

A Regular Meeting of the Chesapeake City Council was called to order by Mayor Dalton S. Edge on January 8, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Building, 306 Cedar Road.

INVOCATION: Pastor Steve Carlins, New Life at Providence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Girl Scouts Brittany Acors, Troop 991, and Elizabeth Acors, Troop 658, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL BY CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**Present:** Council Member Rebecca C. W. Adams  
Council Member Bryan L. Collins  
Mayor Dalton S. Edge  
Council Member John M. de Triquet  
Council Member Clifton E. Hayes, Jr.  
Council Member Alan P. Krasnoff  
Council Member Ella P. Ward  
Council Member Patricia Pritchard Willis

**Absent:** Vice Mayor Dwight M. Parker (excused)

**Present from Administration:** City Manager William Harrell, City Attorney Ronald Hallman, Deputy City Manager Amar Dwarkanath, Deputy City Manager Wanda Barnard-Bailey, Deputy City Manager Betty Meyer, City Clerk Dolores Moore and other staff members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Edge advised that the minutes for the March 13, 2007 Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting were presented for approval.

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

There was no discussion.

On the motion for approval of the minutes for the March 13, 2007 Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting, as presented, voting yes: Council Members Adams, Collins, de Triquet, Edge, Hayes, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Vice Mayor Parker excused) (Council Member Krasnoff out of the chamber.)

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

City Clerk Moore stated that there were no speakers prior to the Agenda Items.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

City Clerk Moore read the Consent Agenda Items into the record.

Mayor Edge asked Council Members if there were any items they wished to have removed for consideration under the Regular Agenda.

There were none.

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Council Member Collins, on a motion seconded by Council Member Ward, moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Voting no: None (Vice Mayor Parker excused)

**City Clerk Items**

**(1) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REZONING APPLICATIONS**

The following zoning reclassification requests are not public hearing items at this time. These items will be heard by the Planning Commission on January 9, 2008 and recommended to City Council for a future meeting.

a. **R(C)-07-35 PROJECT:** Edinburgh Hotels **APPLICANT:** Edinburgh South, Inc. **AGENCY:** Engineering Services, Inc. **PROPOSAL:** A conditional zoning reclassification of 3<sup>±</sup> acre from R-15s, Single Family Residential and 4 acres from A-1, Agricultural District to B-2, General Business District to construct a hotel and accessory uses. **PROPOSED COMP LAND USE & DENSITY:** Business/Commercial **EXISTING COMP LAND USE & DENSITY:** Business/Commercial **LOCATION:** 1874 Battlefield Blvd. South **TAX MAP SECTION/PARCEL:** 0730000000050 **BOROUGH:** Pleasant Grove

**(2) RESIGNATIONS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

- a. Barbara R. Twine – Chesapeake Commission on Substance Abuse
- b. Wilmer Williams – Chesapeake Commission on Substance Abuse
- c. James C. Willis, Sr. – Chesapeake Commission on Substance Abuse

**City Manager Items**

(1) **#07-O-001** REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$47,500 IN NON-STATE AGENCY FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE DISMAL SWAMP CANAL TRAIL – DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

(2) **#07-O-002** CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA, ADOPTED ON MAY 15, 2001, AS AMENDED, ARTICLE 8 THEREOF, TO ADD CLASSIFICATIONS AND ASSIGN SALARY GRADES FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CHESAPEAKE CIRCUIT COURT – DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**City Manager Items**

(3) **#07-O-003** REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$1,980,385 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 33 AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) FUNDS AWARDED BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES *(Continued from December 11, 2007 City Council Meeting)*

City Manager Harrell presented the item.

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

Council Member Willis inquired how this Appropriation would integrate with the Homeless program recently adopted.

City Manager Harrell stated that the goal is to work with existing agencies to establish a central intake for the homeless in order to provide adequate services. City Manager Harrell asked Deputy City Manager Wanda Barnard-Bailey to elaborate on the distribution of the funding.

Dr. Barnard-Bailey stated that efforts to assist the homeless were being made through regional efforts with existing shelters such as Cloverleaf and Gosnold.

Council Member Ward commended staff on their efforts to support Homeless Connect Day scheduled for April 24, 2008.

There was no further discussion.

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

Voting No: None (Vice Mayor Parker was excused)

(4) **#07-R-001** CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT THROUGH LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING FOR THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA, IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$5,234,835, APPROVING THE FORM OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS PREPARED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE SAME – DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

City Manager Harrell presented the item.

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

Council Member Ward asked City Manager Harrell to call Public Works Director Patricia Biegler to the podium for questions. Dr. Ward and Public Works Director Biegler discussed additional automated garbage trucks, the size of the fleet, life of the equipment and recommended replacement age of equipment.

Council Member Willis asked for information on the technology funding and if any of it was being directed to Human Resources to update the present computer systems.

City Manager Harrell called Human Resources Director Mary Bullock and Chief Information Officer (CIO) Peter Wallace to the podium for questions. Mr. Wallace indicated that an update of the Information Technology System was in process and could lead to that. Director Bullock stated that the Human Resources Department was presently compiling and prioritizing the needs of the department; when that was completed, available funding would be looked at and a Request for Proposals (RFP) would be started.

There was discussion between Council Member Adams, General Services Director Broome and City Manager Harrell concerning alternative fuel vehicles within the City's fleet to look at future purchases.

City Manager Harrell stated that a study would be performed regarding City vehicles and alternative fuel sources within the fleet to look at future purchases.

Council Member Adams declared the need to come up with some long-term policies for the City to be "greener."

Mayor Edge stated that with the declining availability and high cost of fuels, alternative fuels, while not cheaper were more available and he was a proponent of alternative fuels.

There was no additional discussion.

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

Voting No: None (Vice Mayor Parker was excused.)

(5) CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Harrell stated that a report would be forthcoming on alternative fuels concerning city and school operations.

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

City Clerk Moore identified the following speaker:

Stephens Johnson, 632 Aquila Drive, representing self, spoke on the Homestead Exemption.

Mayor Edge responded to the concerns of the speaker asking City Attorney Hallman to clarify the issue of City Real Estate assessments.

City Attorney Hallman stated that the General Assembly requires that a real estate assessment to be done every two years; however Chesapeake does have the option to perform the assessments annually.

There was discussion between Council Member Krasnoff and City Manager Harrell concerning the Legislative Initiative and future scheduling of real estate assessments.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

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

Council Member Willis noted her attendance at a recent press conference in Virginia Beach where Governor Kaine announced his support for a ban on smoking in all restaurants in the Commonwealth. Council Member Willis stated that she had received a call from the Clerk's Office in Herndon, Virginia inviting the City of Chesapeake to join their Coalition on Illegal Immigrants. She asked City Attorney Hallman to put this item on the January 15, 2008 City Council Agenda. Ms. Willis stated that she and Council Member Adams, as the Audit Committee Liaisons, attended a meeting with City Auditor Jay Poole and Certified Public Accountant Elizabeth Foster, formerly of KPMG, concerning requirements for future Finance audits.

Council Member Ward stated that as the Legislative Liaison, she encouraged support of House Bill #270 to increase limits of exemptions for seniors and disabled citizens under the Real Estate Tax Relief Program and Senate Bill #44 addressing the Students at Risk Program. The General Assembly session begins on January 9, 2008. She encouraged Council Members to read the weekly Legislative updates.

Council Member Hayes addressed the issue of leasing space on the cell phone towers in the City and the need to do some analysis on the use of the City's towers. Mr. Hayes suggested looking at revenue generated for City and schools from leasing space on towers on public property. Council Member Hayes requested a study concerning the purchasing of vehicles for the City and schools combined to get the best pricing available. Mr. Hayes announced the passing of Coach George Quarrells, extending sympathy to the family.

City Attorney Hallman noted that there would be two cell phone leases to locate on City towers at the January 22, 2008 City Council Meeting.

Council Member Collins requested an update on the Stormwater Management Plan from 2007. Council Member Collins stated that he was in support of Council Member Hayes comments concerning future cell phone towers and perhaps some adjustment should be made in the current ordinance to create incentives for businesses to locate on City towers.

Council Member Adams noted that she had attended a recent meeting of the Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the Authority has been working with a property owner at Grady Crescent. The owner has received financing to raze the structures in order to make way for 24 new units. Council Member Adams stated that the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic served many uninsured residents and provides dental services for the uninsured residents of the area but medical services are only provided to Chesapeake residents. She thanked all of the volunteers for their services at the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic and encouraged Council Members to visit to see what is going on.

Mayor Edge stated that he had requested a meeting with Currituck County

Commissioners on January 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.; the location had not been determined. Mayor Edge announced that the annual work session with Congressman Forbes was scheduled for March 7, 2008 with the time and location to be announced. He stated that the Budget Retreat needed to be scheduled as soon as possible. Mayor Edge commented on the crude oil crisis and fuel costs for cars and home heating. He requested a update from staff on the recently signed Energy Bill.

**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Hallman provided the following language for consideration of the Closed Session topics: “to discuss a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the business interest in locating in the City, and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711, A. 5. and 7.”

Council Member Ward, on a motion seconded by Council Member de Triquet, moved approval of the request for the Closed Session.

There was no discussion.

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

Voting no: None (Vice Mayor Parker was excused)

**CLOSED SESSION**

City Council recessed at 7:47 p.m. and went into Closed Session at 7:54 p.m. City Council Members reconvened at 8:08 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 excepted 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 Collins, on a motion seconded by Council Member Ward, moved approval of the certification of the Closed Session topics.

There was no discussion.

On the motion for approval of the certification of the Closed Session topics, voting yes: Council Members Adams, Collins, de Triquet, Edge, Krasnoff, Hayes, Ward and Willis.

Voting no: None (Vice Mayor Parker was excused)

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Edge adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk