

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
ACTION OF THE COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Followed by the Pledge the Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
Courtney R. Doyle	Councilmember - Ward 2	Present	
Mamie B. Johnson	Councilmember - Ward 3	Remote	
Andria P. McClellan	Councilmember - Superward 6	Absent	
Paul R. Riddick	Councilmember - Ward 4	Present	
Danica J. Royster	Councilmember - Superward 7	Present	
Thomas R. Smigiel Jr.	Councilmember - Ward 5	Present	
Martin A. Thomas Jr.	Vice Mayor	Present	
Kenneth Cooper Alexander	Mayor	Present	
Dr. Larry H. Filer II	City Manager	Present	
Bernard Pishko	City Attorney	Present	
Richard A. Bull	City Clerk	Present	

MOTION TO EXCUSE

Motion to excuse Councilwoman Andria McClellan from the City Council Meeting on April 12, 2022.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the previous City Council meeting and the Council Retreat.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

A Resolution certifying a closed meeting of the council of the City of Norfolk in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments approving a Lease Agreement for the use of a consulting business with the KBD Group for the lease of 226 E. Main Street.

Clayton Odom, a representative from Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 555 E. Main Street, was present to answer questions in this matter.

An Ordinance Approving a Lease Agreement with The KBD Group for the Lease of 226 E. Main Street. - **(Ordinance No. 48722)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

PH-2 Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, to hear comments on the application of NORFOLK REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY, to vacate the right-of-way of Jamaica Avenue, Buck Road and a portion of Shanks Street.

An Ordinance Closing, Vacating and Discontinuing the Public Rights-of-Way Being the Streets of Jamaica Avenue, Buck Road, and a Portion of Shanks Street and Authorizing the Conveyance to the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority of Any Interest the City has in the Said Streets. - **(Ordinance No. 48723)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED ON ANY ITEM, IT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

ACTION:	Consent Agenda Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

C-1 An Ordinance directing the City Treasurer to issue a refund to World Distribution Services LLC based upon the overpayment of its Business License Tax for the Tax Year 2021. - **(Ordinance No. 48724)**

C-2 An Ordinance directing the City Treasurer to issue a refund to EBVC, LLC based upon the overpayment of its Business License Tax for the Tax Year 2021. - **(Ordinance No. 48725)**

C-3 An Ordinance directing the City Treasurer to issue a refund to American Green Building Maintenance, Inc. based upon the overpayment of its Business License Tax for the Tax Year 2021. - **(Ordinance No. 48726)**

C-4 An Ordinance Establishing Certain Public Areas and Streets of the City of Norfolk as the "Festival Area" and Setting Forth the Regulations Applicable to Such Festival Area for the Norfolk Harborfest 2022 Celebration. - **(Ordinance No. 48727)**

C-5 An Ordinance Closing Certain City-Owned Docks to Public Use During the Norfolk Harborfest 2022 Celebration. - **(Ordinance No. 48728)**

C-6 An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Authorize a Short-Term Rental Unit (Vacation Rental) on Property Located at 9620 10th Bay Street. - **(Ordinance No. 48729)**

Amelia Connors, the applicant, 9620 10th Bay Street, was present to answer questions in this matter.

C-7 An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Authorize a Short-Term Rental Unit (Vacation Rental) on Property Located at 9552 13th Bay Street. - **(Ordinance No. 48730)**

Julie Davidson, the applicant, 9552 13th Bay Street, was present to answer questions in this matter.

REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 An Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to Office Lease by and Between Hertz Norfolk 999 Waterside, LLC, as Landlord, and the City of Norfolk, as Tenant, so as to Extend the Term of the Lease for the Premises Located at 999 Waterside Drive, Suite 2430, in the City of Norfolk, Virginia, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to Office Lease on Behalf of the City of Norfolk. - **(Ordinance No. 48731)**

Alton Robin, 5116 E. Princess Anne Road spoke regarding this matter.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

R-2 An Ordinance Approving a Deed of Office Lease by and Between 500 East Main Street, LLC, as Landlord, and the City of Norfolk, as Tenant, for the Lease of Office Space at 500 E. Main Street in the City of Norfolk and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Lease Agreement on Behalf of the City of Norfolk. - **(Ordinance No. 48732)**

Alton Robinson, 5116 E. Princess Anne Road, spoke regarding this matter.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

R-3 An Ordinance Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to Establish a Project for Lake Taylor Sidewalk Improvements, in Accordance with the Project Administration Agreement Between the City of Norfolk and the Virginia Department of Transportation; and Appropriating and Authorizing the Expenditure of the Total Sum of \$610,300.00 for the Projects, Subject to and in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Aforesaid Agreement. - **(Ordinance No. 48733)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

