

REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: Richmond City Council
From: Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Date: October 11, 2002
Re: **History and Heritage in City Hall**

To Council - Oct. 15, 2002

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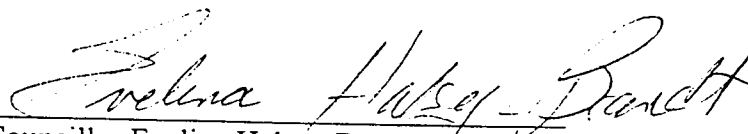
Heritage preservation has always been of great importance to the City of Richmond. As much as possible we have tried to preserve those items from our past that will let current and future residents learn about our collective history. We have preserved buildings, pictures, and artifacts to help us accomplish this goal.

One very public and important place in Richmond that I feel is totally lacking in acknowledgement of our history is our new City Hall. Nowhere in this new building is there anything to identify the previous civic leaders who helped to shape Richmond into the wonderful community it is today. In the previous City Hall our citizens could see the current and previous Councils by simply looking at the pictures on the wall leading up to the Council Chamber. In this new City Hall we have nothing of our past. It is like it did not exist. That is simply not right. We have a proud and vibrant past. Those past civic leaders deserve to be identified and recognized for their contributions.

I would like to see one of the walls, in a public area of City Hall, dedicated to our political past. A portrait of our current Mayor and Council, the previous Reeves/Mayors back to 1879 and a picture of previous Councils in chronological order would be a very appropriate display in our new City Hall.

I would therefore make the following recommendation:

That staff through the appropriate department bring forward a report that identifies possible locations for this pictorial display, the options for frame materials based on the locations chosen, a timeline for completing the project and the cost of the project.


Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt



To: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee **Date:** November 12, 2002
From: Connie Baxter
Coordinator-Heritage Sites **File:**
Re: **History and Heritage in City Hall**

On October 15, 2002, Council directed that the attached report (dated October 11, 2002, from Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt) regarding the History and Heritage in City Hall, specifically a pictorial display of previous civic leaders, be referred to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee for discussion.

The former City Hall had a display of individual portraits of Reeves/Mayors dating back to 1880 and group portraits of Councils dating back to 1973. These images are currently at the City Archives. They were moved there for safe keeping when the old City Hall closed to allow for construction of the current building.

The images were not reinstalled because the frames are worn and slightly damaged and the majority are of two different styles. Both styles are dated and do not match the woodwork and architectural style of the new City Hall. Finding a suitable location for 38 images, with room for growth, is problematic as there is limited permanent display space.

Inventory of Images

1. **Reeves/Mayors**
20 framed (11" x 13"), 1 unframed (4" x 6")
1 frame is slightly different than the others
2. **Councillors**
15 framed (17" x 17"), 2 unframed (8" x 10")
1 frame is made of different material and does not have a caption

Options for Council Consideration:

1. **Frame remaining images and install "as is."**
2. **Frame remaining images, restore frames and install.**
3. **Consult architect to design new frame apparatus to fit with the architecture of City Hall, copy images and install.**
4. **No action.**

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Staff will need to do a display assessment prior to further work on this project. Consideration of location, possible alterations to the building, room for growth and costs will need to be reviewed if Council proceeds with options 1, 2 or 3.



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