

## **Government Affairs Reports-in-Brief on Municipal Activities June 2019**

### **Norfolk City Report (June 2019)**

**Submitted by Louis Eisenberg**

#### **ACTION**

- ✓ **On** May 2019 City Council approved \$2,831,000 in funding for acquisition in Wards Corner in the 2020 Budget.
- ✓ City has signed a contract to buy 72 apartment units in Denby Park and close in September 2019. Apartments will be demolished and land will be banked.

### **Portsmouth City Report (June 2019)**

**Submitted by Gary Bunting**

#### **ACTION**

- ✓ City Council adopted the FY 2020 budget. Real estate taxes remain the same, \$1.30 per hundred.
- ✓ Link: [www.portsmouthva.gov](http://www.portsmouthva.gov)
- ✓ Repairs to the roof of the city owned Atlantic Union Bank Pavilion, which were supposed to be completed by June 18th, are behind schedule. The first 2 concerts of the season have been cancelled.
- ✓ Link: [www.pilotonline.com](http://www.pilotonline.com)
- ✓ The City of Portsmouth publishes a Community Program Guide that includes much useful information about the city, including contact info for City departments, youth recreation leagues, upcoming events, grant programs for families in need public services, free camps, and empowerment programs. This is printed and mailed to citizens quarterly and is also available on the City website.
- ✓ Link: <http://portsvaprls.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/April-June-2019-Program-Guide.pdf>

### **Chesapeake City Report (June 2019)**

**Submitted by Tom Thrasher**

#### **ACTION**

#### **ACTIONS**

- ✓ **On** 5-15-19 the Virginian Pilot reports
- ✓ Short summary of Chesapeake \$1.2 Billion budget.  
**No changes to property taxes; 3.35% raise for city employees; \$9 million in**

### **new funding for schools**

Link: [https://pilotonline.com/news/government/local/article\\_fa46cc98-7689-11e9-9710-33c949f8194e.html](https://pilotonline.com/news/government/local/article_fa46cc98-7689-11e9-9710-33c949f8194e.html)

- ✓ **On 5-18-19** the Virginian Pilot reports
- ✓ Chesapeake city farmers market expected to open at city hall May 25<sup>th</sup> expected to be held 8am to 12pm every Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> through Oct 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Link: [https://pilotonline.com/news/local/article\\_4daedcc4-751b-11e9-946c-676a7fbc3b45.html](https://pilotonline.com/news/local/article_4daedcc4-751b-11e9-946c-676a7fbc3b45.html)
  
- ✓ **On 5-21-19** the Chesapeake City Council :  
PLN-PUDC-2018-001 Estates of Hickory PUD Expansion APPLICANT: Homes Associates of Virginia, Inc. AGENCY: Williams Mullen PROPOSAL: A zoning reclassification of approximately APPROVED with the Public Utilities Franchise Area expansion and the revised Development Criteria dated March 18, 2019 (Best/Vitale) (5-2) (Hamel and Ritter voted no) (Ike abstained and West excused)
- ✓ Link:  
[http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting\\_docs/actions\\_council/2019/05-21-19/Marked+Agenda.pdf](http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting_docs/actions_council/2019/05-21-19/Marked+Agenda.pdf)
  
- ✓ **On 5-21-19** the Chesapeake City Council :  
PLN-PUDC-2018-005 The Grove at Western Branch APPLICANT: Grove at Western Branch, LLC AGENCY: Williams Mullen PROPOSAL: A zoning reclassification of approximately 428 acres from B-2, General Business District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to PUD, Planned Unit Development. PROPOSED COMP LAND USE/DENSITY: Single Family and Multi-Family Residential, Commercial and Light Industrial. APPROVED (Parker/Best) (8-0) (West excused)
- ✓ Link:  
[http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting\\_docs/actions\\_council/2019/05-21-19/Marked+Agenda.pdf](http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting_docs/actions_council/2019/05-21-19/Marked+Agenda.pdf)
  
- ✓ **On 5-22-19** the Chesapeake City Council :
- ✓ PLN-TXT-2019-002 An Ordinance amending Appendix A of the City Code, entitled, "Zoning," to adopt definitions for Solar Energy Facilities and amend tables of permitted and conditional uses to permit or conditionally allow solar energy facilities in specified zoning districts provided certain requirements are met. The Planning Commission recommends approval of version dated March 19, 2019. CONTINUED to the July 16, 2019 City Council Meeting (Best/Ward) (8-0) (West excused)
- ✓ [http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting\\_docs/actions\\_council/2019/05-21-19/Marked+Agenda.pdf](http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting_docs/actions_council/2019/05-21-19/Marked+Agenda.pdf)

**Smithfield City Report (May 2019)**  
**Submitted by Margaret Richardson**  
ACTION

- ✓ On 5/2019, the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors provided funding for signs, gates, etc, to allow hunters to use a 2,500 Blackwater Property owned by the County beginning July 1, 2019. Hunting will be restricted to deer and turkey, and pedestrians will not be permitted access.
- ✓ Link: <https://co-isle-of-wight.va.us/board-of-supervisor>
  
- ✓ On 6/25/19, the Town of Windsor will hold a public hearing regarding a possible adjustment to the town's current real estate tax rate following the recent reassessment that resulted in an average increase of 7% to properties in Windsor.
- ✓ Link: <https://www.smithfieldtimes.com>
  
- ✓ On 5/26/2019, the Smithfield Times reported that Isle of Wight County is in 7<sup>th</sup> place among Virginia counties for overall per capita debt, which is \$6,273 per resident (adults and children).
- ✓ Link: <https://www.smithfieldtimes.com>

**Suffolk City Report**  
**Submitted by**  
No events to report

**Virginia Beach City Report (May 2019)**  
**Submitted by Linda Harrison**  
ACTIONS

Many have asked about how they can support the victims and their families. If you're interested in providing monetary support, please consider donating at <https://www.unitedwayshr.org/vabeach> or by texting the keyword VABEACH to 41444. Virginia Beach has partnered with United Way to process the donations and those affected by this tragedy will receive 100% of the funds raised. Please note, because these funds will go directly to individuals, donations are not tax deductible. The City also welcomes offers from those interested in volunteering to assist in the aftermath of this tragedy and that effort is being coordinated through [VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads](#).

We ask that volunteers do not self-deploy and remain at home until they are contacted and given instructions. Please be sure that you have filled out a complete profile on the [VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads website](#) so that we can properly contact you should you be needed.