

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO-THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101-F MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

1. ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners

Present:

Rich Krapf
Tim O'Connor
Chris Basic
Robin Bledsoe
John Wright, III
Heath Richardson

Staff Present:

Paul Holt, Planning Director
José Ribeiro

Absent:

John Wright, III

Mr. Rich Krapf called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mr. Rich Krapf opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Mr. Tim O'Connor nominated Ms. Robin Bledsoe.

In a unanimous voice vote, the Commission elected Ms. Bledsoe as Chair, 6-0.

Mr. Krapf opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Ms. Bledsoe nominated Mr. Chris Basic as Vice Chair.

In a unanimous voice vote, the Commission elected Mr. Basic as Vice Chair, 6-0.

Mr. Krapf opened the floor for discussion on adopting the 2015 calendar.

Mr. Paul Holt stated that JWS denoted a joint work-session with the Board of Supervisors and the adoption tonight would only be for the 2015 calendar.

Mr. Basic inquired why the December DRC meeting had been moved to the beginning of the month.

Mr. Holt stated that staff had done that as to conflict less with the holidays. Mr. Holt stated that the November meeting had also been moved to earlier in the month as to not conflict with Thanksgiving. Mr. Holt stated that looking forward to January 2016 there will be two meetings so there is not too much time between meetings.

Mr. Basic stated that he thought that schedule made sense.

Mr. Heath Richardson moved to approve the 2015 calendar.

In a unanimous voice vote, the Commission adopted the 2015 calendar, 6-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Krapf opened the public comment period.

There being none, Mr. Krapf closed the public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from January 27, 2015, Planning Commission Working Session.

Mr. George Drummond moved to approve the minutes.

In a unanimous voice vote, the Commission approved the minutes, 6-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING CASES

A. Review of the FY 2016-FY2020 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Mr. José Ribeiro outlined the process which the Policy Committee goes through to rank the different Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects that were submitted. Mr. Ribeiro recommended that the Planning Commission forward the recommendation on to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration during the budget process.

Mr. Richardson inquired what some of the major points of considerations were brought up in terms of prioritization this year

Mr. Ribeiro stated that protection in regards to the TMDL was a consideration and there was also a large discussion about the schools.

Ms. Bledsoe stated that the new timing of the CIP meetings in the calendar year works much better now than in years past.

Mr. Krapf opened the public hearing.

Mr. Frank Polster, 420 Hempstead Rd, spoke in support of the TMDL Action Plan Implementation and the real estate tax increase

Seeing and hearing no one Mr. Krapf closed the public hearing.

Mr. Krapf opened discussion to the Planning Commission.

Mr. O'Connor stated that everyone is concerned about the MS4 permitting and the requirements that are coming down from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. O'Connor stated that given past requests from Stormwater for upwards of 20-30 million dollars, one million dollars was a modest amount. Mr. O'Connor also stated that in his opinion the Warhill Gym and fourth middle school are both needed, but scored lower primarily because the fourth middle school had an incomplete proposal and the Warhill Gym only met the immediate needs and did not account for driving future sports tourism, which would have put it higher on the list.

Ms. Bledsoe stated that Mr. Bryan Hill would like to create a local match fund for VDOT so there is a pot of money available to use as a grant match on large projects. Ms. Bledsoe stated that her concern was that the Ccounty needs to use the discipline necessary to not re-designate it to other projects and maintain the funds solely for road projects. Ms. Bledsoe stated that the TMDL project was the highest priority and Stormwater has done a great job of doing a lot with very little. Ms. Bledsoe stated that the Chickahominy Riverfront Park presentation was self-explanatory even though it did not rank as high. Ms. Bledsoe stated that she agrees with Mr. O'Connor on the middle school and Warhill Gym issues.

Mr. Krapf stated that the individual scores from the Policy Committee members varied but the overall ranking of the projects were for the most part the same.

Mr. Richardson stated that he appreciated the explanations that the Planning Commission members gave about the ranking and would feel comfortable forwarding on the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Basic stated that he agreed with the Policy Committee's recommendation and specifically liked the ranking of the VDOT matching fund program.

Ms. Bledsoe moved to forward the Policy Committee's CIP Program recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

On a roll call vote, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the CIP prioritization list by a vote of 6-0, Mr. Wright being absent.

9. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND REQUESTS

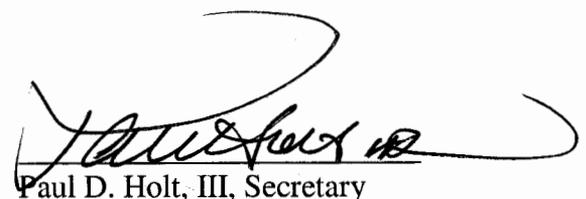
Ms. Bledsoe stated that she would like to thank Mr. Krapf for his leadership through the Comprehensive Plan process.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on April 01, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:24 p.m.


Richard Krapf, Chairman


Paul D. Holt, III, Secretary