

ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2015

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 8th day of July 2015, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

Mr. David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Spyridon Papadopoulos, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Lynn Gayle
Mr. Stephen Corazza
Mr. Brantley Onley
Mr. Roy Custis
Mrs. Angela Wingfield

Planning Commission Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Planner
Mrs. Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant

B. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Lumgair called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (not a public hearing)

Chairman Lumgair opened the floor for the public comment period.

No one signed up or requested to speak.

4. MINUTES

A. June 10, 2015

Mr. Papadopoulos requested that “as amended” be added to the vote recorded on page 2 of the minutes. The revised sentence will state, “The Planning Commission unanimously voted in favor of the motion, as amended.”

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On a motion made by Mr. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mr. Onley, the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2015 regular meeting as amended.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mappsville Future Land Use Plan Amendment and Rezoning

Ms. Tremblay recapped the Planning Commission of what took place at its last meeting regarding the Future Land Use Plan Amendment and the rezoning of certain parcels in the Mappsville area. She went on to inform the Commission that since its last meeting, she reached out to several business owners and clergy who are affected by the changes by phone and also held an open house to inform them of the changes and to answer any questions. Ms. Tremblay then recommended that the Planning Commission, after discussion and if ready, schedule two public hearings, one for the Future Land Use Plan Amendment and the other for the rezoning of certain parcels in the Mappsville area.

Ms. Tremblay also updated the Planning Commission on the status of the recent Dollar General project. She reported that the applicants are having issues with obtaining VDOT approvals and that the project may or may not occur. She then noted that if the project does not occur, the Planning Commission may want to consider rezoning those parcels (recently zoned Commercial to allow for the Dollar General) to Limited Business to be in sync with the Commission's current proposal for the Mappsville area's business zoning.

Mr. Hickman arrived for the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mrs. Wingfield noted her concerns with some of the language in the Limited Business District zoning ordinance, mainly pertaining to water and sewer.

Staff suggested to the Planning Commission that it hold off on scheduling public hearings for the Future Land Use Plan Amendment and current zoning of Mappsville and allow staff the time to review and make changes to the Limited Business District language and bring all three matters back before the Commission at its next meeting. The Commission agreed that this was the best course of action.

B. Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

Mr. Morrison presented the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) implementation memorandum from Tyson Smith to the Planning Commission and noted that several items had been highlighted in yellow that were in the Planning Commission's purview. Additional items not in the Commission's purview, but may benefit from input, are highlighted in blue.

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The Planning Commission then went through the memorandum, discussing the highlighted items.

It discussed the establishment of the Accomack Wallops Working Group (AWWG) and voiced its desire that the group be limited in size and have one Planning Commission member and one alternate.

On a motion made by Mr. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it appoint at least two members of the Planning Commission (one full-time and one alternate) to the Accomack Wallops Working Group (AWWG) and that the group be limited to seven (7) people (not including the one alternate).

The Planning Commission then began its deliberation on having the Board of Supervisors initiate State legislation to implement certain Joint Land Use Study recommendations. After some discussion, the Planning Commission narrowed down the legislation to include aircraft accident potential, aircraft noise potential, and rocket range hazards.

On a motion made by Mr. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mr. Corazza, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it initiate State legislation for aircraft accident potential zones, aircraft noise potential zones, and rocket range hazards zones for the Wallops facilities.

Discussion on Round One and Two of the Comprehensive Plan amendments, the Clear Zone Strategic Action Plan, and an overlay for accident potential commenced.

On a motion made by Mr. Corazza and seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Planning Commission unanimously voted on the following:

- 1. To execute Round One and Two of the Comprehensive Plan amendments as drafted;**
- 2. Wait until the Accomack Wallops Working Group is established to discuss the Clear Zone Strategic Action Plan any further; and**
- 3. To address the overlay for accident potential during Round 2 of the Comprehensive Plan amendments and make a recommendation with the Comprehensive Plan recommendation(s).**

Joint Land Use Study discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

7. OTHER MATTERS

A. Subdivision Agent Report

Staff presented the May 16 – June 15, 2015 Subdivision Agent Report to the Planning Commission for informational purposes.

B. Atlantic Town Center Lawsuit

Mr. Papadopoulos asked for an update on the lawsuit. Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that there was no update. A pre-trial for the rezoning lawsuit will be held on August 7, 2015.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Papadopoulos, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman

Hollis Parks, Administrative Assistant