

## Government Affairs Reports-in-Brief on Municipal Activities September 2018

### **Portsmouth**

- ✓ Crawford Gateway Revitalization Strategy Update, Link: <http://www.portsmouthva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4100/Crawford-Gateway-Revitalization?bidId=>
- ✓ On August 22, the city considered the plan for future improvements at the interchange where I-64, I-264, I-664, Route 460, Route 58, Route 13 and Joliff Road meet. Link: [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/bowers\\_hill\\_interchange\\_improvements\\_study.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/bowers_hill_interchange_improvements_study.asp)
- ✓ On August 25, the Portsmouth Public Schools presented new AP course and career programming. Link: [https://pilotonline.com/news/local/article\\_7d82812a-a56f-11e8-90ba-a7c2205ced6b.html](https://pilotonline.com/news/local/article_7d82812a-a56f-11e8-90ba-a7c2205ced6b.html)

### **Smithfield**

- ✓ On July 19, 2018 the Isle of Wight Board of Supervisors rejected a land use change to accommodate a 44-unit residential community in Carrollton and kept the commercial zoning. Link: <http://weblink.mccinnovations.com/WebLink/6/doc/186862/Page1.aspx>
- ✓ Beginning September 11, 2018 the Isle of Wight Department of Planning and Zoning will hold the first of five public meetings in September and October to gain public feedback on a development of a preferred growth scenario to include in the draft comprehensive plan for the county. This will be the third round of public meetings which began in June and July of 2017. Link: <http://www.co.isle-of-wight.va.us/plan/public-forum-3/>
- ✓ On September 5, 2018 the Smithfield Times reported that Smithfield Town Council approved renting goats for \$1,000 a month to clear a path for Windsor Castle Trail Doctors to eliminate invasive English ivy.

### **Norfolk**

- ✓ On September 27, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall, 11<sup>th</sup> Fl., the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed regulations for short-term rentals.

### **Virginia Beach**

- ✓ On Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, City Council discussion Short Term Rentals; they discussed occupancy standards, condition use permits, and overlays. City Manager gave a briefing on the Housing and Property Conditions Survey. City Council passed a resolution in support of Offshore Wind
- ✓ Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLNyqv6EMaQ>  
<http://edocs.vbgov.com/Weblink/DocView.aspx?id=50104220&dbid=0>

- ✓ On Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, City Council was briefed on the Dome Project during their workshop
- ✓ Links: <http://edocs.vbgov.com/weblink/0/doc/50104276/Page1.aspx>
  
- ✓ On Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, City Council had further discussions on Short Term Rentals; items discussed were occupancy standards being 2 persons per bedroom + 4 others in overlay districts. Dorothy Wood was re-appointed to the Development Authority in a 7-2 vote
- ✓ Links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpAg93IRM>  
<http://edocs.vbgov.com/Weblink/DocView.aspx?id=50105210&dbid=0>
  
- ✓ On Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, City Council had a workshop where they discussed setting a baseline standard for Short Term Rentals that apply to the city as a whole and setting a standard for Sandbridge, occupancy standards be 3 persons per bedroom + 2 others for city wide standards, the number of contracts being no more than 2 per 7 day period or contracts can be no less than 3 days, and parking plan.
- ✓ Links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVjyMpOoz2Q>  
<http://edocs.vbgov.com/weblink/0/doc/50107657/Page1.aspx>

### ***Chesapeake***

- ✓ **On** October 10th the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in reference to an amendment to the 2035 Comprehensive Plan in reference to the Frank T. Williams Farm Tract (Coastal Virginia Commerce Park) and a potential future non-residential designation for commercial/industrial:
  
- ✓ Link: <https://www.wavy.com/news/local-news/chesapeake/proposed-1-420-acre-chesapeake-commerce-park-a-solution-to-rising-seas-supporters-say/1355609946>  
  
<http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/city-departments/departments/Planning-Department/Planning-Library/unique-economic-development-opportunity-study-frank-t-williams-property.htm>
  
- ✓ **On** August 14th the City Council, by vote of 3-6, voted to not proceed with the idea of moving Mayoral, City Council and School Board elections to November in 2020:
  
- ✓ Link: [https://pilotonline.com/news/government/local/article\\_13af045e-a0ff-11e8-9272-4bb26e04f568.html](https://pilotonline.com/news/government/local/article_13af045e-a0ff-11e8-9272-4bb26e04f568.html)