

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 10th day of March, 2010, in the cafeteria of Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley, Virginia:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission

Members Present:

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman
Ms. Tammy Parks, Vice-Chairman
Mr. George Parker
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Mr. Herbert Thom
Mr. Dave Vaughn
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. William Fallon
Mr. David Lumgair

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ms. Karen Firehock, Green Infrastructure Center
Ms Sarah Malpass, Green Infrastructure Center
Mrs. Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Yvonne Pennell, Administrative Assistant
Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Mr. Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner
Mr. Thomas Brockenbrough, GIS Coordinator
Mr. Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney
Mr. Mike Mason, Director of Finance
Mr. Steven B. Miner, County Administrator

Board of Supervisors

Members Present:

The Honorable Laura Belle Gordy, Chair
The Honorable Wanda J. Thornton
The Honorable Ron S. Wolff
The Honorable Grayson C. Chesser
The Honorable Sandra Hart Mears
The Honorable Steve D. Mallette
The Honorable John C. Gray
The Honorable Philip McCaleb

Members Absent:

The Honorable Donald L. Hart, Jr.

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Hickman called the Joint Work Session with the Board of Supervisors to order at 5:10 p.m. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors called the Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission to order at 5:10 p.m. Both boards agreed to follow the Agenda.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, and Seconded by Mrs. Parks, the Planning Commission adopted and agreed to follow the Planning Commission Agenda.

3. BLUE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT WORK SESSION WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Mr. McGowan introduced Ms. Karen Firehock and Ms. Sarah Malpass of the Green Infrastructure Center. Ms. Firehock gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Accomack County Blue & Green Infrastructure Project for the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission. Ms. Firehock and Ms. Malpass presented maps for discussion, and requested any comments to be submitted by March 31, 2010.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not a Public Hearing):

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for the Public Comment Period. No one signed up or requested to speak.

5. 7:30 PM PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Draft 2011-2015 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP): Chairman Hickman opened the Public Hearing. The Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing on the Draft 2011 - 2015 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Mr. Mason was available for any questions.

Chairman Hickman closed the Public Hearing. No one was signed up to speak. The Planning Commission held a discussion.

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Mr. C. Hickman, the Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Draft 2011-2015 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to the Board of Supervisors with the addition of the VDOT Six-Year Plan.

Vote:

Ayes: Lumgair, Thom, Parks, P. Hickman, Vaughn, C. Hickman, Fallon Roberts.

Nays: Parker

On a Motion by Mr. Parker, Seconded by Mr. C. Hickman, the Planning Commission voted to initiate an amendment to the Future Land Use Map to show sewer service areas.

Vote:

Ayes: Lumgair, Thom, Parker, Parks, P. Hickman, Vaughn, C. Hickman, Fallon Roberts.

Nays: None

B. Wal-Mart Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing: Chairman Hickman opened the Public Hearing. Mr. Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner, presented the staff report. Mr. Thomas Kleine, Wal-Mart Attorney and Jamillah Mohammad, Architect signed up to speak. Mr. Kleine spoke about the project and was available for questions. The Planning Commission held a brief discussion.

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, and Seconded by Mrs. Parks, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Draft Amended Conditions of Approval, dated March 3, 2010, to the Board of Supervisors with “and proposed signs” deleted from Item 3.

Vote:

Ayes: Lumgair, Thom, Parks, P. Hickman, Parker ,Vaughn, , Fallon Roberts.

Nays: None

Abstain: C. Hickman

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Subdivision Agent Report

Mr. McGowan presented the Subdivision Agent Report.

B. Draft Proffer Policy

Mr. McGowan reported that Mr. Taylor has prepared a Draft Proffer Policy, which is being reviewed by staff. The Draft Proffer Policy will be presented for the Commission’s review and discussion at the March Planning Commission Work Session.

C. Planning Commission Policy on Ex Parte Communication

As requested on February 23rd, Mr. Taylor is preparing a Draft Planning Commission Policy on ex parte communication.

D. Draft General Business Zoning District Amendment

Mr. McGowan working with Mr. Taylor on requested revisions to the Draft General Business Zoning District Text Amendment.

E. Draft Industrial Zoning District Amendment

Mr. McGowan presented The Draft Industrial Zoning District Text Amendment. The Planning Commission would like further discussion on the text amendment at the March Work Session.

On a Motion by Mr. Parker, Seconded by Mr. C. Hickman, the Planning Commission agreed to go over the Draft Industrial Zoning District Amendment in more detail at the March Work Session.

Vote:

Ayes: Lumgair, Thom, Parks, P. Hickman, Parker ,Vaughn, C. Hickman, Fallon Roberts.
Nays: None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ESCC GREEN ENERGY SYMPOSIUM APRIL 30 – MAY 1

Mr. McGowan reported that Eastern Shore Community College is holding a Green Energy Symposium on April 30th and May 1st. Mr. McGowan will provide additional details as they become available.

B. Proposed Draft FY 2011 Department of Planning Budget

Mr. McGowan reported that the Draft FY 2011 Department of Planning Budget proposed by the Board of Supervisors eliminates the Department of Planning's Land Use Planner and Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector positions. The Commission discussed the proposed budget cuts.

On a Motion by Mr. Roberts, and Seconded by Mr. Thom, the Planning Commission requested that the Chairman Hickman and Vice-Chair Parks together submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors from the Planning Commission to support keeping the Planning Department positions.

Vote:

Ayes: Lumgair, Thom, Parks, P. Hickman, Parker ,Vaughn, C. Hickman, Fallon Roberts.
Nays: None

8. OTHER MATTERS:

Chairman Hickman stated for the record that he had met with a developer who showed him plans for a proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) in Wattsville near the old Dream Drive-In Movie Theater.

9. MINUTES:

The following minutes were presented for the Commission's review and approval:

A. Minutes of February 23, 2010

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Mr. C. Hickman, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 23, 2010.

10. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at Metompkin Elementary School.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Mr. C. Hickman, those present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to the Work Session scheduled for March 23, 2010, in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Accomac.

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant