

Virginia: At a Recessed Public Hearing Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the cafeteria at Metompkin Elementary School on the 1st of August, A. D., 2012.

Members Present: Laura Belle Gordy, Chair
Wanda J. Thornton, Vice Chair
Ron S. Wolff
Grayson C. Chesser
John Charles “Jack” Gray
Kay W. Lewis
Robert D. Crockett
Donald L. Hart, Jr.
C. Reneta Major

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Shelia Goodman, Administrative Assistant
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney
Michael Mason, Finance Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair and opened with a prayer by Mrs. Thornton, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Mr. Gray asked that anyone speaking at the Public Hearing speak directly into the microphone because he could not hear.

Public Hearing – Proposed Amendment to the Future Land Use of the Accomack County Comprehensive Plan

Mrs. Gordy read the rules governing conduct during Public Hearings.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning, gave a brief report and a power point presentation on the Wattsville proposed Future Land Use Plan Amendment. Mr. Morris stated after the Public Hearing and discussion the Board of Supervisors may wish to entertain one of the following options:

- Approve the Future Land Use Amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission, or part thereof. The Planning Commission’s recommendation was consistent with the Planning staff recommendation.
- Approve the Future Land Use Amendment in the Planning Commission’s recommendation plus the “Bride Hill” property. Both ATC properties would be designated as Village Development.
- Deny the Future Land Use Amendment.
- Postpone action and provide direction to staff.

Mr. Morrison responded to questions from the Board of Supervisors concerning central wastewater and growth.

Chairman Gordy polled the Board to only allow them four (4) minutes to speak.

It was the consensus of the Board to be only allowed four minutes (4) minutes to speak.

Mr. Chesser – yes
Ms. Lewis – yes
Mr. Wolff – yes
Mr. Gray – yes
Mr. Crockett – no
Mrs. Thornton – yes
Mrs. Gordy – yes
Ms. Major – yes
Mr. Hart – yes

Atlantic Town Center Properties, LLC Attorney Mark R. Baumgartner from Pender & Coward, P.C.

Mr. Mark Baumgartner, Attorney, Pender & Coward, P.C., gave an update to the Board on the history of the project since 2008. He continued and stated it was a discussion with the County and a way of determining how the County would best benefit from the State dollars being used at Wallops Island. Mr. Baumgartner identified needs of housing and the Comprehensive Plan and Planned Unit Development (PUD). Mr. Baumgartner responded to questions asked by the Board.

Mr. Hart made a motion to proceed with the Public Hearing and that the Board stops interrupting the citizens until they are finished. Ms. Major seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Comments of support where offered by:
Ace Seybolt

Comments of opposition were offered by:
Ronnie Thomas
Jo Thomas
Jerry Stoudt (withdrew)
Linda Gordon
Whitey Secor
Hayden Gordon
William Starr
Steve West
Angela Wingfield
Lois Cooper
Cynthia Diehl-Martone

Letters of opposition were received from:
Mr. Ronnie Thomas
Ms. Lois Cooper
Ms. Angela Wingfield
Mr. William Starr
Ms. Jo Thomas

Mr. Baumgartner gave concluding remarks and a list of opportunities and reasons why the Board should approve the request and responded to questions from the Board.

Mrs. Thornton questioned Mr. Morrison about removal of certain language from an ordinance without the approval of the Board. A discussion ensued. Mr. Crockett suggested if a staff member is being personally attacked the Board should go into closed session.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to delay action until the Board has either a BZA decision from the Court or the Board has a written confirmation from Atlantic Town Center that Nocks Landing Road has been taken off the table. A discussion ensued. Mr. Chesser seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-1.

AYES

Mr. Chesser
Mr. Wolff
Mr. Crockett
Mr. Gray
Mr. Hart
Ms. Lewis
Mrs. Thornton
Ms. Major

NAYS

Mrs. Gordy.

Adjournment

Mr. Hart made a motion to recess the meeting until Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers for the Joint Meeting between the Accomack County Airport Commission and the Accomack County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Chair

Date