , and <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> . The show will feature local and national actors. Rainbow Productions will perform this show locally at the Virginia Living Museum, the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center, and local libraries.	J. Roger Hamilton	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00
7	Shark City Drum Shark City teaches the students the fundamentals of drum and dance, and mentors the students about becoming knowledgeable adults. The program has helped over 30 students receive full musical scholarships from various HBCUs across the country. Shark City also teaches elementary and middle school children and recently this year started a senior citizen drumline in local community senior centers. Shark City offers practice sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center and has virtual classes on Wednesdays.	Lisa Wallace-Davis	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
8	Virginia Arts Festival The Virginia Arts Festival requests funding for a week-long residency with Dance Theatre of Harlem. The Festival expects to serve 2,800 through the Newport News dance events and an additional 200 Newport News students, teachers, and chaperones through additional arts education events throughout the school year.	Richard Reese	\$10,000.00	\$2,729.00

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GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (Project Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUN T FUNDED
9	Virginia Living Museum (VLM) The Virginia Living Museum requests to support the Holiday Arts & Science programs on December 27-29, 2023. A theatrical "Storytime with the Animals" will be presented by Museum educators, offered twice a day for three consecutive days. This program will build on the success of past holiday programs at the Museum, which have engaged hundreds of Newport News residents each year. The programs are targeted to school-age children and their families during the public schools' Winter Break. "Storytime with the Animals" will entertain, educate, and enrich young guests, teaching them about native wildlife and natural science, while engaging them in theatrical performances that integrate arts and craft activities.	Lisa Wallace-Davis	\$9,500.00	\$8,500.00
10	The Virginia Opera Association, Inc. The Virginia Opera Association, Inc. requests funding to support "Opera in the Classroom," through which they aim to provide K-12 audiences with opera and performance education. "Opera in the Classroom" brings magical, professional, engaging opera to students with relatable and age-appropriate content.	Pat Nahormek	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00
11	Virginia Stage Company Virginia Stage Company (VSC) is southeastern Virginia's leading regional non-profit theater, serving an audience of over 50,000+ annually. Funding will help VSC's education and community engagement programs in 2023-2024, such as in-person workshops and tours. This includes bringing <i>Every Brilliant Thing</i> and <i>GreenBeats Live!</i> To Newport News.	Richard Reese	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00

**City of Newport News
Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions**

GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING (Project Support)		COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUN T FUNDED
12	WHRO WHRO requests funding for <i>Curate</i> , a local arts program developed for TV broadcast that blends local art, artists, venues, and the vibrant emerging regional art scene. As part of the program, WHRO shares its Curate 757 segments other public media stations around the nation, connecting arts across state lines and perhaps inspiring artists to experiment with unexplored mediums and avenues. As WHRO highlights artists from Newport News, other public media stations share our work through our national partnership.	Lynne Allen	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
13	The Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra The Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra seeks funding for “Cirque de la Symphonie,” a production designed to bring the wonder of Cirque to the concert hall. The audience will enjoy the music of cinema favorites as former Olympians, world-record holders, and many of the best cirque artists from around the world thrill them with death-defying aerial artistry, contortion, dancing, juggling, balancing, and strongmen. Prior to the concert, an Instrument Petting Zoo will take place in the lobby. This program will take place at the Ferguson Center for the Arts.	David Duck	\$5,000.00	\$500.00
PROJECT SUPPORT SUBTOTAL			\$129,500	\$64,229

**City of Newport News
Arts Commission
Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Descriptions – Not Recommended**

	GRANT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2024 FUNDING	COMMISSION LIAISON	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT FUNDED
1	I AM ME (Operating Support) Mission is to promote music education by offering engaging and innovative, creative and performing arts programs for children of all ages. Currently operates and serves Williamsburg. *At this time does not serve Newport News residents. The application states the organization would, “plan to utilize facilities in Newport News for any workshops or performances that they may have”.		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
2	I AM ME (Project Support) The grant application submitted for Project Support was identical to the application for Operating Support.		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
3	Studio 360 (Operating Support) Studio 360 is dedicated to dance training with a high technical standard, without stressful peer competition. We believe in developing students who are distinctive in both dance technique, and personal character. *Located in Norfolk at Old Dominion University - Diehn Fine & Performing Arts Center. No classes offered on the Peninsula.		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
4	Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra (Operating Support) *Applied for both Operating & Project Support. Recommended funding for Project Support only.		\$5,000.00	0.00
NOT RECOMMENDED SUBTOTAL			\$11,000.00	\$0.00

