

HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 21, 2008

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 10:38 a.m. at the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Paul D. Fraim, Chairman (NO)	Joe S. Frank (NN)
Bruce Goodson, Vice Chairman (JC)	Douglas L. Smith (PO)
James O. McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)	Tyrone W. Franklin (SY)
Clifton E. Hayes, Jr. (CH)	Louis R. Jones (VB)
Randall A. Gilliland (HA)	Jackson C. Tuttle II (WM)

COMMISSIONERS:

Rebecca C.W. Adams (CH)	Kenneth L. Chandler (PO)
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)	John M. Seward (SY)
William E. Harrell (CH)	Harry E. Diezel (VB)
Jesse T. Wallace, Jr. (HA)	Robert M. Dyer (VB)*
Sanford B. Wanner (JC)	James K. Spore (VB)
Randy W. Hildebrandt (NN)	Jeanne Zeidler (WM)
Regina V. K.Williams (NO)	Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr. (YK)

*Late arrival or early departure.

OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:

Earl Sorey - Chesapeake; Keith Cannady, Charlie Sapp, Elizabeth Kersey - Hampton; Patrick Small - Isle of Wight County; Jeff Raliski, Ron Williams - Norfolk; Sherri Neil, Paul Holt, George Brisbin - Portsmouth; Joe Howell - Suffolk; Bob Matthias - Virginia Beach; Angie Bezick - Vectre; Karen McPherson - Kimley-Horn; Doris McLeod, Tom Ballou, Sonya Lewis-Cheatham - VDEQ; William Stiles - Wetlands Watch; Michael Townes - HRT; Chris Voigt, Dennis Heuer, Eric Stringfield, Irene Shuman - VDOT; Richard Drumwright - WAT; Ivan Rucker, Unwanna Dabney - FHWA; Vince Thomas - FHR; W. Dewey Hurley - Branscome, Inc.; Chuck Cayton - HNTB; Jay Bernas - HRSD; Rick Clawson - DRPT; Jeff Bergenthal, Thomas F. Thaler, John Dannon, Kevin Geier - Lockheed Martin; Theresa Boothe - Private Citizen; Peter Huber - Willcox & Savage; Andrew Sinclair - HRP; Ellis W. James, Eileen Levandoski - Sierra Club Observer; Tom Holden - The Virginian-Pilot; Cathy Aiello - Biggs & Fleet; Staff: Dwight Farmer, Jessica Banks, John Carlock, Rick Case, Robert Case, James Clary, Nancy Collins, Richard Flannery, Marla Frye, Greg Grootendorst, Frances Hughey, Jim Hummer, Rob Jacobs, Brett Kerns, Sara Kidd, Mike Kimbrel, Robert Lawrence, Joe Paulus, Kelli Peterson, Camelia Ravanbakht, Dale Stith, Laura Surface, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur and Eric Walberg.

CLOSED MEETING – PERSONNEL

Chairman Fraim Moved for a closed meeting in accordance with Virginia Code, § 2.2-3711.A.1, for the purpose of discussing personnel issues; seconded by Vice Chairman Goodson. A roll-call vote was taken with the following responding in the affirmative: Comrs. Goodson, Hayes, Smith, McReynolds, Frank, Jones, Fraim, Gilliland, Franklin, Tuttle.

(CLOSED MEETING)

Upon completion of the closed meeting, Chairman Fraim Moved that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's Executive Committee hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge: (i) that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body; seconded by Mayor Frank. A roll-call vote was taken with the following responding in the affirmative: Comrs. Goodson, Hayes, Smith, McReynolds, Frank, Jones, Fraim, Gilliland, Franklin, Tuttle.

Chairman Fraim stated that the purpose of the closed meeting was to discuss the appointment of a new HRPDC Executive Director. A committee comprised of Mayor Frank, Comr. Jones, Comr. McReynolds and Chairman Fraim conducted final interviews and unanimously recommend that Dwight Farmer be appointed as the Executive Director. He Moved that Mr. Farmer be appointed Interim Executive Director pending ratification by the full Commission; seconded by Comr. Jones.

Mayor Frank commented that the interview process was successful and well done with an initial list of 30 applicants. This number was narrowed to four, then to two final applicants. The committee conducted two interviews with the final two and felt that Mr. Farmer clearly emerged better prepared and more thoughtful in his discussions. The Bylaws permit the Executive Committee to hire the Executive Director, but the Executive Committee felt it appropriate to have these actions ratified and confirmed by the entire Commission to give everybody an opportunity for input in the process.

Comr. Jones added there were four great candidates who were interviewed, but he felt Mr. Farmer was the best candidate in his presentation and depth of background he exhibited throughout the process in answering the questions presented to him.

Chairman Fraim added that he was impressed with the thought Mr. Farmer had given to how the MPO should be distinguished from the PDC in responding to concerns raised by the Federal Highway Administration, which separated him from the other candidate in the final interview process.

Chairman Fraim stated that the compensation package discussed with Mr. Farmer includes an annual salary of \$157,000 with deferred compensation of \$12,000 and a travel allowance of \$7,200. He added that the details of an employment contract are being discussed with the initial term being for three years and a review at the end of six months. Within 60 days of the six-month period, a review process will be held to discuss whether Mr. Farmer is meeting the PDC's expectations. At that time, he can either be let

go without cause or his salary may be adjusted at that point. The contract will be available for the full Commission meeting on July 16, 2008.

The Motion Carried.

Mr. Farmer stated that he is extremely excited about the opportunity and has an open door policy for the Board and staff members. He noted his appreciation for this opportunity.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

Minutes of April 16, 2008

Treasurer's Report

Regional Reviews

A. PNRS Items (Initial Review)

FY 2008 State Revolving Fund Capitalization Grant (POS:155)
(Virginia Department of Environmental Quality)

Virginia Wetlands Monitoring and Assessment (ENV:43)
(Virginia Department of Environmental Quality)

Chesapeake Bay Point Source and Toxics Data Management (POW:198)
(Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review

Cascade Apartments; HUD; Virginia Beach

Routine & Frequent Maritime Regulations, General National Consistency Determination; DHS/US Coast Guard; HRPDC

Marina Improvements at the LAG Marina at Naval Station Norfolk; DOD/Navy; Norfolk

Baker Street Office Building, Norfolk International Terminals; Virginia Port Authority; Norfolk

Renovation of the Running Track, Relocation of Lacrosse/Hockey; Christopher Newport University; Newport News

Hampton Roads Historic Resources Project

Mayor Frank Moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Comr. Jones.

Comr. Jones commented for the benefit of the Commissioners that the Environmental Impact Review for Cascade Apartments is simply a federal review process that is procedurally mandated and has no bearing on what a city or body might do.

Mr. Farmer added that this is a review process that the PDC has been doing for 35 years and is just to make everyone fully aware of applications that come through the PDC.

The Motion Carried.

FY 2008 MAY BUDGET AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Mr. Farmer stated that budget amendments are typically done twice a year and are generally housekeeping items to reflect changes in funding and expenses.

Vice Chairman Goodson Moved to approve the budget amendment; seconded by Treasurer McReynolds. The Motion Carried.

VIRGINIA ENERGY PLAN

Senior Advisor to the Governor for Energy Policy, Mr. Steve Walz, was present to brief the Commission on the Virginia Energy Plan.

Mr. Walz stated the Virginia Energy Plan was mandated under legislation enacted in 2006 that sets out the state energy policy in a coordinated fashion. Title 67 of the Code of Virginia mandated that a state energy plan be put in place that looked forward for ten years to flush out more details behind the energy policy, statements and objectives that were set.

The plan has four primary goals consistent with the general policy statements and objectives set out in the Virginia Code. The first goal is to increase energy independence in the Commonwealth by reducing the rate of energy growth by 40% and increasing in-state energy production by 20%. More needs to be done to increase the production of cleaner energy sources in the state. The second goal in the energy plan is to increase the level of education. The third goal deals with climate change and the Governor has set a goal that the Commonwealth should reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by the year 2025. The fourth goal is to look at energy research and development and its ties to economic development.

Mr. Walz explained that Virginia is a net importer for all energy sources except coal. He then reviewed a chart displaying energy use by sector and explained that the largest energy consuming sector in Virginia is transportation. Transportation has been growing much faster than other types of energy use for some time.

Since the State should be leading by example, a number of things are being done to reduce energy use at the state level. The localities also now have the authority to provide real estate property tax breaks for energy efficient buildings. A number of tools at the state level are available to localities. An electrical service provider was hired to help reduce the amount of electricity the state uses at peak times to be paid back from Virginia Power from the large group that runs the electrical transmission system. That is available to localities with larger facilities currently and will be available for smaller facilities as it is developed. Different tools are also being used to purchase natural gas supplies and the state is in discussions with the Virginia Resources Authority to offer some type of financing mechanism to prepay and lock in natural gas supply costs for a fiscal year. The same is true for fuel oils for facilities.

Energy education is another goal the Commonwealth is working on. The Corporation Commission will set up an energy education program over the next year.

Another issue is energy infrastructure which will not support all the energy use over time. A number of recommendations were provided such as expansion of the Yorktown refinery, high voltage electric transmission line underground pilots, Norfolk Light Rail, etc.

Energy and the environment is another area talked about in the plan with climate change being important and minimizing the environmental footprint of energy development. Research and development are also part of the plan. Climate change is a major area of concern and a goal was set to drop greenhouse gas emissions by 30% from the business as usual projection. The state believes that energy efficiency is reasonably easy to achieve and increased renewables that have been called for in the electrical sector and through biofuels will only get halfway to the goal. In order to do more, the Governor established the Commission on Climate Change by Executive Order 59. This group has been charged with developing an action plan by December 15, 2008, to determine what else can be done in the Commonwealth. The five different charges given to the Commission include looking at the state's greenhouse gas footprint, the effects on the state, addressing the needs to prepare for likely consequences, actions in other states and regions as well as in Virginia to meet the goal.

There are 43 members on the Commission. They include representatives from Arlington, Blacksburg, Fairfax, Hampton Roads Transit, Thomas Jefferson PDC and the Greater Washington Council of Government. He encouraged the PDC Commissioners to work through the members to provide them information. Ideas can also be submitted directly through the website tied to the Department of Environmental Quality website.

The Governor's Energy Policy Advisory Council was put in place last year. The Advisory Council will be used as a sounding board for the energy plan. Over the next three months or so, the Energy Policy Advisory Council will look at the types of additional work that can be recommended for efficiency and for development of renewables.

Mr. Walz indicated this was high level review since time is limited and offered to answer questions.

Mayor Frank referred to the local government options such as property tax incentives. He commented that he believes a better incentive would be an income tax incentive, which is something the state would bear instead of local government. He urged the state to reconsider the new burdens this would place on local government.

Mr. Walz agreed that further review needs to be done to determine what can be done at the state level. He added that a minor first step is putting in place the sales tax holiday on Energy Star equipment in October that is being expanded this year to Water Sense equipment as well.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE: LOCKHEED MARTIN DEMONSTRATION

Mr. Farmer stated that Comr. Gilliland had requested to have Lockheed Martin provide a demonstration similar to what was given to the Governor's Commission on Climate

Change. He introduced Mr. Jeff Burgenthal, Director of Technology for Lockheed Martin, to provide a demonstration.

Mr. Burgenthal stated his presentation would cover three areas, the first being a three-dimensional model of Hampton Roads and the data that is the source of that model; then from that model, the potential effects of a rise in sea level either from storms and/or from climate change; and finally, how the model can be turned into a predictive tool to be used within individual communities.

He explained that the three-dimensional digital model of the Hampton Roads area is made up of two primary components, medium resolution digital terrain elevation data and very high resolution LIDAR data that provides the representations for all the building structures in the model. The locations, footprints and heights of the buildings are all within a 15-centimeter resolution.

A view of downtown Norfolk was displayed to show the effects of the November 2006 northeaster when the sea level was about 5.25 feet above mean sea level, which shows the waterfront area being totally flooded and water coming into the downtown areas. Looking at that situation in the year 2108 where it is projected that the mean sea level will rise about 2 feet due to climate change, the rise would be 7.25 feet above sea level. The inundation of the water in downtown Norfolk would be much more significant.

(Comr. Dyer departed.)

Mr. Burgenthal displayed other scenarios to include the baseball stadium with the same effects that occurred during Hurricane Isabel, the Hague area with similar effects that occurred in 1933 from the Chesapeake-Potomac Hurricane and the significant effects of just a 4-foot rise at the Fort Monroe area.

He explained that in order to turn these potential effects into a predictive tool, high resolution models and more accurate terrain data are needed. He displayed an example of high resolution LIDAR data captured in a business park. If data like this were available, an accurate representation of potential flooding could be created.

Mr. Burgenthal then displayed sample data captured with a LIDAR camera by one of their engineers while in his boat in the harbor. He added that separate data from different companies or communities could be pieced together if available, but it would be more efficient to have one large data gathering to work from when creating the predictive models. He offered to answer any questions.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Chairman Fraim asked Mr. John Carlock, Deputy Executive Director, Physical Planning, to provide an update on the Stormwater Management Program.

Mr. Carlock stated that a letter was included as a draft in the agenda package, but was later finalized and presented to the Board of Soil and Water. He reviewed a map of the communities that have stormwater permits as well as the goals the Commission adopted a number of years ago to guide how the PDC staff and the localities work together on the stormwater program. He then referred to key issues involved in the large community

stormwater permits as well as the small community permits just approved last week with the key being that the stormwater quantity and quality are to be managed to the maximum extent practical. This becomes an issue when reviewing some comments received by the state. The Phase I large community permits were approved by the Board of Soil and Water Conservation in November 2007. The Board approved the Phase II permits last week for the six small communities in the region: Poquoson, Williamsburg, Suffolk, Isle of Wight, James City County and York County.

The Board received extensive comments from the environmental communities as well as a response from the Secretary of Natural Resources, comments from a number of localities, the PDC, two counties, the State Stormwater Association and the Virginia Association of Counties.

The environmental community wanted specific numbers incorporated into the permits; that once a TMDL (total maximum daily load) implementation plan is prepared, the Chesapeake Bay Program would complete its work and the numbers would be in the permit and localities would be responsible for achieving those numbers. The Secretary of Natural Resources responded that they are inappropriate at this point and are not attainable or enforceable.

Based on the actions by the Board, the Phase II permits will go to the Virginia Register next month and will become effective in July, assuming there is no litigation that intervenes. The Phase I permits will be submitted to EPA for formal review in the next 60 days. At the same time, the state's technical advisory committees will continue to work on the details of what this program needs to achieve. He concluded by offering to answer questions.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

No questions or comments were noted.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Mr. Farmer noted that as of July 1, 2008, hard copies of the agenda packet will only be sent to the Commission members. An electronic file will be available on the PDC website for download.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman noted that one item of new business was a recommendation by Mr. Farmer that starting in June, the MPO meeting will begin first at 10:00 a.m. and the PDC meeting will be set for 11:00 a.m. There is also no need for the PDC to ratify the actions of the MPO.

Comr. Goodson recommended separating the MPO agenda from the PDC agenda.

Mr. Farmer agreed that two separate agendas will be prepared.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

Paul D. Frain
Chairman