

A Regular Work Session of the Chesapeake City Council was held May 22, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the City Hall Building, 306 Cedar Road.

Present: Council Member Rebecca Adams
Council Member John M. de Triquet
Mayor Dalton S. Edge
Council Member Clifton E. Hayes, Jr.
Council Member Alan P. Krasnoff (arrived 5:10 p.m.)
Vice Mayor Dwight M. Parker (arrived 5:04)
Council Member Ella Ward
Council Member Patricia Pritchard Willis (arrived 5:007 p.m.)

Absent: Council Member Bryan Collins (excused)

Present from Administration: Acting City Manager F. Anne Odell, City Attorney Ronald S. Hallman, Deputy City Manager Amar Dwarkanath, Deputy City Manager Wanda Barnard-Bailey, Chief Deputy City Clerk Beverly Pender, Assistant to the City Manager Mary Ann Saunders, and other staff members.

Also present: Senator Harry B. Blevins and Senator Frederick M. Quayle, Virginia Senate; Delegate John A. Cosgrove and Delegate Algie Howell, Virginia House of Delegates; Mr. Art Collins, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission; Mr. Jesse Williams, Chamber of Commerce – Chesapeake Division

The Following Topic was discussed during the Work Session:

- 1) Hampton Roads Transportation Authority

The Work Session adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Regular City Council Meeting
May 22, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Chesapeake City Council was called to order by Mayor Dalton S. Edge on May 22, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Building, 306 Cedar Road.

INVOCATION: Reverend Jake Manley, Bethany Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boy Scout David Baker, Troop 901, St. Thomas Episcopal Church

ROLL CALL BY CLERK OF COUNCIL

Present: Council Member Rebecca C. W. Adams
Council Member John M. de Triquet
Mayor Dalton S. Edge
Council Member Clifton E. Hayes, Jr.
Council Member Alan P. Krasnoff (Excused 9:30 p.m.)
Vice Mayor Dwight M. Parker
Council Member Ella P. Ward
Council Member Patricia Pritchard Willis

Absent: Council Member Bryan L. Collins

Present from Administration: Acting City Manager Anne Odell, City Attorney Ronald Hallman, Deputy City Manager Amar Dwarkanath, Deputy City Manager Wanda Bernard-Bailey, Chief Deputy City Clerk Beverly Pender, and other staff members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Edge advised that there were no minutes for approval.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – Edward L. Hughes

Mayor Edge asked Clerk of the School Board Edward L. “Ed” Hughes, to the podium to accept a Certificate of Recognition on the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of service to the Public School System in the City of Chesapeake. Mr. Hughes expressed his appreciation and offered comments.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – Mrs. Darla Lacey

Mayor Edge invited Mrs. Virginia-America 2007 Mrs. Darla Lacey, to the podium to receive a Certificate of Recognition for being crowned Mrs. Virginia-America 2007. Mrs. Lacey offered remarks and expressed her interest in joining the Mayor’s Gang Awareness Task Force.

PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL – Mrs. Ann W. Myers, Board of Directors, Human Service Advisory Board

Mayor Edge called Human Services Advisory Board of Director Member Anne W. Myers to the podium to make comments regarding the Regional Juvenile Detention Facility. Ms. Myers advised that the facility had received a three-year certification from the State Department of Juvenile Justice and gave a brief update on the services provided to residents of the facility. She presented Council Members with flowers from the students, at the facility who were studying horticulture.

POSTER CONTEST WINNER – Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council

Mayor Edge invited Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council (CEIC) Chairman Jerry Ivory, along with CEIC members Jean Marie Eagler and Adrienne Sawyer, and Parks and Recreation Department Special Programs Coordinator Gail Bradshaw to the podium to present the student winners of the Clean and Green Poster Contest. Mr. Ivory offered brief comments and presented the following winners: Grades K-1 – 1st Place, Brooke Byers, 2nd Place – Kamron Pritchett, and 3rd Place – Danielle Romeo; Grades 2-3 – 1st Place - Madison Buck, 2nd Place – Arianna Hutcherson, 3rd Place – Harleigh Hanselman; Grades 4-5 – 1st Place – Alexander Anderson, 2nd Place – Maya Harrington, 3rd Place – Brandi Robertson; Grades 6-8 – 1st Place Kaira Riddick, 2nd Place – Kristen La Fleche, 3rd Place – Wanessa Shumake, Grades 9-12 – 1st Place – Caroline Miller, 2nd Place – Khrystan Klotzbach; and 3rd Place – Bobbi Jo Lee.

PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Edge asked City Engineer Eric Martin to the podium to receive the Public Works Week proclamation read by Chief Deputy City Clerk Beverly Pender. Assistant Director of Public Utilities Bill Meyers was also invited to the podium. Mr. Martin expressed appreciation on behalf of Public Works Director Patricia Biegler and commented on the services rendered by Public Works' employees.

PROCLAMATION – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Mayor Edge invited Field Medical Officer Lieutenant Steve Bradley from the Chesapeake Fire Department to the podium to receive the Emergency Medical Services Week proclamation read by Chief Deputy City Clerk Pender. Lieutenant Bradley thanked Council Members for their recognition and offered brief comments.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK

Mayor Edge called Emergency Management Planner Michelle Oblinsky from the Chesapeake Fire Department/Emergency Management to the podium to receive a proclamation read by Chief Deputy City Clerk Pender. Ms. Oblinsky made comments regarding hurricane awareness and preparation.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION – ACTING CITY MANAGER ANNE ODELL

Mayor Edge expressed appreciation to Acting City Manager Odell for her dedicated service in the capacity of Acting City Manager over the past year. He presented Ms. Odell with roses on behalf of the City Council as a symbol of their appreciation for her service to the City of Chesapeake. Acting City Manager Odell stated her appreciation and made brief comments.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Chief Deputy City Clerk Pender identified the following speakers:

Christina Teeuwen, 946 Shillelagh Road, representing the Chesapeake Bicycle/ Trails Advisory Board, spoke in support of City Manager Item 10.

Rick Powell, 520 S. Independence Boulevard, Virginia Beach, representing Tidewater Bicycle Association, was not present when called.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chief Deputy City Clerk Pender read the Consent Agenda items into the record.

Mayor Edge asked Council Members if there were any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Council Member Krasnoff requested that City Manager Item #2 be moved to the Regular Agenda for consideration

Council Member Krasnoff, on a motion seconded by Council Member Ward, moved for approval of the Consent Agenda as presented, with the exception of City Manager Item #2.

There was no discussion.

On the motion for approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of City Manager Item #2, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Krasnoff, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins was excused)

City Clerk Items

(1) RESIGNATIONS

- (a) David Boisselle – Transportation Safety Commission
- (b) Frank H. Davenport – Transportation Safety Commission

(2) REFUNDS

- (a) Hearndon Olde Mill Building, LLC - \$11,810.32
- (b) York International Corporation - \$3,952.76
- (c) Koci Enterprises, Inc. - \$3,257.76

City Manager Items

(1) REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION (\$460,714 STATE/\$72,132 LOCAL) TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIVISION

(2) REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND TRANSFER OF \$6,523 TO REFUND PERMIT FEES AND UTILITY CONNECTION FEES FOR THE 2007 TIDEWATER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION CHARITY HOUSE TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS – CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (Moved to the Regular Agenda for Consideration)

(3) **#07-O-078** REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$337,403 IN OVERWEIGHT TRUCK CITATION FEES FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND BRIDGES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(4) **#07-R-037** CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROGRAM A PROJECT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAIN ACTIVATED FLASHING LIGHTS AT THE

COMMONWEALTH RAILWAY CROSSING OF DORDON STREET – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(5) **#07-R-038** CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE FOR CITYWIDE SIGNAL SYSTEM TIMINGS – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

City Attorney Item

(1) **#07-O-079** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY CODE, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE V, DIVISION 7, ENTITLED “COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD,” SECTION 2-438(a), TO MAKE LANGUAGE OF THIS SECTION CONSISTENT WITH RECENTLY AMENDED VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 37.2-502, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD AFTER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE END OF THE MEMBER’S LAST THREE-YEAR TERM

REGULAR AGENDA

City Manager Items

City Manager Item #2 was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for consideration.

(2) REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND TRANSFER OF \$6,523 TO REFUND PERMIT FEES AND UTILITY CONNECTION FEES FOR THE 2007 TIDEWATER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION CHARITY HOUSE TO BENEFIT CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF THE KING’S DAUGHTERS – CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Council Member Krasnoff commented that he was not opposed to granting a waiver, but opposed the source of funding which was the City Council Contingency Fund. There was a discussion between Budget Director Betty Meyer and Members of Council regarding the source of funding and suggestions for future uses.

Vice Mayor Parker, on a motion seconded by Council Member Adams, moved for approval of the City Council Contingency Fund Transfer, as presented.

Additional comments on the funding source were made by Council Members.

Council Member de Triquet stated he would abstain from voting because of his association with the Children’s Hospital of the Kings Daughters.

Council Member Ward requested a list of previous expenditures from the City Council Contingency Fund.

On the motion for approval of the City Council Contingency Fund Transfer, voting yes: Council Members Adams, Edge, Hayes, Krasnoff, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting No: None. (Council Member Collins was excused and Council Member de Triquet abstained from voting).

(6) **#07-O-080** REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$102,532 IN JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AWARDED THROUGH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES – CHESAPEAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Acting City Manager Odell presented the item and requested approval as an emergency action.

Council Member Krasnoff, on a motion seconded by Vice Mayor Parker, moved for approval of the Appropriation as an emergency action.

There was no discussion.

On the motion for approval of the Appropriation as an emergency action, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Krasnoff, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins was excused)

(7) **#07-O-081** REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FROM THE SOUTH NORFOLK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND BALANCE TO THE “SOUTH NORFOLK TIF DEVELOPMENT PLAN – WATERFRONT PROJECT” – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Acting City Manager Odell presented the item and requested approval as an emergency action.

Council Member Hayes, on a motion seconded by Council Member Willis, moved for approval of the Appropriation as an emergency action.

Mayor Edge stated that he would abstain from voting because of previous business dealings with the applicant. He relinquished the gavel to Vice Mayor Parker.

In response to Members of Council, Assistant Director of Economic Development Tom Elder provided a status report on the fund balance and gave a brief explanation of the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District; he commented on what would happen to funds that were not used after the capital improvements were made.

On the motion for approval of the Appropriation as an emergency action, voting yes: Council Members Adams, Hayes, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: Council Members de Triquet and Krasnoff (Council Member Collins was excused and Mayor Edge abstained)

Vice Mayor Parker relinquished the gavel back to Mayor Edge.

(8) **#07-O-082** CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2007-08 OPERATING BUDGET – BUDGET OFFICE

(8A) REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION (\$40,262,785) OF CATEGORICAL AID TO CHESAPEAKE CITY SCHOOLS FOR FY 2007-08

Acting City Manager Odell presented the item noting a change in the amount of the appropriation and requested an appropriation in the amount of \$40,262,785.

Vice Mayor Parker, on a motion seconded by Council Member Ward, moved for approval of the amended appropriation in the amount of (\$40,262,785), as presented.

There was no discussion.

On the motion for approval of the amended Appropriation (\$40,262,785), as requested voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Krasnoff, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins was excused.)

(8B) REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007-08 OPERATING BUDGET TO DECREASE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY OF THE CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY \$439,257; DECREASE APPROPRIATION TO THE CITY-WIDE DEBT FUND BY \$711,202; AND INCREASE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY TO CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY \$711,202

Acting City Manager Odell presented the item.

Vice Mayor Parker, on a motion seconded by Council Member Ward, moved for approval of the Amendment, as presented.

There was no discussion.

On the motion for approval of the Amendment as presented, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Krasnoff, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins was excused.)

(8C) REQUEST TO AMEND THE FY 2007-08 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCLUDE \$2,830,859 IN STORMWATER FEES

Acting City Manager Odell presented the item.

Council Member Willis, on a motion seconded by Vice Mayor Parker, moved to approve the Amendment as presented.

Council Member Willis noted that City Council approved a rate increase for Stormwater Management earlier in the year, and approval of the request was necessary so that funds generated from the fee increase could be used for drainage improvements.

On the motion for approval of the Amendment as presented, voting yes: Council Member Adams, Hayes, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting No: Council Member de Triquet, Edge and Krasnoff (Council Member Collins was excused)

- (9) **#07-O-083** REQUEST TO AMEND THE FY 2007-08 THROUGH FY 2011-12 APPROVED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO TOTAL \$377,549,993 AND AMEND THE APPROVED APPROPRIATION OF FY 2007-08 CIB FUNDS TO \$63,771,186 – BUDGET OFFICE

Acting City Manager Odell presented the item.

Council Member de Triquet, on a motion seconded by Vice Mayor Parker, moved for approval of the Amendment as presented.

Budget Director Betty Meyer explained that the design cost of the new Oscar Smith Middle School was not included in the original documents.

On the motion for approval of the Amendment as presented, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Krasnoff, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins was excused)

- (10) DISCUSSION OF BICYCLE FACILITIES ON DOMINION BOULEVARD – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Acting City Manager Odell presented the Item and provided City Council with three options.

Mayor Edge read the options and City Engineer Eric Martin provided the costs associated with options 2 and 3.

Council Member de Triquet, on a motion seconded by Council Member Hayes, moved approval of Option 1 - Keep trail in plan – no further action required.

Council Member Willis made comments regarding the need to provide bicyclists with appropriate places to ride and acknowledged the information provided by the Chesapeake Bicycle/Trails Advisory Board.

On the motion for approval of Option 1 - Keep trail in plan – no further action required, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Hayes, Krasnoff, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: Mayor Edge (Council Member Collins was excused)

City Attorney Items

- (2) RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHESAPEAKE CIRCUIT COURT TO ORDER AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM CONCERNING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REAL ESTATE TAXES ON COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES TO FUND LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, IN ADDITION TO ANY NEW AND INCREASED TAXES AND FEES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. (Continued from April 24, 2007 City Council meeting)

City Attorney Hallman presented the item.

Council Member Krasnoff, on a motion seconded by Council Member de Triquet, moved approval of the Resolution as presented.

Council Member de Triquet requested a Point of Privilege. Dr. de Triquet asked that discussion be limited to the merits of the referendum and not the merits of the Hampton Roads Transportation Act (HRTA)

There was a brief discussion between Council Members and City Attorney Hallman regarding increased taxes and fees that may be imposed, the information that would be printed on the ballot and the educational publications for the public, the date of the election if the referendum was approved, and upcoming public hearings on the Hampton Roads Transportation Authority.

On the motion for approval of the Resolution as presented, voting yes: Council Members de Triquet and Krasnoff,

Voting no: Council Members Adams, Edge, Hayes, Parker, Ward and Willis.
(Council Member Collins was excused)

The motion for approval of the Resolution failed.

No further action was taken.

(3) **#07-O-084** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "FINANCE AND TAXATION." ARTICLE XV, SECTION 30-482 THEREOF, TO INCREASE THE COURTHOUSE SECURITY FEE FROM \$5.00 TO \$10.00 IN EACH CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC CASE IN WHICH THE DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF ANY STATUTE OR ORDINANCE, PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 53.1-120.

City Attorney Hallman presented the item.

Council Member Adams, on a motion seconded by Council Member Ward, moved approval of the Ordinance as presented.

Undersheriff David Newby stated that funds generated from the fee increase would go into the general fund to be used for any court.

On the motion for approval of the Ordinance as presented, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Krasnoff, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins was excused)

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON THE SERVICES, POLICIES, AND AFFAIRS OF THE CITY (NON AGENDA SPEAKERS)

Chief Deputy City Clerk Pender identified the following speakers:

John Sulfaro, 504 Margaret Drive, representing Chesapeake Advocacy for Mental Retardation, was not present when called to speak.

Anne Meerks, 444 Forest Road, representing self, spoke on affairs of the City.

Mary Basnight, 448 Forest Road, representing self, spoke on affairs of the City.

Richard Fisher, 1106 Crystal Wood Circle, representing self, spoke on Dominion Boulevard Steel Bridge replacement.

Kim Robert, 381 Forrest Road, representing self, spoke on Shirley Estates and Council's decision on the rezoning.

Patrice Dykes, 428 Forest Road, representing self, spoke on Council's action on Forest Road development.

Mary Van Ostrand, 449 Forest Road, representing the Community, spoke on Shirley Estates Development.

Tonia Rogers, 393 Forest Road, representing Forest Road, spoke on Shirley Estates.

Terry Bond, 541 Forest Road, representing self, spoke on Shirley Estates Development on Forest Road and City Council's action.

Laura Gilbert, 2448 Johnstown Road, representing Chesapeake Animal Control Advisory Board, spoke on the Animal Control facility.

Mayor Edge asked Acting City Manager Odell to give a brief update on the Animal Control facility's allocation of funds, design plan and purchase.

Acting City Manager Odell provided a brief update on the status of the Animal Control facility.

Council Member de Triquet asked staff to submit the design plans to City Council for information, consideration and comments regarding capacity, recommended changes to meet state requirements, and provisions for adequate public and staff space.

Mayor Edge recognized those individuals present concerning the Shirley Estates project.

A brief discussion took place regarding the Council's Rules of Order and Procedure governing reconsideration of a previous Council action.

The Mayor asked if any member of Council wished to put a motion on the floor to reconsider the item. There was no response.

Several Council Members spoke about their position regarding the Shirley Estates Development.

City Attorney Hallman commented on a former zoning ordinance that addressed major and minor subdivisions.

There was no further discussion.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. DISCUSSION OF INCREASING PROGRAM LIMITS FOR THE CITY'S ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR FUTURE ACTION - COUNCIL MEMBER ALAN P. KRASNOFF

Council Member Krasnoff made brief comments and requested that the item be placed on a future agenda to allow City Council to take action on increasing the City's current Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program limits.

Commissioner of the Revenue Ray Conner commended City Council Members for their consideration of increasing program limits for the City's Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program. He commented on the options and the application deadline for the next application period.

Council Member Krasnoff requested that the item be placed on the September 11, 2007, City Council Agenda for consideration.

Council Members asked that the matter be looked at from a comprehensive approach, noting the thresholds for combined financial worth, income level, and the fact that seniors are living longer.

Council Member Ward requested that the City Council draft language to submit to the General Assembly for the upcoming Legislative Session.

The Commissioner of the Revenue Ray Conner commented on the application period for the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program. He suggested that a comprehensive approach be utilized for the new application period beginning January 1, 2008.

There was additional discussion regarding the criteria for exemptions, the deferral programs and freeze provisions. Commission of the Revenue Conner gave a brief history of the Real Estate Tax Exemption Program over the past few years.

Without objection, Old and New Business Item (A) was continued to the September 11, 2007, City Council meeting.

B. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL STATE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE ELDERLY & DISABLED TAX RELIEF PROGRAM – COUNCIL MEMBER ELLA P. WARD

Council Member Ward requested City Attorney Hallman prepare language for the 2008 Legislative Package asking the Virginia General Assembly to raise the level of income for the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program.

Council Member Krasnoff was excused at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Edge called on Council Members for Old and New Business and Committee Reports beginning with Council Member Willis.

Council Member Willis reminded Council Members of the Town Meeting scheduled for June 5, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at Sparrow Road Intermediate School. Mrs. Willis also noted the meeting scheduled with Chesapeake Citizens for Fair Real Estate Tax on Friday, June 8, 2007, at Towne Bank. A lengthy discussion took place on scheduling of the meeting. Council Member de Triquet recommended an extended Work Session, and it was suggested that this item be listed as a Work Session topic for June 12, 2007.

After additional discussion, the consensus was to invite Mr. Lincoln Potter to the City Council Work Session on June 12, 2007 to present his information. The Work Session would be chaired by the Mayor or his designee on June 12, 2007, at a time to be determined. Council Member de Triquet volunteered to contact Mr. Potter to coordinate the meeting.

Council Member Ward commended those who helped with the success of the Chesapeake Jubilee, and thanked those who supported the Tim Reid Scholarship Foundation event.

Council Member de Triquet commented on the Chesapeake Jubilee and congratulated the organizers. He sent best wishes to Mr. Marion Ray Hurst, a member of the Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs, who was very ill. Dr. de Triquet

mentioned he attended an event that honored the memory of Mr. Tuson who lost his life in the war in Iraq.

Council Member Adams spoke about on the Mayor's Commission on Veteran Affairs upcoming Memorial Day event. She also congratulated the Chairperson and organizers of the Chesapeake Jubilee. Dr. Adams requested that appropriate staff look at the cycle in which the real estate tax, personal property tax, and the stormwater fee bills come due at the same time. She commented on a citizen inquiry about a new development in the Indian River area, and said that changes in the infrastructure were resulting in patched roads. Council Member Adams asked that inspectors in Neighborhood Services look at road patching or repair jobs to make sure they were up to City standards.

Vice Mayor Parker concurred with Council Member Adams regarding the billing cycle and due dates of tax bills.

Council Member Ward and several Council Members discussed the real estate tax rate and the cost for mosquito control services.

Mayor Edge presented the following draft ordinance regarding automobile dealerships:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX "A" OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "ZONING", ARTICLE 7, SECTIONS 7-402.E AND 8-302.F AND ARTICLE 14, SECTION 14-704.H TO PERMIT THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY SIGNS DURING SALES EVENTS AT NEW AND USED AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS.

City Attorney Hallman provided the Mayor with options for considering the ordinance.

Mayor Edge said it was not an emergency and requested City Attorney Hallman place the ordinance on a future agenda for Council's consideration.

Mayor Edge commented on Boards and Commissions Liaison appointments and said that if there were any changes necessary they could be made at the July 10, 2007 City Council meeting.

Mayor Edge mentioned that he, along with City Attorney Hallman, Acting City Manager Odell, and Economic Development Director Warren Harris attended two meetings with the City of Portsmouth regarding the Ethanol and Biodiesel projects.

Mayor Edge noted that he had previously requested a change to the Council Meeting process so that Old and New Business Items and Committee Reports be pre-taped and aired prior to the City Council meeting. He asked that City Clerk Moore, Acting City Manager Odell and City Attorney Hallman revisit his request to see what options were available.

Council Member de Triquet commended the Mayor and staff for their participation in the ethanol and biodiesel proposals.

Mayor Edge relinquished the gavel to Vice Mayor Parker.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Chesapeake Commission for the Prevention of AIDS – 2 appointments

Council Member de Triquet nominated *Kecia N. Brothers (Intergovernmental Affairs representative), *Shelley L. Taylor-Donahue (Community Services Board representative) and David D. Pintor. (**These two individuals were previously appointed to this Commission and this reaffirms their appointments.*)

Council Member Ward, on a motion seconded by Vice Mayor Parker, moved to close nominations and appoint the nominees.

There was no discussion.

On the motion to close the nominations and appoint the nominees, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins and Krasnoff excused)

Kecia N. Brothers (Intergovernmental Affairs representative), Shelley L. Taylor-Donahue (Community Services Board representative) and David D. Pintor were appointed to the Chesapeake Commission for the Prevention of AIDS.

B. Chesapeake Youth Committee – 2 appointments

Council Member Willis nominated Aubrey Fox (Student Representative) for appointment and Rachel A. West (Student Representative) for reappointment.

Council Member de Triquet, on a motion seconded by Council Member Ward, moved to close nominations and appoint the nominees.

There was no discussion.

On the motion to close the nominations and appoint the nominees, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins and Krasnoff excused)

Aubrey Fox (Student Representative) was appointed and Rachel A. West (Student Representative) was reappointed to the Chesapeake Youth Committee.

C. Hampton Roads Planning District Commission – 3 appointment

Mayor Edge nominated Deputy City Manager Amar Dwarkanath (City Manager Representative), Acting City Manager Anne Odell (City Manager Representative) and Council Member Ella P. Ward (Council Member) for reappointment.

Council Member de Triquet, on a motion seconded by Council Member Willis, moved to close nominations and appoint the nominees.

There was no discussion.

On the motion to close the nominations and appoint the nominees, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins and Krasnoff excused)

Deputy City Manager Amar Dwarkanath (City Manager Representative, Acting City Manager Anne Odell (City Manager Representative), and Council Member Ella P. Ward (Council Member) were reappointed to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

D. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – 1 appointment

Council Member Willis nominated Katherine Fuller (Student Representative) for appointment.

Council Member Ward, on a motion seconded by Council Member de Triquet, moved to close nominations and appoint the nominee.

There was no discussion.

On the motion to close the nominations and appoint the nominees, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins and Krasnoff excused)

Katherine Fuller (Student Representative) was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

E. Utility Review Board – 1 appointment

Without objection, appointments to the Utility Review Board were continued to a future City Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Parker returned the gavel to Mayor Edge.

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Hallman provided the following language for consideration of a closed session topic: "to discuss the performance of a specific public officer, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A.1."

Vice Mayor Parker, on a motion seconded by Council Member Ward, moved for approval of the request for a Closed Session.

There was no discussion.

On the motion for approval of the request for Closed Session, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins and Krasnoff excused)

CLOSED SESSION

City Council recessed at 10:12 p.m. and went into Closed Session at 10:20 p.m. They reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Hallman read the following: "The Chesapeake City Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were discussed and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the City Council."

Council Member Parker, on a motion seconded by Council Member Ward, moved approval of the Certification of the Closed Session discussion.

There was no discussion.

On the motion for approval of the Certification of the Closed Session discussion, voting yes: Council Members Adams, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Parker, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Council Member Collins and Krasnoff excused)

May 22, 2007

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Edge adjourned the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk