

**ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
OF JANUARY 24, 2017**

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 24th day of January 2017, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

Mr. David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Spyridon Papadopoulos, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Brantley Onley
Mr. Lynn Gayle
Mr. Stephen Corazza
Mrs. Angela Wingfield
Mr. Roy Custis
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. C. Robert Hickman

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Planner
Mr. Chris Guvernator IV, Director of Environmental Programs

Mr. Morrison introduced Mr. Guvernator to the Planning Commission and he took a moment to provide the Planning Commission with information related to his background as a Registered Professional Engineer.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Lumgair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Onley and seconded by Mr. Corazza, the Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda, as amended.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Floating Zone District Discussion

Staff informed the Planning Commission that on January 18, 2017, the Board of Supervisors took action to remove utility scale solar and wind from the Agricultural zoning district, as recommended. Staff expressed that they believe that the creation of a floating district will fulfill the Board's intent of having another way for utility-scale solar to be developed.

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Staff recommended that the Planning Commission discuss two (2) things during the work session:

1. Where the floating district should and should not be located;
2. Requirements/restrictions should be placed on utility-scale solar.

Chairman Lumgair noted that a primary concern was that due to State Legislature, taxes are exempt on future projects. Discussion ensued and the Planning Commission will continue discussion on this matter at upcoming meetings.

4. NEXT MEETING

Mr. Morrison provided the Planning Commission with a brief overview of topics that will be presented to the Planning Commission at its next meeting, which will have its first Annual Poultry Monitoring Meeting on the agenda.

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County School Board Conference Room, Room 201, in Accomac.

The next Planning Commission work session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County School Board Conference Room, Room 201, in Accomac.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mr. Corazza, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman

Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant