

Government Affairs Reports-in-Brief on Municipal Activities May 2019

Norfolk City Report (March/April 2019)

Submitted by Louis Eisenberg

ACTION

- ✓ On 4/09/19 Norfolk City Council Adopted an Ordinance granting a **Conditional Use Permit** for a 150-unit multifamily development & parking at **1045, 1063, and 1065 38th Street** near Hampton Blvd.
- ✓ Link: <https://www.norfolk.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/4931?fileID=9693>

Portsmouth City Report (March/April 2019)

Submitted by Gary Bunting

ACTION

- ✓ On March 18th, Police Chief Tonya Chapman resigned. In a letter written by Chapman and published in the media, former Chief Chapman stated that she resigned at the request of City Manager Lydia Pettis-Patton. Assistant Chief Angela Greene was appointed acting Police Chief.
- ✓ Link: www.pilotonline.com
- ✓ City Manager Lydia Pettis-Patton submitted a revised budget which provides funds for a 3% teacher raise and no increase in the real estate tax rate.
- ✓ Link: www.pilotonline.com
- ✓ Preferred Freezer Services announced it will build a \$60 million, 200,000 sf warehouse on the long vacant BASF site in West Norfolk. The facility will bring 60 new jobs to the city.
- ✓ Link: www.wavy.com
- ✓ City Council voted to no longer broadcast the Non-Agenda Speaker portion of City Council meetings. People for Portsmouth, a political action committee that vigorously supported the 4 Council members that voted for this change, has announced its disagreement with this decision and has asked City Council to reverse this decision.
- ✓ Link: www.pilotonline.com

Chesapeake City Report (March/April 2019)

Submitted by Tom Thrasher

ACTION

- ✓ **On 4-16-19 the Chesapeake City Council:**
PLN-COMP-2018-001 Resolution to amend the 2035 Comprehensive Plan, Planning and Land Use Policy Standards, concerning level of service review, to address the number of students that may result from an approved rezoning before the approval of a preliminary site plan, preliminary subdivision plan, or construction plan into the calculation of program capacity for school facilities and other amendments necessary to clarify and carry out the intent and purpose of the policy. The Planning Commission recommends approval of version dated February 28, 2019.
Link: http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting_docs/actions_council/2019/04-16-19/PPH-D.pdf

- ✓ On 4-16-19 the Chesapeake City Council approved a resolution requesting the planning commission consider and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments to the subdivision ordinance, chapter 70 of the Chesapeake City Code, to require subdivided or developed lots to dedicate land for and construct a sidewalk when the need for the sidewalk is substantially generated and reasonably required by the proposed development and the sidewalk is consistent with Chesapeake's adopted comprehensive plan, to reflect amendments enacted by the 2019 session of the general assembly http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Assets/supporting_docs/actions_council/2019/04-16-19/Marked+Agenda.pdf

Smithfield City Report (March/April 2019)

Submitted by Margaret Richardson

ACTION

- ✓ On 4/10/2019 the Smithfield Times reported that Isle of Wight County's property assessments went up by 4.4%
- ✓ Link: www.smithfieldtimes.com
- ✓ On 3/5/2019 Smithfield Town Council announced that the City of Hampton gifted an Ajax missile (also known as a Nike missile) and launcher to the county for display at Nike Park, which was a missile site before being turned into a park. The county is examining how to transport the missile from Hampton to the county.
- ✓ Link: www.smithfieldva.gov/uploads/docs
- ✓ On 3/1/2019 the Smithfield/Isle of Wight Tourism Bureau launched the "Salty Southern Route", featuring a Smithfield/Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Surry and Sussex County locations.
- ✓ Link: www.saltysouthernroute.com

Suffolk City Report

No events to report

Virginia Beach City Report (March/April 2019)

Submitted by Linda Harrison

ACTIONS

On April 23, the City Council selected Guy King Tower to fill the vacant Beach District seat. He will serve until the special election is held in November. Tower is a retired lawyer, mediator, educator and association executive.

The also reviewed four qualifying applications submitted for the Rose Hall District Council vacancy and shortlisted the two most highly qualified: Michael Berlucchi, Community Engagement Manager at the Chrysler Museum of Art, and Seko B.E. Varner, One-Stop Operator Coordinator at TCC. On May 7, City Council will interview the selected candidates and make a final decision. State code authorizes the City Council to fill the vacancy until a special election is scheduled, which will be the first Tuesday in November.