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, has adopted a resolution to establish the Newport News Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, one of this Commission’s functions is to advise City Council on the allocation of City monies to local performing and fine arts organizations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has appropriated one hundred fifty-four thousand, eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars (\$154,879.00) in the FY 2024 budget to support these arts organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission has solicited applications for project support or general operating grants, has reviewed all grant requests which were received and has voted after extensive consideration to recommend to City Council the allocation of the one hundred fifty-four thousand, eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars (\$154,879.00) appropriation and a four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) Virginia Commission for the Arts grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves grant awards to the below specified organizations in the amount recommended by the Newport News Arts Commission as follows:

GENERAL OPERATING AND PROJECT SUPPORT GRANTS

<u>Grant Title (General Operating Support)</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Big Pink Music	\$500
Ferguson Center for the Arts	15,000
Hampton Roads Philharmonic	2,000
Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center	13,500
Mildred McDaniel Concert Series	1,650
Mosaic Steel Orchestra	8,000
Newport News Public Art Foundation	7,500
Peninsula Community Theatre	7,000
Peninsula Youth Orchestra	4,000
Port Warwick Foundation	5,000
Tidewater Arts Outreach	5,000
Virginia Choral Society	1,000
Virginia Opera Association, Inc.	4,000
Virginia Stage Company	2,000
Virginia Symphony Orchestra	10,000
Young Audiences of Virginia, Inc.	9,000

<u>Grant Title (Project Support)</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Access Virginia	\$2,500
CAN Foundation	12,000
Ferguson Center for the Arts	10,000
Mariners' Museum	8,500
Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center	5,000
Rainbow Productions	4,500
Shark City Drum Project	3,000
Virginia Arts Festival	2,729
Virginia Living Museum	8,500
Virginia Opera Association, Inc.	2,000
Virginia Stage Company	2,000
WHRO	3,000
Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra	500
 Grand Total	 \$159,379

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute agreements with the above organizations to include the terms and conditions under which said organizations may expend the grant monies, such terms and conditions to be developed in conjunction with the Newport News Arts Commission.


Agenda Item Summary


City Council Regular Meeting
November 14, 2023





SECTION: Appropriations
ITEM: City Manager's Office – State Revenue: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 for the Coastal VA STEM Hub – \$350,000
DEPARTMENT: City Manager


STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:



Health, Safety & Well-being



Education & Learning


Opportunity & Economic Prosperity


Fun, Entertainment & Culture


Welcoming Communities & Connected Neighborhoods


Quality Government & Innovation


Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

ACTION:

A Request to Approve a Resolution Appropriating \$350,000 in State Revenue to Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 to Support the STEM Partnership between Virginia Peninsula Community College and the City of Newport News.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Virginia Peninsula Community College (VPCC) and the City of Newport News through the Coastal VA STEM Hub (COVA STEM Hub) partnership will advance the mutual goals of supporting STEM literacy, education, and training for regional communities, providing clear and accessible pathways to STEM careers in partnership with local employer partners, and in establishing and promoting inclusive communities of practice that lead to a more diverse STEM workforce. The COVA STEM Hub is an extension of the foundational services and training offered at Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center.

The Virginia General Assembly awarded grant funds to VPCC in the amount of \$500,000 in FY 2023 and planned \$500,000 for FY 2024 to support VPCC’s collaboration through the COVA STEM Hub. For FY 2024, it is requested that City Council appropriate the amount of \$350,000 to the City on behalf of COVA STEM Hub. These funds are to support the development and delivery of STEM enrichment activities and programs for Pre-k to adult participants, emphasizing in-demand regional career pathways in areas such as but not limited to aerospace and aviation, wind energy, maritime shipbuilding, information technology and advanced manufacturing.

These activities will be accomplished by supporting STEM program enhancements and expansion needs by providing for personnel cost, curriculum development, industry-related equipment, computers, software and training simulators for the STEM Digital Innovation and Fabrication Lab and the Opportunity Center. The balance of the State funding, \$150,000, will be retained by VPCC for programming and administrative costs.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

Approval of this resolution will result in the use of \$350,000 in State grant funds for FY 2024 to provide support to the partnership between Virginia Peninsula Community College and the City of Newport News. No local match is required for this grant.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[City Manager's Office - FY24 State Revenue-Coastal VA STEM Hub Program Appropriation \(\\$350,000\) - 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM STATE REVENUE TO FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024 TO SUPPORT THE STEM PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News:

That it hereby appropriates funds from State Revenue – COVA STEM to Other Professional Services, as follows:

Appropriate From:

State Revenue	
8680-400-03-0000-482000-000000-	
0000-03A23-03A23	\$ 350,000

Appropriate To:

Other Professional Services	
8680-400-03-0000-530020-000000-	
0000-03A23-03A23	\$ 350,000


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SECTION: Appropriations
ITEM: Department of Engineering – Fiscal Year 2024 Bond Authorization Streets and Bridges Category; Transportation Safety Improvement Programs – \$775,000
DEPARTMENT: Engineering


STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:



Health, Safety & Well-being



Education & Learning


Opportunity & Economic Prosperity


Fun, Entertainment & Culture


Welcoming Communities & Connected Neighborhoods


Quality Government & Innovation


Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

ACTION:

A Requested to Approve a Resolution Appropriating \$775,000 from Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Bond Authorization Streets and Bridges Category for Transportation Safety Improvement Programs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Transportation Safety Improvement Programs are annual initiatives included in the Streets and Bridges category of the Capital Improvement Plan. Programs approved for FY 2024 include LED Street Light Upgrades/Additions and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Program. The total funding request for these programs is \$775,000.

The requested funding for each of these programs is:

LED Street Light Upgrades/Additions: This program supports the City’s street lighting program which is designed to provide well-lighted streets throughout the City compliant with current standards, thereby improving pedestrian and vehicular safety, increasing street capacities and suppressing crime, resulting in livable communities and urban development. Additional program features include ensuring quality, efficiency, cost effectiveness, ease of operation and maintenance. The appropriation request for this program is \$500,000.

Pedestrian Safety Improvements Program: This program provides for the construction of physical structures and/or installation of traffic control devices, which include, but are not

limited to, new crosswalks; pedestrian actuated flashing beacons; school flashers; accessible pedestrian traffic signals; pedestrian refuge islands, etc. Improvements proposed under this program will enhance or add to existing infrastructure to increase the safety and comfort level for pedestrians, which in turn will encourage pedestrian activity and safer access. The appropriation request for this program is \$275,000.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

This request will appropriate \$775,000 from FY 2024 Bond Authorization, Streets and Bridges Category for Transportation Safety Improvement Programs.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

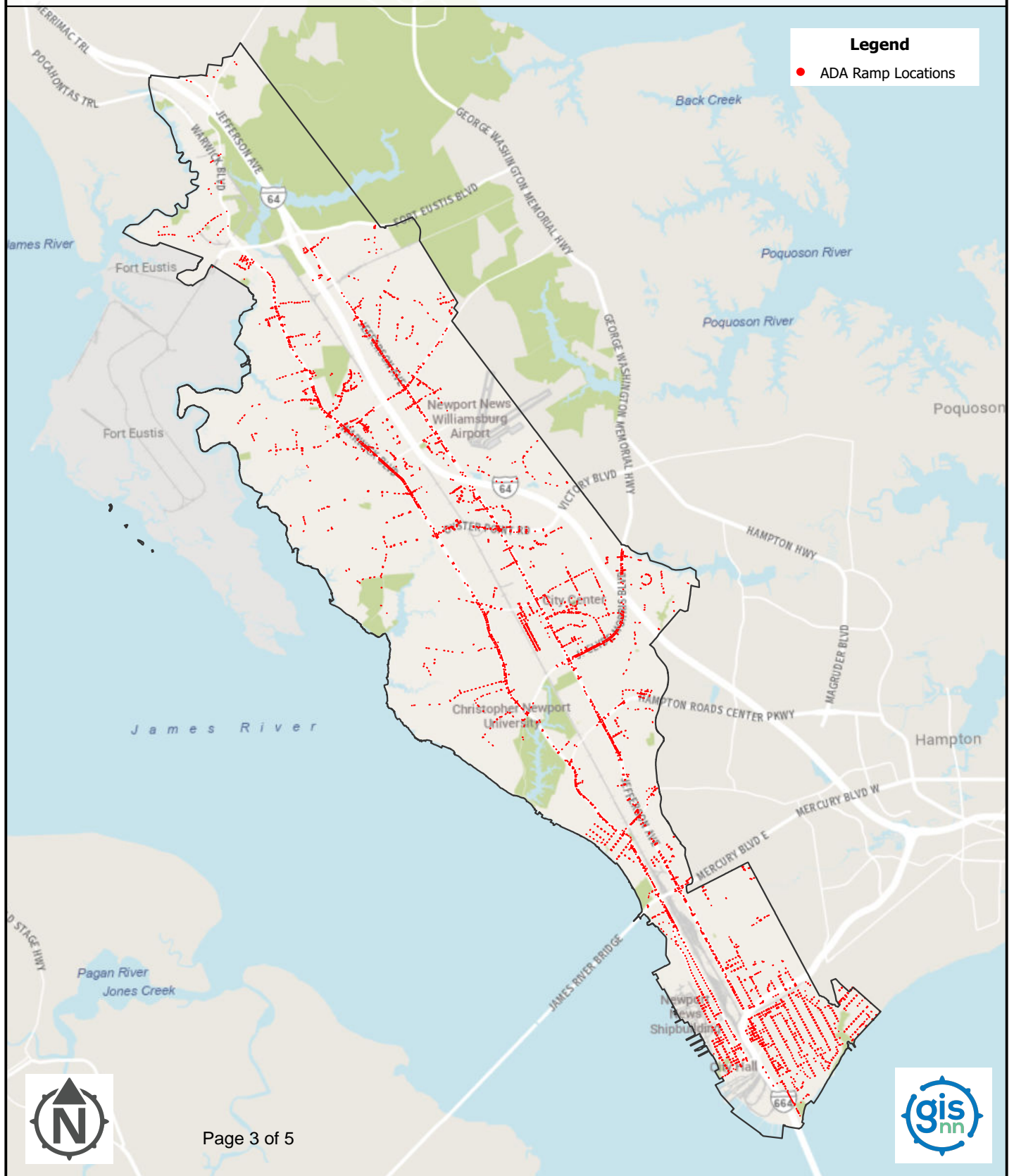
ATTACHMENTS:

[Pedestrian Safety Improvements Program – 11-14-2023 – Aerial](#)

[City Owned Streetlight Maintenance – 11-14-2023 – Aerial](#)

[Engineering FY24 Bond Authorization-Transportation Safety Improvements Appropriation \(\\$775,000\) - 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)

Pedestrian Safety Improvements Program





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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024 BOND AUTHORIZATION, STREETS AND BRIDGES CATEGORY, FOR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News:

That it hereby appropriates funds from Bonds Authorized and Unissued - Streets and Bridges Category to LED Street Light Upgrades/Additions and Pedestrian Safety Improvements, as follows:

Appropriate From:

Bonds Authorized and Unissued – Streets and Bridges Category 4104-250-70-700J-579000-000000- 2024-00000-J0000	\$	775,000
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Appropriate To:

LED Street Light Upgrades/Additions 4104-250-70-700J-579420-000000- 2024-00000-J2708	\$	500,000
Pedestrian Safety Improvements 4104-250-70-700J-579420-000000- 2024-00000-J4510	\$	275,000


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SECTION: Appropriations
ITEM: Department of General Services – Fiscal Year 2024 Bond
Authorization, Public Buildings Category: Major Renovations and
Repairs – \$5,000,000
DEPARTMENT: General Services


STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:


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Health, Safety
& Well-being

Education &
Learning

Opportunity &
Economic
Prosperity

Fun,
Entertainment
& Culture

Welcoming
Communities &
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Neighborhoods

Quality
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Innovation

Environmental
Stewardship &
Sustainability

ACTION:
A Request to Approve a Resolution Appropriating \$5,000,000 from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Bond Authorization, Public Buildings Category for Major Renovations and Repairs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Building Services Division of the General Services Department is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of City-owned buildings. This responsibility includes replacing major HVAC systems, roof systems, building envelope, structural issues, entryways, life safety systems, major plumbing and electrical systems, asbestos abatement projects, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance/accessibility, and space renovations.

It is requested that City Council appropriate \$5,000,000 from the FY 2024 Bond Authorization, Public Buildings Category, to move forward with critical renovation and repair projects as consistent with the Adopted FY 2024 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

The Building Services Division maintains a prioritized list of projects to help schedule replacement of important building components based on known lifecycles. This appropriation helps to ensure that continued structural and operational integrity of City buildings, improve energy efficiency, and maintain and improve interior environmental conditions.

Examples of necessary expenditures over the next year:

- Justice Building: \$1,500,000 in window replacements
- Public Safety Building: \$675,000 in elevator replacements, \$450,000 in roof maintenance
- Main Courthouse: \$560,000 in elevator replacements
- Mid-Town Recreation Center: \$200,000 chiller replacement
- Circuit Court Building: \$1,025,000 HVAC replacements
- City Hall: \$480,000 HVAC replacements (perimeter units), \$300,000 in window replacements

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

Funding is available from the Public Buildings category in the FY 2024 Bond Authorization.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[General Services - FY24 Bond Authorization-Public Buildings Category Appropriation \(\\$5,000,000\) - 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024 BOND AUTHORIZATION, PUBLIC BUILDINGS CATEGORY, FOR MAJOR RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News:

That it hereby appropriates funds from Bonds Authorized and Unissued – Public Buildings Category to Major Renovations and Repairs, as follows:

Appropriate From:

Bonds Authorized and Unissued – Public Buildings Category 4104-100-70-700G-579000-000000- 2024-00000-G0000	\$ 5,000,000
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Appropriate To:

Major Renovations and Repairs 4104-250-70-700G-579526-000000- 2024-00000-G3009	\$ 5,000,000
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SECTION: Appropriations

ITEM: Department of Engineering – Fiscal Year 2023 Virginia Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant Program \$3,983,800; and Local Project Funds \$2,294,575: For Five (5) Projects – \$6,278,375

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:



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Sustainability

ACTION:

A Request to Approve a Resolution Appropriating \$3,983,800 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant Program, and \$2,294,575 of Local Project Funds for Five (5) Projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council is requested to approve a resolution appropriating \$3,983,800 of VDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA-SA) Grant Program, and \$2,294,575 of Local Funds as match for the five projects. The City has competed for and successfully secured VDOT TA-SA grant funds for the following five (5) projects:

- Washington Avenue and 25th Street Pedestrian Improvements grant request, VDOT UPC 121105, which includes the construction of a new 10’ wide Shared Use Path (SUP) with its associated ADA facility requirements – \$2,235,975 (\$1,000,000 State Grant, \$1,235,975 City FY 2023 Bond funds).
- Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT from Newport News Park and Yorktown Road to Chelsea Place) Shared-Use Path (SUP) grant request, VDOT UPC 121108, which includes the construction of a new 10’ wide Shared Use Path (SUP) with its associated ADA facility requirements – \$1,617,400 (\$1,000,000 State Grant, \$617,400 City FY 2023 Bond funds).
- Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT from Yorktown Road, Elmhurst Street, and Warwick

Boulevard to Falls Reach Pkwy) Shared-Use Path (SUP) grant request, VDOT UPC 121110, which includes the construction of a new 10' wide Shared Use Path (SUP) with its associated ADA facility requirements – \$1,250,000 (\$1,000,000 State Grant, \$250,000 City FY 2024 Bond funds).

- Bates Drive & Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Shared-Use Path (SUP) grant request, VDOT UPC 121111, which includes the construction of a new 10' wide Shared Use Path (SUP) with its associated ADA facility requirements – \$956,000 (\$764,800 State Grant, \$191,200 City FY 2024 Bond funds).
- Safe Routes to School (Non-Infrastructure SRTS) grant request, VDOT UPC 121183, which is a non-infrastructure staff support and materials grant supporting safe biking and walking for City schools – \$219,000 (\$219,000 State Grant).

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

The TA-SA Grant is 80% Federal, 0% State, and 20% Local funded.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Projects – 11-14-2023 – Aerial](#)

[Engineering - VDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Funds Appropriation \(\\$6,278,375\) - 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)

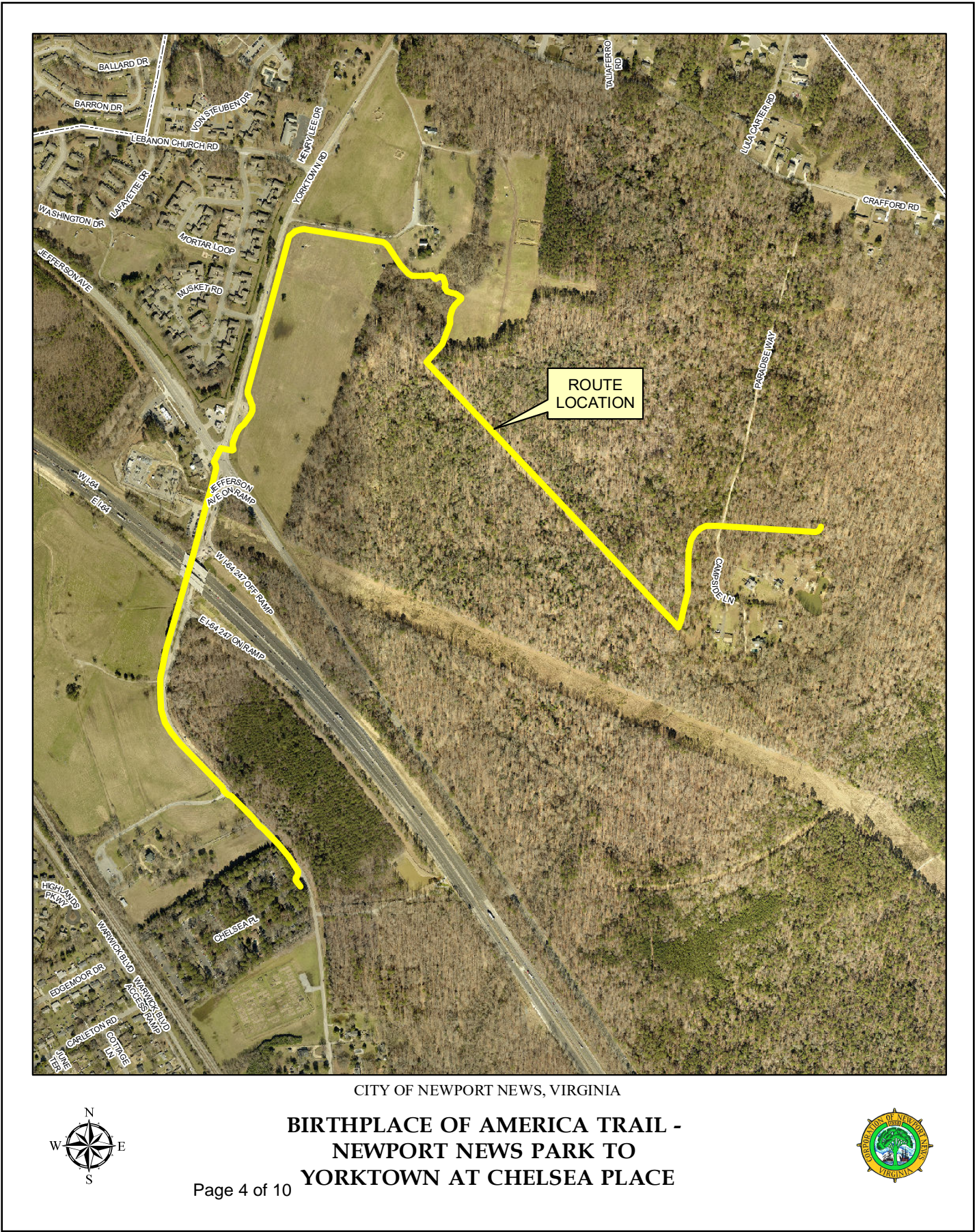


CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA



PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS -
WASHINGTON AVENUE - FROM 28TH STREET TO 25TH STREET;
25TH STREET - FROM WEST AVENUE TO HUNTINGTON AVENUE
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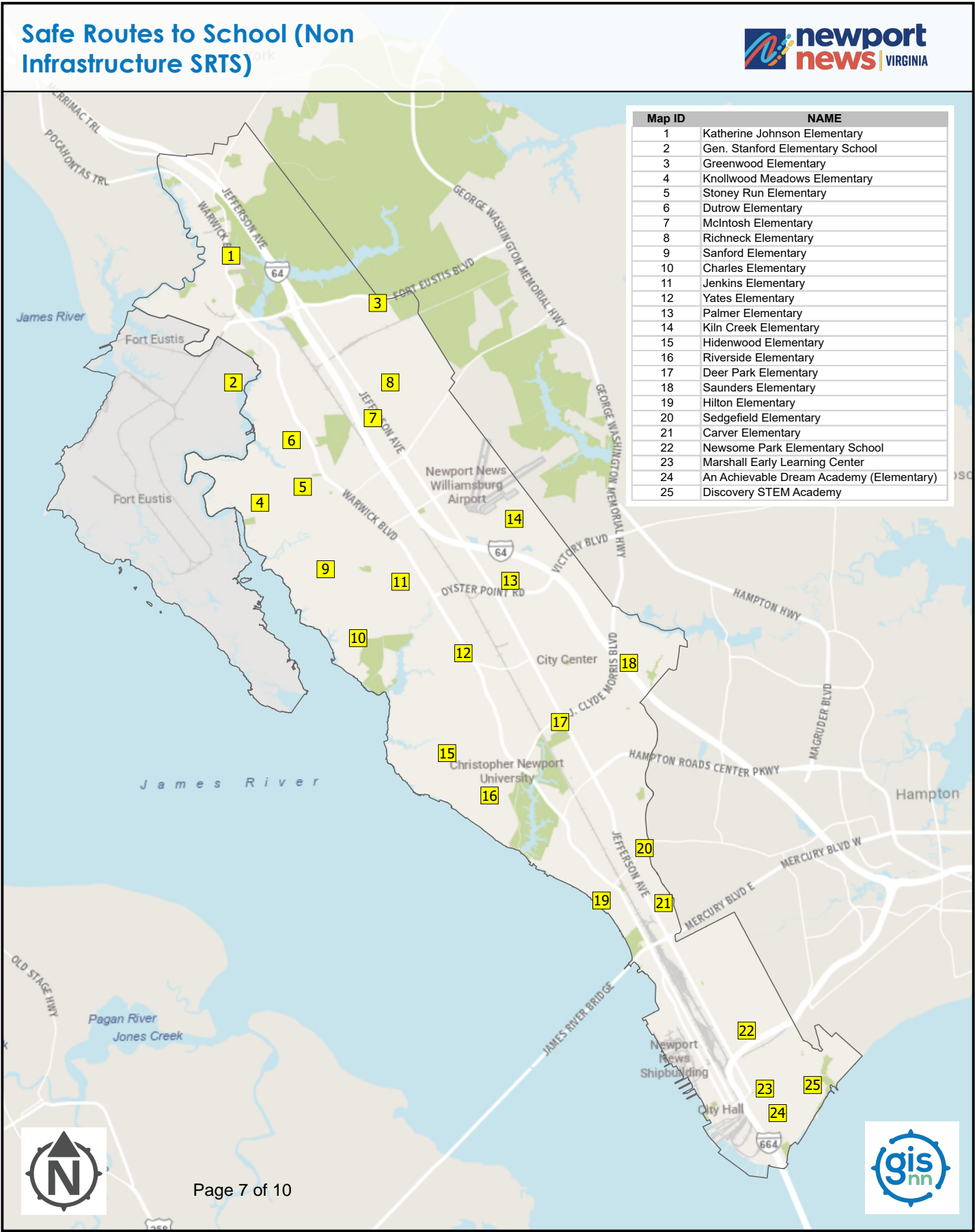


CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA



**CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE -
BATES DRIVE**





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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023 VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM AND FY 2023 LOCAL PROJECT FUNDS FOR FIVE (5) PROJECTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News:

That it hereby appropriates funds from Bonds Authorized and Unissued - Streets and Bridges Category, Federal Revenue - BoAT Chelsea Place SUP, Federal Revenue - Washington Ave & 25th St Pedestrian Imp, Federal Revenue - BoAT Falls Reach Pwky SUP, Federal Revenue - Bates Drive SUP (CNI), Federal Revenue - Safe Routes to School to BoAT Chelsea Place SUP, Washington Ave & 25th St Pedestrian Imp, BoAT Falls Reach Pwky SUP, Bates Drive SUP (CNI), Safe Routes to School, as follows:

Appropriate From:

Bonds Authorized and Unissued - Streets and Bridges Category 4104-250-70-700J-579000-000000- 2023-00000-J0000	\$	617,400
Federal Revenue - BoAT Chelsea Place SUP 4300-000-00-0000-483000-121108- 0000-J3084-J3084	\$	1,000,000

Appropriate To:

BoAT Chelsea Place SUP 4300-250-70-700J-579420-121108- 0000-J3084-J3084	\$	1,000,000
4104-250-70-700J-579420-121108- 2023-00000-J3084	\$	617,400

Appropriate From:

Bonds Authorized and Unissued - Streets and Bridges Category 4104-250-70-700J-579000-000000- 2023-00000-J0000	\$	1,235,975
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Federal Revenue - Washington Ave & 25th St Pedestrian Imp 4300-000-00-0000-483000-121105- 0000-J3085-J3085	\$	1,000,000
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Appropriate To:

Washington Ave & 25th St Pedestrian Imp 4300-250-70-700J-579420-121105- 0000-J3085-J3085	\$	1,000,000
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4104-250-70-700J-579420-121105- 2023-00000-J3085	\$	1,235,975
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Appropriate From:

Bonds Authorized and Unissued - Streets and Bridges Category 4104-250-70-700J-579000-000000- 2024-00000-J0000	\$	250,000
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Federal Revenue - BoAT Falls Reach Pwky SUP 4300-000-00-0000-483000-121110- 0000-J3086-J3086	\$	1,000,000
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Appropriate To:

BoAT Falls Reach Pwky SUP 4300-250-70-700J-579420-121110- 0000-J3086-J3086	\$	1,000,000
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4104-250-70-700J-579420-121110- 2024-00000-J3086	\$	250,000
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Appropriate From:

Bonds Authorized and Unissued - Streets and Bridges Category 4104-250-70-700J-579000-000000- 2024-00000-J0000	\$	191,200
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Federal Revenue -
Bates Drive SUP (CNI)
4300-000-00-0000-483000-121111-
0000-J3087-J3087 \$ 764,800

Appropriate To:

Bates Drive SUP (CNI)
4300-250-70-700J-579420-121111-
0000-J3087-J3087 \$ 764,800

4104-250-70-700J-579420-121111-
2024-00000-J3087 \$ 191,200

Appropriate From:

Federal Revenue -
Safe Routes to School
4300-000-00-0000-483000-000000-
0000-30A23-30A23 \$ 219,000

Appropriate To:

Safe Routes to School
2650-250-30-3040-518100-000000-
0000-30A23-30A23 \$ 175,000

2650-250-30-3040-520010-000000-
0000-30A23-30A23 \$ 17,500

2650-250-30-3040-554130-000000-
0000-30A23-30A23 \$ 26,500


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SECTION: Appropriations
ITEM: Waterworks Department – Resolution to Appropriate \$17,500,000 from the Waterworks Bond Funds for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project
DEPARTMENT: Waterworks


STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:


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Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

ACTION:

City Council is requested to approve a resolution appropriating \$17,500,000 from Waterworks Bond Funds to continue full deployment of the system-wide next phase of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Waterworks Department (Waterworks) has been implementing a system-wide smart metering project since late 2019 to upgrade existing water meters to enhance customer service in a more cost effective and efficient manner.

The remote meter reading and connect/disconnect functions from these smart meters will save Waterworks labor, fuel, and vehicle costs. The meters will also allow customers to access timely and detailed consumption data, receive quicker response times for move-in and move-outs, and have the ability to identify high usages sooner, assisting in leak detection. Smart metering will also reduce Waterworks’ carbon footprint as it will replace truck rollouts tied to meter reads and service turn-ons or turn-offs. There will be no direct charge to customers for this upgrade, and customers will not notice any changes to their water service once the installation is complete.

Since the start of this project, Waterworks has replaced about 120,000 meters in Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, York County, and James City County. Over 10,000 meters remain to be replaced.

In addition, Waterworks has completed upgrading the Customer Service Portal, installed network communication devices throughout the service area, and has begun work integrating the AMI software with the billing system to automate business processes.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

The total project cost is anticipated to be \$56,500,000. City Council approved Phase I of this project on December 10, 2019 (\$5,000,000), Phase II on October 13, 2020 (\$9,000,000), and Phase III on April 27, 2021 (\$25,000,000), for a total of \$39,000,000 to date.

Funding for this project is from Waterworks Revenue Bond funds.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Waterworks-Bond Proceeds - Advanced Metering Infrastructure \(AMI\) Project Appropriation \(\\$17,500,000\) - 11-14-2023 - Resolution](#)

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM BOND PROCEEDS REVENUE BONDS TO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PROJECT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News:

That it hereby appropriates funds from Bond Proceeds Revenue Bonds to Construction, as follows:

Appropriate From:

Bond Proceeds Revenue Bonds	
6001-600-41-0000-440000-000000-	
0000-00000-	\$ 17,500,000

Appropriate To:

Construction	
6001-600-41-4173-579708-417347-	
0000-00000-P2007	\$ 17,500,000