

**NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**  
**ACTION OF THE COUNCIL**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Followed by the Pledge the Allegiance.

**MOTION TO EXCUSE**

The Motion is to excuse Vice Mayor Martin Thomas from the April 26, 2022 City Council Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the previous City Council meeting.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

**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.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PH-1

Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law, on the application of the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, for a text amendment to Section 3.9.8,E “HO: Historic Overlay,” of the *Norfolk Zoning Ordinance* to eliminate minimum off-street parking requirements for all non-residential uses and residential development of 24 multi-family dwelling units or less for properties within the Norfolk and Western Historic Overlay district

An Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 3.9.8.E of the *Norfolk Zoning Ordinance* SO AS TO Eliminate Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements for all Non-residential uses and for Residential uses having fewer than 25 Dwelling Units - **(Ordinance No. 48741)**

Rhoda Young, 1025 W. 25th Street, Suite F, asked for clarification.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [6 to 1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>NAYS:</b>	Riddick
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

**PH-2** Public Hearing scheduled this day, pursuant to State Law to hear comment on an Ordinance approving a Lease Agreement with Adams Outdoor Advertising Limited Partnership for the Lease of City Property Located at **212 E. 26th Street** for the Placement of an Advertising Sign.

Alton Robinson, 5116 E. Princess Anne Road, requested additional details on the allocation and use of rent funds.

Stephen Romine, 222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 1700, Virginia Beach, counsel for the applicant, spoke regarding re-negotiating lease options, rate and terms of agreement.

An Ordinance Approving a Lease Agreement with Adams Outdoor Advertising Limited Partnership for the Lease of City Property Located at **212 E. 26th Street** for the Placement of an Advertising Sign.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Continued to May 10, 2022 [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**C-1** An Ordinance Permitting Children's Medical Tower, LLC to Encroach into the Right-of-Way at **401 Gresham Drive** with an Art Sculpture and Landscaping. - **(Ordinance No. 48742)**

Michael Muhammad, 2600 Granby Street, spoke in support of this item.

Rob Beamon, 222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 2000, attorney for the applicant, was present to answer any questions.

Rhoda Young, 1025 W. 25th Street, Suite F, requested the microphone volume be increased.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

- C-2 An Ordinance Approving a Right of Entry Permitting Peters and White Construction Company to Go Upon and Use City-Owned Property Located Adjacent to **350 W. Government Avenue** for an Equipment Laydown Area. - **(Ordinance No. 48743)**

Michael Muhammad, 2600 Granby Street, spoke in opposition to this item.

Rhoda Young, 1025 W. 25th Street, Suite F, spoke in opposition to this item.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- R-1 An Ordinance Placing an Honorary Street Sign entitled Bishop D. Lawrence Williams Way at the 700 Block of Goff Street. - **(Ordinance No. 48744)**

Michael Muhammad, 2600 Granby Street, spoke in support of this item.

Rhoda Young, 1025 W. 25th Street, Suite F, spoke in support of this item.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

- R-2 An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Authorize a Short-Term Rental Unit (Vacation Rental) on Property Located at **9634 8th Bay Street**. - **(Ordinance No. 48745)**

The following spoke in favor of this item:

Quan Le, 9634 8th Bay Street, the Applicant

Jon Hilton, 2807 E. Oceanview Avenue

Reah Norrif, 2811 E. Oceanview Avenue

Sarah Carey, 2818 E. Oceanview Avenue

Michael Muhammad, 2600 Granby Street

Rhoda Young, 1025 W. 25th Street, Suite F.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

R-3 An Amendment to Resolution Number 1,840 in Support of the City's Application for the Allocation of \$20,000,000 from the **Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program** for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, for Various Transportation Projects in the City. - **(Resolution No. 1859)**

Barrett Hicks, 1515 E. Indian River Road, spoke in support of this item.

Rhoda Young, 1025 W. 25th Street, Suite F, spoke in support of this item.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

R-4 An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Norfolk to Enter into a Standard Project Administration Agreement with the **Virginia Department of Transportation for the Administration of Revenue Sharing Projects** Within the City, Subject to and in Accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement. - **(Ordinance No. 48746)**

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

R-5 An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition from the Norfolk Redevelopment Housing Authority of **246 and 301 W. 27th Street**; Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Special Warranty Deed(s) on Behalf of the City; and Authorizing the Expenditure of a Sum of Up to \$2,500.00 for All Related Transactional Costs.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Continued to May 10, 2022 [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

R-6 An Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Sections 16-59 to 16-62 of the *Code of the City of Norfolk*, SO AS TO Add the Duty of the **City Auditor to Audit Recipients of City Funds - (Ordinance No. 48747)**

Barrett Hicks, 1515 E. Indian River Road, spoke regarding the audit system of city treasurer and assessments.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

R-7 A Resolution to Amend the **Cost Allocation Agreement** Between the Cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach and the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads. - **(Resolution No. 1860)**

Barrett Hicks, 1515 E. Indian River Road, spoke regarding improved public transportation to the Peninsula.

Rhoda Young, 1025 W. 25th Street, Suite F, spoke regarding board composition.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [Unanimous]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Smigiel Jr., Alexander
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

R-8 An Ordinance Regarding **Compensation for The Chief of Police Retiring** on Normal Service Retirement Effective May 1, 2022. - **(Ordinance No. 48748)**

Louis Ortiz, 1471 Longdale Drive, spoke in opposition to this matter.

John Page, 909 Merrimack Avenue, spoke in favor of this matter.

Barrett Hicks, 1515 E. Indian River Road, spoke regarding transitional leadership in the police department.

Rhoda Young, 1025 W. 25th Street, Suite F, spoke in favor of this matter.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [6 to 1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Alexander
<b>NAYS:</b>	Smigiel
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

- R-9 An Ordinance Regarding Compensation for Assistant Chief of Police Retiring on Normal Service Retirement Effective May 1, 2022.

Withdrawn from the Agenda – no council vote was taken.

- R-10 A Resolution Providing Authorization for the **Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority** to Issue Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds for the Benefit of Standard Braywood Manor Venture LP - **(Resolution No. 1861)**

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [6 to 1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Alexander
<b>NAYS:</b>	Smigiel
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

- R-11 A Resolution Providing Authorization for the **Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority** to Issue Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds for the Benefit of Standard Lexington Park Venture LP - **(Resolution No. 1862)**

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>Adopted [6 to 1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Doyle, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Royster, Alexander
<b>NAYS:</b>	Smigiel
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Vincent Hodges, 622 Raleigh Avenue, commented on violence in the city.

Alton Robinson, 5116 E. Princess Anne Road, spoke regarding gun violence in the city and freedom of speech, called for city manager's resignation, and ARPA funds.

Barrett Hicks, 1515 E. Indian River Road, called for city manager's resignation, spoke on ARPA funds, and teams coming in from elsewhere make contract.

Leon Judge, 23 Thoroughbred Drive, Hampton, spoke regarding funding for the youth programming, Boys and Girls Club funding, and to request additional resources for our youth.

Monet Johnson, 3505 Argonne Avenue, spoke regarding ARPA funds for the present residents of St. Paul's and requested 5 million in funding for St. Paul's.

Rhoda Young, 1025 W. 25th Street, Suite F, spoke regarding upcoming elections of city council seats.

Jacqueline Horton, 6132 Edward Street, spoke regarding gun violence and cameras on downtown streets and in parking garages.

Brianna Bennette, 629 Longdale Crescent, Chesapeake, spoke requesting resources for youth programming and safety measures to stop gun violence.

Susan Neal Matousek, 8214 Andrew Lane, spoke regarding crime prevention measures, including more lighting on Simmons and other streets, additional resources for kids, and indoor gyms.

Vincent LaSalle, 1342 Reservoir Avenue, spoke regarding ARPA funding for public housing to improve living conditions.

Sauda Speede, 8600 Myrtle Avenue, spoke regarding using ARPA funds to open community centers, free activities for youth and other cost-efficient programs.

Leila Vann, 219 Granby Street, Unit 20, spoke on behalf of the Downtown Norfolk Civic League, expressed gratitude for increased police and City leadership presence and temporary cameras on Granby Street, and requested increased pay for Police.

Susan Loesberg, 1177 Starr Way, spoke regarding gun violence near Teens with a Purpose office on Church Street and around the city.

Joan Pleasants, 700 E. Olney Road, spoke regarding gun violence near Teens with a Purpose office on Church Street and around the city.

Pat Gadeinski, 2005 Plowshares Court, Virginia Beach, spoke regarding gun violence near Teens with a Purpose office on Church Street and around the city.

Cameron Bertrand, 2601 West Avenue, Newport News, spoke regarding gun violence and funding for research and community solutions.



Matthew Hall, 400 Granby Street, spoke working together as a community to address gun violence on Granby Street and Citywide.

Deirdre Love, 700 E. Onley Road, spoke regarding gun violence near Teens with a Purpose office on Church Street and around the city.

Avanti Garedo, 3572 Forrest Glenn Road, Virginia Beach, spoke regarding work release and homelessness.

Tony Marshall, 1243 Hampton Avenue, spoke regarding funding for youth, elderly and senior services in Parks and Recreation programming.

**ADJOURNMENT**