

**WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2010**

The Williamsburg City Council held its regular monthly meeting August 12, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Stryker Building, 412 N. Boundary Street, Williamsburg, Virginia.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clyde A. Haulman called the meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE

Present in addition to Mayor Haulman were Vice-Mayor Paul T. Freiling, and Council members Ms. Judith Knudson, and Messrs. Scott Foster and Doug Pons. Also present were City Manager Jack Tuttle, City Attorney Christina Shelton and Council Clerk Donna Scott.

Staff Attending: Assistant City Manager Jodi Miller, Economic Development Director Michele DeWitt, Planning Director Reed Nester, Finance Director Phil Serra, Public Works and Utilities Director Dan Clayton, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Rierson, Police Chief Dave Sloggie, Fire Chief Pat Dent and Chris Powell representing Human Services Director Peter Walentisch.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Mr. Freiling moved that Council approve the minutes of the July 1 Swearing-In Ceremony and Organizational Meeting and the July 8 Regular Meeting. Ms. Knudson seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Knudson, Pons, Haulman, Freiling, Foster
No: None
Absent: None

MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Haulman reminded Council members and members of the audience about the Youth Achievement Program Closing Ceremony tomorrow at noon at the Community Building. He encouraged all to attend.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no cases for Public Hearings this month.

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Statement

There were no additional comments from staff.

Monthly Departmental Operating Reports

Mr. Tuttle noted staff keeps a close watch on assessments to sales ratio on property taxes and there has been a significant change over the last 30 days; in July there was a 93% assessment to sales ratio. This was all residential and means the sale of houses were coming in above the assessed value by an average amount of 7%. This is good news if the trend continues.

Mr. Tuttle said a new metric has been added to the City Manager's Report. The number of pages in the agenda packet is counted and then equated to the dollar savings in reproduction costs. This month, because there are a lot of reports, the savings was \$471.00

Ms. Knudson noted attendance at Waller Mill Park is down substantially and asked if this might be because of the \$2 entrance fee. Mr. Tuttle responded that the decrease in attendance is probably due not only to the newly-imposed entry fee, but also the intense heat and the installation of the new entry gates. Prior to the gate installation, motion detectors were used that may not have given a totally accurate counting of attendance; they were probably high. The new gates will give a more accurate count since the number of vehicles is counted.

Mr. Freiling said the home sales ratio is great and in part shows the good work on the part of the City assessor in providing fair value and is also a good sign for the value of homes in the City. He asked if sales are tracked on a month-to-month basis, or is it meaningful with such a small inventory of homes in the community. Mr. Tuttle answered the figure is based on about ten or twelve residential transactions; in the same month we had no commercial transactions. It's true that any given month there is just not enough data to say, but it is a hopeful sign. He said that although the statistics go back some time, tracking in this manner so they are readily available, began about a year ago. Mr. Haulman suggested it may be useful to do an analysis of a year's worth of data with the variations over the course of that time, which would allow us to see over the years the seasonality of the data, if any. Mr. Tuttle said this will be done and will be sent to Council. Mr. Freiling added that the monthly updates provided by Mr. Serra are appreciated.

Planning Report – None

City Manager Reports

Payoff/Refinancing of Bond Principal -- Utility and Sales Tax Fund, Proposed Resolution #10-08

Mr. Tuttle noted that quite a bit of time was spent at Monday's work session discussing this issue. Two fifteen year bonds issued in 1997 can be repaid early without penalty resulting in savings in interest charges of approximately \$32,000. Also, with the refinancing of the City's 2002 General Obligation Bond, which was used to build the Prince George Parking Garage and the 2009 General Obligation Bond, used to purchase a long-term supplemental water supply from Newport News, the City has the potential to save in the range of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, depending on the final refinancing interest rate. Mr. Tuttle said a Bond Resolution to move forward will be presented to Council in September if the refinancing looks favorable. Mr. Haulman noted that the Fed announcement yesterday bodes well for longer-term interest rates as we move into the next few months.

Ms. Knudson moved that City Council adopt *Proposed Resolution #10-08* to (1) pay off the Utility Fund bond principal in the amount of \$300,000, and the Sales Tax Fund bond principal in the amount of \$300,000 and (2) authorize the City Manager to take steps necessary to pursue refinancing of the 2002 and 2009 Bonds. Mr. Freiling seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Knudson, Pons, Haulman, Freiling, Foster

No: None

Absent: None

{Adopted Resolution #10-08}

2011 Asphalt Overlay -- Award of Bid

Public Works and Utilities Director Dan Clayton said the City was very lucky this year having applied for and received approval for federal stimulus funding, \$325,744, toward the City's annual asphalt overlay project.

Two bids were received with the low bidder being Branscome, Inc. who is well qualified and has routinely performed asphalt work for the City. The bids were based on unit prices using estimated quantities, and the actual cost will reflect the as-built quantities. Funding will come from the approved stimulus money with the remaining \$257,336.45 coming from the City's CIP.

In response to Mr. Freiling's question about how the estimate relates to the as-built cost, Mr. Clayton responded that the bid is based on the estimated volume on the unit cost and will be different from the as-built cost when the actual quantities used are tracked. The estimate is usually within the range of 10%.

Mr. Freiling moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Branscome, Inc. for the fiscal year 2011 asphalt overlay project based on unit prices in the amount of \$583,080.45. Mr. Pons seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Knudson, Pons, Haulman, Freiling, Foster

No: None

Absent: None

Commonwealth of Virginia Voluntary Group Long-Term Care Insurance Program

Mr. Tuttle said the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) has assumed responsibility for the Commonwealth of Virginia Voluntary Group Long-Term Care Insurance Program. The Program provides an opportunity for employees to purchase long-term care to help pay for nursing home or at-home care for themselves or family members. Employees of local governments, local officers and teachers may participate. The Program premiums are paid by the participating employee and there is no cost to the City. To participate in the fall enrollment period, the City of Williamsburg needs to sign and submit the "Employee Adoption Agreement" between the VRS and the City by August 13, 2010.

Mr. Freiling said that even though the insurance is offered at a group rate, it still behooves the

employee to do some comparison shopping; he asked that message be passed to employees. Mayor Haulman asked that staff in the City's Human Resources department caution employees to shop wisely, checking not only the cost but also exactly what is covered and how it's covered under the options offered.

Mr. Freiling moved that City Council authorize the City Manager to sign the "Employer Adoption Agreement" with VRS establishing a group long-term care insurance program option for City employees. Ms. Knudson seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Knudson, Pons, Haulman, Freiling, Foster
No: None
Absent: None

Dining and Retail Map

Economic Development Director Michele DeWitt introduced the Dining and Retail Map designed to encourage visitors, residents, and students to dine and shop at City businesses. The Map is produced by the Economic Development Authority (EDA) with all City restaurants and retail establishments listed that hold an active business license with the Williamsburg Commissioner of the Revenue and retail establishments with a majority of sales in goods, not services. She said that all City businesses were notified about the map development this past Spring, and their responses have been entirely positive.

Ms. DeWitt noted that in addition to the printed map there are two electronic features;

1. An interactive web site under development at www.wburgmap.com
2. A mobile version of the web site that can be accessed by taking a picture of a bar code with a mobile phone device.

City businesses are encouraged to display the maps at their establishments, and the maps also will be available at a number of locations in town such as the Williamsburg Regional Library and the Williamsburg Transportation Center. The College of William and Mary will distribute the map to students and attendees of events at the College.

The printed map will be updated annually, while the electronic versions will be updated quarterly. The first printing of the map produced 25,000 copies and future printings will be evaluated dependent on demand.

Ms. DeWitt thanked David Kranbuehl who brought the idea of the map to the EDA after seeing similar guides in other localities.

Ms. DeWitt introduced **Tom Gillman**, a member of the EDA who spoke regarding the Dining and Retail Map. He said the map was developed to improve the economic vitality of the City of Williamsburg; to improve the shopping experience and promote the City's businesses. Hotels/Motels are not included on the map since visitors are usually booked by the time they come to town. He noted the interactive online capability and the "smart phone" compatible feature. Mr. Gillman said the members of the EDA are a talented group of people and request feedback on the project. He thanked Council for their support.

Mayor Haulman said the map is terrific and very helpful. Mr. Freiling asked if the map online

has the capability of linking to an individual business's website, and Ms. DeWitt responded that it is the intent to have hyperlinks, but this function is not yet set up.

Mr. Freiling stated that **David Kranbuehl**, 201 Harrison Avenue, has been a fierce advocate of the map's development and asked Mr. Kranbuehl how the City of Williamsburg map compares with the map in Carmel, California and other localities. Mr. Kranbuehl replied that he is extremely impressed with the map and although he doesn't have a smart phone, he knows young people will take advantage of the bar code function. The map will have an enormous affect on our community and he gives the EDA and the map A+, A+. Mr. Freiling added that as someone who travels a lot on business, this would be an invaluable tool and he wishes they were available in more communities.

Ms. DeWitt listed a few of the locations that currently have the maps and added that the EDA encourages further distribution; any business that would like a supply at their location can contact her. The locations that currently have a supply of the maps are all the City of Williamsburg buildings, the transportation station, parks, parking garage, Chamber of Commerce, local visitor centers, the New Kent rest stop, the admissions office at the College of William and Mary as well as the College's Alumni House and conference services. She also noted that the Quarterly Quill, the resident newsletter, regularly lists the most recent new businesses in the City. Mr. Pons commended Michele DeWitt, Tom Gillman and the members of the EDA for taking another proactive step to help the economy in Williamsburg. He added that he is mindful of the effort it takes to produce a product like this on a limited budget and this will be a great resource for hotels/motels to hand out to visitors. Mr. Pons said he is glad to hear of the distribution of the maps and suggested the Greater Williamsburg Tourist Information Center would love to have a supply. Ms. DeWitt confirmed a supply will be given to the Greater Williamsburg Tourist Information Center.

Ms. Knudson thanked Ms. DeWitt and Mr. Gillman and the members of the EDA for the remarkable things they have done this year, e.g., the EDA Roundtable luncheons, the E-Commerce grant. Mr. Haulman added a request that Council's appreciation be conveyed to the EDA; they are doing terrific things.

William and Mary Student Outreach Activities

Assistant City Manager Jodi Miller reviewed the schedule of outreach activities planned for William and Mary students for the fall semester. The activities include:

- Welcome signs (8 signs) posted at major entrance corridors -- August 19 and 20
- Mayor's welcome for new students at William and Mary Hall – August 20
- Neighborhood Relations Committee Community Forum at Community Building – College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley and Mayor Haulman – August 30
- Student Leadership reception – September date to be determined
- Virginia Symphony concert – “Symphonic Fireworks” at Lake Matoaka Amphitheater – Third year the City has co-sponsored – September 2
- Student Guides 2010/2011 – sent in mid-September
- Neighborhood visits – September 20 & 21
- Neighborhood ice cream social –four locations, 2:00-4:00 p.m. – September 26

Mr. Freiling asked if we've ever looked at creating a volunteer opportunity for residents to help the William and Mary students move into their rooms, thereby offering a more personal welcome above and beyond the welcome signs we put out. Ms. Miller said she doesn't think we have ever looked into that opportunity, but it's a good idea and we will look into it. Mr. Freiling suggested it also may be something the Neighborhood Relations Committee might want to look at. Mr. Foster suggested it might be best to contact Residence Life regarding this possibility since they handle such comings and goings. Mr. Foster added that it might also be a good opportunity to set up a more comprehensive partnership between the students and the community; help them recycle boxes, etc.

Mr. Pons commended Ms. Miller, City staff, the Neighborhood Council and the Neighborhood Relations Committee for being preemptive in communication with the students –this is a positive message and a great opportunity for them to meet their neighbors. Mr. Foster said he really appreciates the tone in the Student Guide pamphlet the Neighborhood Relations Committee will be sending out in mid-September as well as the direct connection that will be made. Ms. Knudson noted she likes all the phone numbers in the brochure.

Mayor Haulman thanked City staff and the Neighborhood Relations Committee. He pointed out Chon Glover, who is a member of the Neighborhood Relations Committee, is here today and asked him to convey to the Committee that they are doing a terrific job and we're looking forward to a great year ahead; all the work that goes in up-front pays off as we go through the year. In response to Mr. Foster's question, Ms. Miller said the Neighborhood Relations Committee heads up the ice cream social and staff members as well as members of the police and fire departments will be there to meet the students and other residents and to answer any questions they might have. The invitation is extended to all residents in the neighborhoods to give them a chance to get to know one another which is the first step toward good neighbor relations.

Cypress Creek Power Plant Review Process

Planning Director Reed Nester noted that the Cypress Creek Power Plant is the official name for the coal power plant that is being proposed by Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, and will be located in the Town of Dendron and in Surry County. He said the approval process is a protracted one with review by a number of government entities. At this point, both the town and the county have approved the various items that were required to advance this project. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Corps of Engineers will each need to hold public briefings and public hearings on the issue during their review process.

Mr. Nester said the best time for City Council to submit comments on the issue is during the formal public hearing and comment process – this will ensure that the City's comments are entered into the official record. City Council review should be coordinated with the public briefings and public hearings, which means Council's review would likely be in the July 2011 to July 2012 time frame.

Mr. Nester said he has discussed the review process with Mr. Tuttle and they suggest the following three point procedure for Council's deliberations:

1. City Council hears presentations on the proposed Power Plant at regularly scheduled City Council work session. Two presentations would be requested – one from the Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC), and one from an organization opposed to the project. This will allow City Council to hear presentations from both sides. Citizens would have an opportunity to comment at the Open Forum at the end of the meeting.

2. Following the presentations at the work session, there would be a 30-day comment period, and comments could be submitted through the City's web site. The comments would be assembled and distributed to City Council in the agenda packet for the next regular City Council meeting.
3. City Council could, if it chose, adopt a resolution stating Council's position on the Power Plant. The resolution then would be submitted as part of the official record of the review process -- this could be by mail or by presenting the resolution at the public hearing.

Mr. Freiling said he particularly liked the second point, the 30-day comment period, when people can take their time and compose their thoughts. He asked if someone does not have computer access, if they could make comments via e-mail, phone or letter and Mr. Nester confirmed they would be compiled along with the comments from the website. Mr. Freiling stated that this is going to be a complicated issue and passions are going to be high on both sides. He asked if the comments will be submitted along with any statement that may or may not be made by Council. Mr. Tuttle said that if the DEQ will receive them from us then they definitely will be included along with whatever resolution Council may adopt. Whether they will accept that in their official process, he could not say. Mr. Freiling asked if there is a way we can find out in advance from DEQ whether they will accept the comments and if there are certain perimeters about the submission of such material so we don't get caught in a technicality. Mr. Tuttle responded that we may not get a clear answer right now, but he will check with DEQ before we start. Mayor Haulman pointed out that the DEQ is also having a comment period and we could also encourage people to respond to that opportunity as well as to our comment opportunity.

Mr. Freiling said he believes the comments we accept should have some form of attribution. To our best ability, we should know where the comments are coming from; we need to know what the opinions are of the people who live in the City because that is who we are representing when we make this decision. Mr. Tuttle said this can be set up any way we choose. The Peak Democracy system that we have used before is a two-step process where in order to comment you must register which then allows comment without attribution. Another way it can be done is to say that every comment will be attributed by name and address; it can be done either way. The only reason to do it the first way is to encourage more participation, but with this issue it goes far beyond Williamsburg and folks who are not City residents might want to comment. Mr. Freiling said he would love to hear the comments, he just wants to know where they are coming from. Another thing he would like to avoid is a person, particularly outside of Williamsburg, who happens to submit 372 comments. There needs to be a way that they don't get disproportionate weighting in the consideration of the feedback we receive. He asked that staff check into how James City County and York County are handling the issue: we may want to use their process to benefit from or add to our process. He added that it would also be helpful if the three jurisdictions' processes are similar.

Mr. Foster said it is of particular importance that we wait to make comments on actual environmental facts and data which will come when the DEQ report is completed. It will also hone down what the public comments are online and in Council because we'll hopefully have real weather maps to deal with, we'll have some idea of whether we'll be exceeding our level

of non-attainment of certain gases. Waiting until we know those facts before we host a public forum is a very wise move. He added that once the data comes out we are much more likely to know what the surrounding counties and jurisdictions are doing.

Mr. Pons said he sees this as a good opportunity to get our citizens involved. He asked what the effect of our opinion will be on what's going to happen in Surry; what is the value of all this effort? Mr. Tuttle said it is hard to tell how DEQ will weigh other opinions. However, we are probably talking about a single work session where the pros and cons are presented as well as an opportunity for verbal comment, but the real emphasis is on the written comment. Then at the end of the 30-day period, Council will do what it decides, whether it is a resolution or if the decision is to not do one, the package will be submitted to DEQ. Mr. Pons said he would hate to see it become too much of a distraction from City business if the net effect of our opinion is minimal. Mr. Haulman said whatever is transmitted should include a description of our process; that will strengthen whatever position we take, and how it is transmitted is going to be important as far as how it's accepted and used. Mr. Foster said it's also about the scientific information, if it turns out Williamsburg won't be affected by the plant our comments would just be how we feel about it rather than a comment about objective facts.

Ms. Knudson thanked staff, especially Reed Nester and Jack Tuttle. She noted that this is an issue she has been talking about for a while and staff has done a really nice job of defining exactly what Council can do and how to do it in the best way; how we can be most effective. Mr. Haulman agreed that Council has been provided with a thoughtful road map. The process is critically important, important for Council and important for the citizens. Mr. Pons noted this might be an opportunity to blend what we do with James City County and York County to make it a broader community conversation. It might also be an opportunity to minimize some duplication of efforts.

Mr. Freiling moved that Council endorse the proposed time frame and process for City Council to deliberate on the proposed Cypress Creek Power Plant and direct staff to initiate Council's review process upon the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality deeming the permit application of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative(ODEC) to be complete. Ms. Knudson seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Knudson, Pons, Haulman, Freiling, Foster
No: None
Absent: None

Council Meeting Times

Mr. Tuttle said at their July meeting, City Council asked staff to bring back information and guidance concerning the City Council's meeting time. He noted City Charter, Section 15 prescribes that City Council shall, "...by ordinance, fix the time of their stated meetings." Although a change in the regular meeting time would require an amendment to the City Charter, a change in the meeting time for the work session would not.

Mr. Tuttle noted that the results of a 2004 citizen survey where 29% of the respondents reported that they had attended a City Council meeting within the last two years and 71% had not. To the question had they watched all or part of a Council meeting within the last two years, 46% of respondents had and 54% said they had not. To the question do they have a

preference of the time of day when Council meets, 17% said they do and 83% said they don't. Of those who answered they do have a preference, 30% said they would prefer 2:00 p.m., 60% said 7:00 p.m. and 10% said other.

In 2007 City Council work sessions were moved from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to see if the new time would encourage citizen attendance and participation. Using the measure of the number of citizens who spoke at Open Forums during the meetings (two opportunities provided at the work sessions and one at the regular meetings), it appears that the later meeting time does not result in greater public participation.

Mr. Tuttle noted the many means of civic engagement opportunities available to Williamsburg residents and pointed out the 2010 National Citizen Survey asked a question aimed at the degree to which City residents perceive "Opportunities to Participate in Community Matters." 71% of survey respondents rated the City of Williamsburg as "good" or "excellent." This compares favorably with the National Benchmark for this question with Williamsburg above the national average of National Citizen Survey participating local governments.

Concluding his comments, Mr. Tuttle said Council should weigh many factors in deciding when it wishes to hold its meetings, but based on the evidence we have, increasing or improving public participation should not be the deciding factor.

Mayor Haulman thanked staff for putting the report together.

Mr. Freiling said he's amazed 29% of the citizens have been to a City Council meeting in the last two years. He noted that Council does have evening meetings in March when budget hearing are held, which is probably one of Council's most important tasks. This past March there were two evening meetings and no one showed up to either one. He said it's another signal that the later meeting time would not draw more people. However, Mr. Freiling said he is happy to meet whenever Council decides makes the most sense.

Mr. Foster said the point is well taken, that it may not have any overall effect on the number of people who come to meetings on a yearly basis. However, as a Council we should go above and beyond to be publicly accountable; it is our duty to be mindful and facilitate those working folks with families. He said he thinks 2:00 & 4:00 p.m. are awkward for a stay-at-home parent or a working parent. If one of the Council meetings, either the work session or the regular meeting, could be held at 7:00 p.m., one of those parents could come to speak on an issue of interest to them. He said he thinks Council should work with some flexibility as far as working to serve everyone at a time that is convenient for them, and most folks are free from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Foster added that it may not make any difference in attendance, but at least in the public perception of openness and accessibility, it would be wise to make some change whether it's for a trial period or not.

Mr. Pons agreed with both Mr. Foster and Mr. Freiling. He said that when he was a member of the Planning Commission going through the Comprehensive Plan process, the Commission made sure that they staggered times from afternoon to mid-afternoon to evening to give everyone an opportunity to attend; he added that anecdotally, what drives people to meetings is the issue. He agreed that Council does need to try to be accessible to people, maybe a 7:00 p.m. work session for a trial year would be helpful to some folks in the community.

Ms. Knudson said, having served on the James City County Board of Supervisors when they went from day meetings to night meetings, first they went to one night and one day meeting and then went to both night meetings. Although it probably felt good in the community, she said she doesn't think it made any difference in citizen attendance; she agreed with Mr. Pons, that it is really the issue under discussion that brings people out to a meeting. She added that she would not like to be making decisions at 11:30 p.m. The idea of having the work session in the evening when Council doesn't vote is a little more appealing to her for that reason. She noted there are two working parents on Council and asked them how they feel about an evening meeting. Both Mr. Pons and Mr. Freiling said they would be able to make arrangements to meet in the evening.

Mr. Haulman agreed that there are some arguments to having regular evening meetings. When there is a pressing issue, the attendance does increase. Council has had evening meetings during the Comprehensive Plan review process and will probably have an evening meeting regarding the Coal Plant issue; we may need the flexibility to move a meeting to an evening when it is needed because of a particular issue. He said there may be a couple of options to consider.

- One might be to move the work session to an evening time and what impact would that have on staff. Work sessions are not decision time, but information time. It also has public forums both at the beginning and at the end of the meeting so people have the opportunity to speak multiple times if they wish.
- Another option would be to move the regular meeting to 7:00 p.m. for three to six months.

Mr. Freiling said the change to the evening work session rather than the regular meeting makes more sense because Council wouldn't be making decisions at a late hour and people who wanted to see how things turn out would not have to stay until a late hour. There would also be greater flexibility for people to participate during the two open forums at work sessions.

Mr. Foster said he would agree on the condition that Monday work sessions are touted as being a time to come and comment on Thursday's Regular Meeting agenda; advertise it as a pre-discussion for Thursday's meeting. Mr. Haulman noted it would be incumbent upon Council to focus even more toward Thursday's agenda, maybe be more proactive. Mr. Pons cautioned Council about moving it for only three months; people get confused and don't know when to show up. He suggested a six, nine or even one year trial and make sure it's on the agenda to reevaluate at the end of that time.

Mr. Tuttle pointed out that it is often at work sessions that we bring in outside presenters. A lot of them could come in the evening but sometimes the work day period is more convenient, but not a deal breaker. Also, from time to time when there have not been Background/ Discussion issues, the work session has been canceled, maybe twice a year. He added that neither issue is reason enough to decide to change the hour of the work session over the regular meeting, just two more thoughts. Mr. Foster agreed with Ms. Knudson that making decisions at 11:30 or 12:00 is not a good idea. Mr. Freiling pointed out that we live in a service industry community and many people work in the evening so we're never going to find a time that works for everybody, but it certainly is worth trying in order to create another opportunity for people to participate. He added that we also might get a larger cross section if we had one meeting at 7:00 and the other at 2:00.

Mr. Pons moved that beginning in October 2010, City Council move the monthly work sessions from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a six month trial period and reevaluate the change at the end of that time period. Mr. Foster seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Knudson, Pons, Haulman, Freiling, Foster
No: None
Absent: None

City Manager Interviewed on CNN

Mayor Haulman congratulated Mr. Tuttle on his appearance on the television network CNN. Mr. Tuttle was interviewed regarding the implications on the Freedom of Information Act and Open Government in response to the City's move to the use of "iPads" rather than paper copies of agenda packets. In addition to Mr. Tuttle, the Executive Director of the Virginia Association for Open Government was interviewed.

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney had no report this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mr. Freiling moved that City Council appoint Albert Osborn Louer to the Thomas Nelson Community College Board effective immediately. The four-year term will expire June 30, 2014. Ms. Knudson seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Knudson, Pons, Haulman, Freiling, Foster
No: None
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS -- None

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Haulman opened the Open Forum portion of the meeting for comments on any topic.

There being no comment the Open Forum was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business before the Council, at 3:25 p.m. Mr. Freiling moved and Ms. Knudson seconded the motion to adjourn the City Council meeting of August 12, 2010. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Approved: September 9, 2010

Clyde A. Haulman, Mayor

Donna Scott, City Council Clerk