

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 11th day of October 2017, at Accomack County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

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

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. Stephen Corazza

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Lumgair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Papadopoulos, the Planning Commission voted to approve 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. Chairman Lumgair closed the public comment period.

4. MINUTES

A. July 12, 2017

On a motion made by Mr. Roberts and Mr. Hickman, the Planning Commission voted to approve the July 12, 2017 minutes as amended.

B. August 9, 2017

On a motion made by Mr. Hickman and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Planning Commission voted to approve the August 9, 2017 minutes as amended.

C. September 13, 2017

On a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Onley, the Planning Commission voted to approve the September 13, 2017 minutes.

On a motion made by Mr. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mr. Onley, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn to a work session in the School Board Conference Room (Room 201).

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan - Review of the demographics, employment, and development

After a review of the documents provided, the Planning Commission expressed interest and discussed the following:

- Population and economic growth;
- The lack of need for Village Development zoning on many properties;
- Depreciation of modular homes versus stick built homes;
- How to retain the population with a mix of ages;
- National trends with the declining number of medical facilities in rural areas;
- Natural gas – staff plans to invite the industry to speak ;
- Solar tax rates and clarification that solar is only welcome in Business and Industrial zoned districts;
- Swine Ordinance review;
- Current poultry applications and houses in operation;
- Fiber optic and the current broadband development of a strategic plan;
- Consider discuss of drones;
- Staff will request Curt Smith, ANPDC and Julie Wheatley, Wallops Research Park to speak on their involvement of economic development on the Shore;
- Public transportation;
- Education – staff will invite Chris Holland, Superintendent and Linda Glover, ESCC to speak and discuss their school systems;
- Change of commerce – Walmart and increased number of Dollar Generals; and
- Number of existing and closed businesses/ how to retain and attract businesses.

6. OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Morrison discussed the County Reorganization that promoted him to Deputy County Administrator and informed the Commission that the Wallops Research Park now reports directly to him.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman

Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant