

Government Affairs Reports-in-Brief on Municipal Activities **August 2018**

Portsmouth

- ✓ Under very specific guidelines, food trucks will now be allowed to operate in Portsmouth's Olde Towne area.
- ✓ Churchland Bridge has been deemed structurally deficient; plans in 2015 to replace were unfunded, but \$35.5 million is now available
- ✓ An ODU study of the impact of tolls on Portsmouth shows that four years after they began at the Downtown and Midtown tunnels, the city is still impacted negatively.

Smithfield

- ✓ On July 23, 2018 the Windsor Town Council will hold a meeting to discuss a proposed youth correctional facility that is being planned by state and county officials near the town
- ✓ On July 4, 2018 the Smithfield Times reported that the County is considering opening state-owned acreage on the Black Water River, which has previously been leased to two local hunt clubs, to the public. Members of the hunt clubs have voiced opposition by referencing risks to visitors and additional calls to emergency services in the county

Norfolk

- ✓ **On 7/24/2018** Norfolk Police Chief Larry D. Boone presented the Norfolk Police Dept. 2018 Mid Year Review.
<https://www.norfolk.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/4323?fileID=8728>
- ✓ **On 7/24/2018** the Norfolk City Mgr presented St Paul's Area Transformation Update to the council.
<https://www.norfolk.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/4221?fileID=8541>
- ✓ **On 7/24/2018** the council approved changing boundary lines between Titustown and Granby to relocation 30 registered voters currently voting in Congressional District 2, change is in time for the November elections.
<https://www.norfolk.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/4221?fileID=8541>

Suffolk

- ✓ Site in The Riverfront at Bridge Road for 500 Unit apartments/Condos was denied by a vote of 5 to 3. There will approximately 5,000 apartments in Suffolk either built or under construction.
- ✓ Several Road projects under design: Route 58; Route 17/Bridge Road and Shoulder Hill Road; Flyover/overpass at Nansemond Parkway and Wilroy Road
- ✓ I talked with city councilmen Timothy Johnson, water bill increased by 4% for all of Suffolk and the rate is the same throughout Suffolk. Linda Johnson is adamant that the water company remain AAA Bond rating. The water company is not part of the budget, it is completely self-supporting. The only way to lower the rates is to build more homes and businesses.

Virginia Beach

- ✓ On June 5th City Council Amended and Added several ordinances regarding Short Term Rentals
<http://edocs.vbgov.com/Weblink/0/doc/50054516/Page1.aspx>
- ✓ On June 19th Council briefing discussed, Sports Center, Dome Site, Pier Development, and Ashville Park Phase I and Cost Participation Agreement:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOdhVq-kqoY>
- ✓ On June 26 City Council Workshop discussed Short Term Rentals, Flood Control and Stormwater Program Update, VDOT Smart Scale:
<http://edocs.vbgov.com/Weblink/DocView.aspx?id=50066487&dbid=0>
- ✓ On July 3rd, City Council has a discussion on Cannibas Oil Legislation and Short Term Rentals
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3wPXYA9z5Q>
- ✓ On July 10th City Council had further discussions on Short Term Rentals
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUm09Bq260M>

Chesapeake

- ✓ On Sandstone Quay & Johnstown Estates the Planning Commission voted to approve the construction of new homes in the Pleasant Grove section. (Residents voiced traffic concerns)
- ✓ On Gray's Pointe the Planning Commission approved by vote of 6-2, for the construction of a new Subdivision in Western Branch. (Resident's voiced concerns of overcrowding at Chittum and roads for 1st responders.):
https://pilotonline.com/news/government/local/article_449a89a6-6e6b-11e8-ab10-635500617c8f.html

✓ City Council will have it's first pay increase in 22 years. An increase of approximately \$2000.00 annually: (On par with other cities based on population.)

✓ **On New Council and School Board Members the :** New Council & School Board Members: Mayor-West; Council-Hamel, Best, and Vitale and School Board-King officially took office on July 1st.