

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 14th day of August, 2019, at the Accomack County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER
MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

Mrs. Angela Wingfield, Chairwoman
Mr. David Lumgair
Mr. James Arnold
Mr. Brantley Onley
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Leander Roberts
Mr. Kelvin Pettit

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. Roy Custis, Vice Chairman
Mr. Lynn Gayle

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Deputy County Administrator of Building, Planning, and Economic Development
Mrs. Katie Nunez, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning
Mrs. Stephanie Woods, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy County Administrator
Supervisor Grayson Chesser

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairwoman Wingfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Arnold, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairwoman Wingfield opened the public comment period.

There being no public comments; Chairwoman Wingfield closed the public comment period.

4. MINUTES

July 10, 2019: *On a motion made by Mr. Onley and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the July 10, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.*

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Hampton Roads Sewer District Concept for the Eastern Shore

Mr. Morrison presented the Planning Commission with information provided by the Hampton Roads Sewer District (HRSD). Mr. Morrison stated that the County Administrator, Michael Mason, and the Deputy County Administrator of Public Works, Stewart Hall, have

been playing a big role as part of this project. Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the Hampton Roads Sewer District was invited to come to the County and complete the study for the potential project.

Chairwoman Wingfield inquired as to the cost structure of the project. Mr. Morrison then referenced a slide in the presentation that states it is estimated to cost \$24 million to construct and \$75,000 per year to operate and maintain. Per the information provided, HRSD could own, operate, and fund the Project if the Eastern Shore becomes part of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District.

Mr. Onley clarified if the new Riverside Hospital is connected to the current system and how far north that pipeline runs. Mr. Morrison informed him that yes the hospital is connected to the current system and that the pipeline cuts into Onancock just north of the southern entrance to the hospital.

Chairwoman Wingfield inquired how the new Project will affect the Treatment Plant in Onancock with the increase. Mr. Morrison informed her that the Onancock Treatment Plant was built to process 750,000 gallons and the project would bring the Plant to about 400,000 gallons, so there is room for the growth.

Mr. Arnold inquired how this Project tracks with the population numbers. Mr. Morrison stated it was created with the current population trends in mind and would stand up with the existing population.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing was held.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Comp. Plan Amendments, Status, and Calendar Discussion

Mrs. Katie Nunez presented information to the Planning Commission concerning updates to the Comprehensive Plan regarding changes to the Future Land Use Map, Public Facilities Updates, and Coastal Resiliency. Mrs. Nunez asked the Commissioners if they still felt it was the best plan of action to split these items for Public Hearing or condense them and take it to Public Hearing all at once. Mr. Hickman stated that it sounded like it would be more work to split the items, and inquired what the advantage was to splitting them. Mrs. Nunez responded that when the items are broken up into several Public Hearings it helps to engage the public. Mr. Hickman stated that he thought it would be beneficial to take the changes that have been made to the Future Land Use Map forward to Public Hearing, and then pausing the other items till after the new Board of Supervisors takes office. Mr. Lungair agreed with Mr. Hickman. Mrs. Nunez stated that at the next Planning Commission Work Session she would bring the text language for the Future Land Use Map changes for approval to be taken to Public Hearing.

B. Demonstration of ACCESS On-Line Permit Portal

A demonstration of the ACCESS On-Line Permit Portal was presented by Staff to the Planning Commission.

C. Continued discussion of Coastal Resiliency

Mr. Morrison stated that there is not enough data at this time concerning the torrential rainfall events, however there is enough data to discuss the County's response to vulnerable areas concerning sea level rise and land loss. Mr. Morrison stated he felt there are two areas with

enough data that the Planning Commission can start formulating a position on: New Development in vulnerable areas and Existing Development in vulnerable areas. Mr. Morrison indicated that once the County's position is identified, a plan of action can be created from there. Mr. Morrison stated he felt that the County is not ready to regulate in response to sea level rise or land loss, but that a decision needs to be made on how strong or weak the position will be. What will the Planning Commission's response be to New and Existing Development in vulnerable areas. Once the position is formed then it can be put before the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Chairwoman Wingfield, Mr. Pettit, and Mr. Hickman all stated that they wouldn't want to set regulations for the community. Mr. Lumgair stated that if they do regulate, it needs to be a regulation written with the community in mind and that they would be ok with. Mr. Arnold agreed, in that the idea of regulations doesn't scare him, but it needs to be determined how much sea level rise and land loss is incurred. Mr. Arnold stated that there could always be a public meeting to discuss a potential new policy as well.

Mr. Roberts inquired as to how they would approach the torrential rain events. Mr. Arnold suggested the Planning Commission determine an average and then determine a plan from there. Mr. Morrison stated that the Comprehensive Plan states develop advisory plans. Chairwoman Wingfield inquired as to where the advisors statements would be found. Mr. Morrison stated that that can be determined by the Commission. They can decide to be as assertive or nonassertive as they would like to be with the statements. Mr. Arnold also suggested putting up signs that state "This Road Floods" so that the public is aware. Mr. Morrison agreed that that is a possibility, and that this was a great beginning to the discussion and will continue at the next meeting.

8. SUBDIVISION AGENT REPORT

Nothing to report on at this time.

9. REPORT ON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS UPCOMING HEARINGS

Mrs. Nunez stated that there are five applications for the September 4, 2019 meeting.

1. Special Use Permit Application from Cellco for a Verizon Tower – this was filed previously but has been delayed due to extra documentation being required.
2. Accomack County is requesting a Special Use Permit for Office Use in Agricultural Zoning and for a Variance to allow two small vestibules to be located within the setback.
3. Special Use Permit Application from Patrick Lopez for a Shooting Range in the Agricultural District, Tax Map # 93-A-42.
4. Variance application from Stephen Bennington for a pole barn in the Residential District, Tax Map # 121B-A-85.
5. Variance Application from Corinne Vincent to allow for an addition of an attached garage in the side setback in the Agricultural District, Tax Map # 85D-1-5.

10. OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that the County obtained the property that the Whispering Pines Motel used to sit on at Tax Sale earlier this week.

Mr. Arnold inquired for more information concerning the grant awarded to the Airport that was listed in the ES Post. Mr. Morrison said he would follow-up on it and bring the information back to the Planning Commission. Mr. Arnold also inquired if there has been

any movement on the potential traffic light on Route 13 at the State Police barracks. Mr. Morrison informed him, that no there has not been at this time.

Mr. Hickman inquired if there was any more information concerning the inquiries being made by companies regarding potential solar projects.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Commission regular session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, Accomac. The next Planning Commission work session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County School Board Office Conference Room, Room 201, Accomac.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Hickman and seconded by Mr. Arnold, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Angela Wingfield, Chairwoman

Katie H. Nunez, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning