

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Building D Large Conference Room
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
October 17, 2016
4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rich Krapf called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mr. Rich Krapf, Chair
Mr. Heath Richardson
Mr. Danny Schmidt
Mr. John Wright

Absent:

None

Staff:

Mr. Paul Holt, Planning Director
Ms. Kate Sipe, Assistant Director of Economic Development
Ms. Tammy Rosario, Principal Planner
Ms. Christy Parrish, Zoning Administrator
Ms. Roberta Sulouff, Planner
Ms. Tori Haynes, Community Development Assistant

C. MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. ZO-0013-2016, Mobile Food Vending Vehicles in the B-1, General Business District, Business and Community Input Meeting

Ms. Roberta Sulouff stated that the Board of Supervisors adopted an initiating resolution at its September 27 meeting to allow food trucks to operate in the B-1, General Business District, in addition to the M-1, M-2, PUD-C and PL Districts. Following the precedence of the earlier amendments, staff began drafting ordinance language and reaching out to the business community for feedback through an online survey and an invitation to this community input meeting. She stated one survey response was received by staff, and a second was submitted just prior to this meeting. Ms. Sulouff stated the direction received from the Policy Committee today will be used to make final edits to the draft ordinance, scheduled for consideration at the Planning Commission's November 2 meeting.

Mr. Heath Richardson asked how the first survey response was submitted.

Ms. Sulouff replied by mail. She stated another food truck operator called to say they had received the survey but did not want to fill it out because they would not be affected by the B-1 District and they had already answered the August survey.

Mr. Krapf opened the floor to Public Comment.

Mr. Lenny Berl spoke against allowing food trucks in any district except as part of a special event.

Mr. Richardson acknowledged concerns about competing with brick and mortar restaurants, but supported allowing the free market to decide which businesses succeed.

Mr. Danny Schmidt asked when the M-1, M-2, PUD-C and PL ordinance amendments would go to the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Sulouff replied the first meeting in November.

Mr. Schmidt stated he was originally concerned that competition from food trucks could contribute to brick and mortar vacancies, but his opinion evolved after listening to community feedback. He stated there is a need for food trucks in areas lacking dining options.

Mr. John Wright expressed concern about protecting the investments of existing brick and mortar businesses in B-1.

Mr. Krapf stated that food trucks offer a different dining experience than brick and mortar restaurants and target a different clientele. He noted food truck operators have also invested in their businesses.

Mr. Schmidt asked how soon could food truck operators apply for a permit after the M-1, M-2, PUD-C and PL amendments are adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Sulouff stated food truck operators can apply for a permit as soon as the amendments are adopted. She stated staff is currently preparing the permit application materials.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to forward the B-1 ordinance amendments to the Planning Commission at its November 2 meeting. The motion passed 4 – 0.

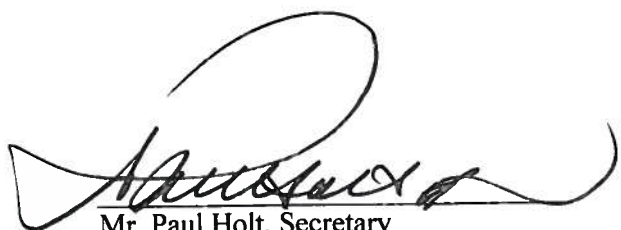
E. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wright made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Krapf adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.


Mr. Rich Krapf, Chair


Mr. Paul Holt, Secretary