R-4 An Ordinance Amending the FY2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,379) SO AS TO Accept, Appropriate and Authorize the Expenditure of Special Revenue Funds Collected From Registrations And Sponsorships Up To The Sum Of \$80,000.00 For The Virginia Fire Equity And Diversity Association's Annual Equity And Diversity Conference To Be Hosted By Norfolk Fire-Rescue In October 2022. - **(Ordinance No. 48734)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

R-5 An Ordinance Amending the FY2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,379) SO AS TO Accept, Appropriate and Authorize the Expenditure of Grant Funds Up To The Sum Of \$86,936.00 From The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant From Virginia Department Of Behavioral Health And Developmental Services For Norfolk Community Services Board Infant Toddler Connection Program To Provide Early Intervention Services. - **(Ordinance No. 48735)**

Alton Robinson, 5116 E. Princess Anne Road, spoke regarding this matter.

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

R-6 An Ordinance Amending the FY2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,379) SO AS TO Accept, Appropriate and Authorize the Expenditure of Grant Funds Up to The Sum Of \$850,000.00 From the Commonwealth of Virginia Through the Virginia Tourism Corporation from The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Tourism Recovery Program for Tourism Marketing and Product Development. - **(Ordinance No. 48736)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

R-7 An Ordinance Amending FY2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48379) SO AS TO Accept, Appropriate and Authorize the Expenditure of Grant Funds Up to The Sum Of \$9,000.00 From the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's FY2021 State Homeland Security Program Grant for The Purchase of Hazardous Materials Team Equipment for The Department of Fire-Rescue. - **(Ordinance No. 48737)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

- R-8 An Ordinance Amending the FY2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,379) SO AS TO ACCEPT, Appropriate and Authorize the Expenditure of Special Revenue Funds Up to The Sum Of \$800,000.00 Previously Received from The U.S. Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for The Purpose of Supporting Eviction Mitigation Efforts. - **(Ordinance No. 48738)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

- R-9 An Ordinance Amending the FY2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (No. 48,379) SO AS TO Accept, Appropriate and Authorize the Expenditure of Grant Funds Up to The Sum Of \$315,000.00 From the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Through the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund, And Previously-Appropriated Local Matching Funds In The Amount Of \$35,000.00 For A Watershed Master Plan Study And The Purchase Of Flood Sensors. - **(Ordinance No. 48739)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

- R-10 An Ordinance to Schedule a City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. - **(Ordinance No. 48740)**

ACTION:	Adopted [Unanimous]
AYES:	Doyle, Johnson, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Thomas Jr., Alexander
ABSENT:	Andria P. McClellan

NEW BUSINESS

Gertrude Meeks, 9389 Granby Street, Apt. A, commented on the lack of crossing guard at all the High Schools in Norfolk, especially at Norview High School where a student was hit and seriously injured.

Robin Johnson, P.O. Box 10501, commented she is an advocate for the homeless and stated her 501C organization needs a building to educate and feed the homeless.

Samuel Nellum, 5832 Leslie Avenue, commented on Chief Larry Boone's service on the Norfolk City Police force.

James Washington, 216 W. 33rd Street, commented on gun violence in the city and mentioned Stop the Violence Guns down facebook page.

Kevia Hendricks, P.O. Box 7881, Norfolk Branch NAACP, Economic Development, commented on the American Rescue Plan Act funds distribution.

Vincent Hodges, 622 Raleigh Avenue, Apt. 4, commented on the \$5 million dollar request for the revitalization of the St. Paul's area from the American Rescue Plan Act fund.

Lelia Van, 219 Granby Street, Unit 20, President of the Downtown Norfolk Civic League, spoke on the gun violence in downtown Norfolk. Thanked council for the increase of police presence in downtown after hours.

Monet Johnson, 3505 Argonne Avenue, commented on the \$5 million dollar request for the revitalization of the St. Paul's area from the American Rescue Plan Act fund

Vincent LaSalle, 1819 Tidewater Drive, commented on the \$5 million dollar request for the revitalization of the St. Paul's area from the American Rescue Plan Act fund

Shenita Perry, 801 Townsend Court, spoke about an event partnership with the city which all the proceeds raised would go to Norfolk Public Schools.

Sauda Speede, 9433 Capeview Avenue, commented on the need to have community centers with paid programs and services for the youth.

Dr. Calvin Durham, Senior Pastor New Hope God and Christ, invited council to the April 16, 2022 "Vac Up Virginia" Event, that encourages young people to be vaccinated.

ADJOURNMENT