

## HAMPTON ROADS REALTORS® ASSOCIATION

# Government Affairs Reports-in-Brief on Municipal Activities February 2019

## Portsmouth

### ACTIONS

- Developer John Lawson has proposed building a \$700 million casino, hotel, and conference center on prime waterfront property where the Holiday Inn was previously located. The casino would require the Virginia General Assembly to pass legislation to allow casinos in selected Virginia localities. At this point the legislation has been put on hold until 2020 pending further study.
- Link: [www.pilotonline.com](http://www.pilotonline.com)

## Norfolk

### ACTIONS

- January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. No decision on casino in Norfolk or Portsmouth expected until 2020. The Senate Finance Committee agreed with the plan by Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment, R-James City, to stop any local referendums on casinos until a comprehensive study is done.
- Link: [https://pilotonline.com/news/government/politics/virginia/article\\_5c2f27fc-24af-11e9-a6ca-7bdbe49ea2c2.html](https://pilotonline.com/news/government/politics/virginia/article_5c2f27fc-24af-11e9-a6ca-7bdbe49ea2c2.html)
- January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Norfolk council OKs controversial apartments near Military Highway light rail station.** A proposal for an affordable apartment complex near the Military Highway Tide station was approved by the City Council on Tuesday. The 236-unit project is the first to get the city's transit-oriented development zoning, which was put into place in 2011 in hopes of generating dense shops, offices and housing around Norfolk's then-new light rail stations. The plan recently became a flashpoint for the largely suburban community in which it will be located, with residents turning out en masse to object.
- Link: [https://pilotonline.com/news/government/local/article\\_5c907108-248f-11e9-bbf0-3f5af7c21ea0.html](https://pilotonline.com/news/government/local/article_5c907108-248f-11e9-bbf0-3f5af7c21ea0.html)

## Chesapeake

### ACTIONS

- **On 1-22-19 the Chesapeake City Council :**  
CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019-JUNE 30, 2024 –  
**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE/BUDGET OFFICE APPROVED (de Triquet/Ward)**  
**(9-0)**  
Items of note:

Total budget approved: \$556,347,565

53% of budget to be paid by cash

47% from debt issuance

Modernization of School facilities \$40.0 million

South Central Water Transmission Loop Phase 1 \$17.6 million

Drainage/outfall improvements Nina Dr, Liberty St, Greenbrier \$3.4 million

Chesapeake expressway- paving \$1.8 million

Johnstown Road- ditch and shoulder improvements \$20.3 million

- Link: [http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting\\_docs/actions\\_council/2019/01-22-19/NPPH-A.pdf](http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting_docs/actions_council/2019/01-22-19/NPPH-A.pdf)

- **On 1-15-19 the Chesapeake City Council Approved:**

PLN-REZ-2017-030 (formerly R(C)-15-12) Dillon Property Rezoning APPLICANT: HAV, Inc. OWNER: Joseph T. Dillon Jr. ET ALS AGENCY: Williams Mullen PROPOSAL: A zoning reclassification of a portion of 62.7 acres from R-15s, Residential District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to R-8 (17.6 acres), Residential District. PROPOSED COMP LAND USE / DENSITY: Low-Density Residential with 2.56 dwelling unit per acre EXISTING COMP LAND USE / City Council Meeting January 15, 2019 3 DENSITY: Low-Density Residential with something less than 4 dwelling units per acre LOCATION: 1824 Elbow Road. Note: up to 45 units approved with minimum design requirements.

- Link:

[http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting\\_docs/actions\\_council/2019/01-15-19/Marked+Agenda.pdf](http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting_docs/actions_council/2019/01-15-19/Marked+Agenda.pdf)

- **On 1-15-19 the Chesapeake City Council Approved :**

PLN-USE-2018-042 Hickory Solar Farm Amendment APPLICANT: Caden Energix Hickory, LLC OWNER: Newbern Farms, LLC PROPOSAL: A conditional use permit to amend stipulations number 7 and 12 of a previously approved application (PLN-USE-2017-003) for a solar farm facility On Ballentine Road, approximately 5,000 ft. east from the intersection of Ballentine Road and Battlefield Blvds. Approved with changes

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- **On 1-15-19 the Chesapeake City Council Approved:**

PLN-TXT-2018-003 An Ordinance amending Appendix A of the City Code, entitled "Zoning," Article 20, Section 20-202 thereof, to add a penalty of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for a third misdemeanor offense of failing to correct a violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

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