

**HAMPTON ROADS  
PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING  
January 19, 2016  
12:30 PM  
*(Please note new meeting time)*  
The Regional Building  
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval/Modification of Agenda**
- 3. Submitted Public Comments**

There were no submitted public comments since the last HRPDC meeting. Any new written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

- 4. Public Comment Period**

Members of the public are invited to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

- 5. Executive Director's Report – Bob Crum (Attachment 5)**
- 6. Consent Agenda (Attachment 6)**

- a. Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting**
- b. Treasurer's Report**
- c. FY17 Budget Amendment**

The current FY2017 Amended Budget was approved on July 21, 2016. Subsequently, the HRPDC/HRTPO has received several new awards, and adjustments to existing awards. This item summarizes the changes to the approved amended budget through December 31, 2016.

The previously approved amended budget totaled \$8,539,869. This request adds an additional \$895,059, bringing the total Operating and Pass-Through budget to \$9,434,928. These additional funds are made up of the following changes, and will either add to pass-through funds, or directly to operations:

New, and amended, awards to the PDC totaling \$460,128 (\$353,091 will be passed through to consultants).

New FY2016 carry forward funding for the TPO totaling \$51,430 (\$47,046 will be passed through to HRT).

Deferred Revenues carried forward from previous years to the PDC totaling \$383,501 (\$273,083 will be passed through to existing consultant contracts).

Internal transfers accounted for a \$58,089 increase to various operating schedules that was offset in the PDC (\$26,089) and TPO (\$32,000) contingencies.

**d. Transcribed Public Comments - November 17, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting**

**e. Regional Proclamation**

Enclosed for the Commission's review is a Proclamation of Regional Consensus from the Hampton Roads Region requesting the assistance of the State and Federal Governments to secure funding for the completion of critical infrastructure to support the Hampton Roads economy. The goal of this regional proclamation is to promote regional collaboration among partner organizations in support of important regional initiatives. The proclamation requests the assistance from the region's State and Federal delegations for the following projects:

- Completion of improvements to Interstate 64 from Hampton Roads to Richmond
- Improving passenger rail service from Hampton Roads to Richmond, and the emerging northeast passenger rail corridor
- Completion of dredging to deepen and widen the region's harbor channel to support post-Panamax container ships, while maintaining safe and secure mobility of Navy and Coast Guard assets.

Several regional organizations have approved or plan to approve the attached proclamation including the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, Hampton Roads Chamber, Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Shipbuilders Association, Reinvent Hampton Roads, Opportunity, Inc. and the Peninsula Council for Workforce Development. The proclamation will be presented to the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization for approval in February.

The projects included in the proclamation are consistent with the HRPDC and HRTPO Legislative agendas and represent projects critical to the health of the regional economy. Staff recommends approval of the Regional Proclamation by the HRPDC.

**f. Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia Board of Directors Appointment**

Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia (SSSEVA) is the Area Agency on Aging for planning and service area 20 (South Hampton Roads) designated by the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act.

The HRPDC has held two seats on the SSEVA Board of Directors since 1972, and has the ninth seat on the Organization's Executive Committee which is comprised of the five officers plus three others, all of whom are from different jurisdictions. Appointments to the Board are for three (3) year terms. The Board has 29 members and meets quarterly. The Executive Committee meets on months when the full board does not meet.

Currently, HRPDC is represented on the SSEVA Board by Shernita Bethea, HRPDC Housing Administrator. Randy Keaton, HRPDC Deputy Executive Director, held a second seat which is now vacant since his move to become Isle of Wight County Administrator.

The SSSEVA requests that the HRPDC recommend a second member to the SSSEVA Board of Directors, to fill the seat previously occupied by Mr. Keaton. In the past, the HRPDC has recommended both staff and Commissioners to serve on the Board.

The Executive Director recommends that the HRPDC appoint Keith Cannady, HRPDC Deputy Executive Director to fill the HRPDC's vacant seat on the SSSEVA Board of Directors.

***Action Requested: The HRPDC should take action to approve the January 19, 2017 Consent Agenda.***

**7. Regional Poverty Forum Debrief/Virginia First Cities – Bob Crum and Shernita Bethea, HRPDC; Virginia First Cities Representatives**

On November 21, the HRPDC hosted a regional poverty forum at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Approximately 100 Hampton Roads elected officials, chief administrative officers and community stakeholders convened to hear how other regions are addressing this issue. This forum evolved from discussions that occurred at the July HRPDC meeting and a roundtable discussion between the regional CAO Committee and police chiefs which highlighted the importance of addressing poverty in a regionally coordinated manner and bringing all community stakeholders to the table to discuss this issue.

To help frame the discussion, the HRPDC invited Purpose Built Communities, a Georgia-based non-profit organization that is working with cities across the country to break the cycle of poverty. Purpose Built Communities' President Carol Naughton provided the keynote address, highlighting the documented increases in school scores, property values and median income of East Lake Village, a community in Atlanta that was once a high poverty, high crime community. The forum concluded with input from forum attendees on how the region could move forward to address poverty.

HRPDC staff will provide the Commission an overview of the regional poverty forum, discuss major takeaways and request input from HRPDC members.

The HRPDC will also receive a presentation from representatives of Virginia First Cities (VFC). VFC is a state advocacy group comprised of 13 of the oldest and most historic core cities of Virginia including Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk and Portsmouth. Representatives of VFC will brief the Commission on their legislative priorities for the 2017 General Assembly session related to poverty reduction.

Commission members are encouraged to discuss the information presented by HRPDC staff and Virginia First Cities representatives and potential next steps for the Hampton Roads region.

#### **8. Regional Economic Forecast – Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC**

Each January since 1990, the HRPDC Economics Staff have delivered a regional economic forecast for the coming year. The forecast presentation includes a review of local and national trends and provides a forecast for gross regional product, employment, unemployment, retail sales, and residential construction. The HRPDC Economic Forecast is the staff assessment of what the region can expect for the coming year.

The Commission's forecast is often used in planning purposes by staff from member jurisdictions as well as other regional organizations. Mr. Greg C. Grootendorst, Chief Economist, will present the 2017 Economic Forecast to the Commission.

Commission Members are encouraged to discuss the information provided in this presentation. No official action is required by the Commission.

#### **9. Virginia Working Waterfronts – Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner**

The Virginia Working Waterfronts Master Plan is the result of several years of collaboration by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Accomack-Norhampton PDC, Hampton Roads PDC, Middle Peninsula PDC, Northern Neck PDC, and stakeholders. The plan is intended to help guide the Commonwealth and coastal communities in identifying, protecting,

restoring, and enhancing water-dependent commercial and recreational activities. The plan inventories existing working waterfronts, identifies challenges and threats, and outlines a series of recommendations for all levels of government and the private sector to consider.

A two-page summary of the Plan is available at [http://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/7B\\_Attachment\\_Working%20Waterfront%20Summary%20Handout.pdf](http://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/7B_Attachment_Working%20Waterfront%20Summary%20Handout.pdf).

The full Plan is available at [http://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/7A\\_Attachment\\_Virginia%20Working%20Waterfront%20Master%20Plan.pdf](http://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/7A_Attachment_Virginia%20Working%20Waterfront%20Master%20Plan.pdf)

The HRPDC staff has reviewed this plan and a resolution of support for the plan has been drafted for consideration by local governments and planning district commissions.

Staff recommends that the HRPDC approve the enclosed resolution accepting the Virginia Working Waterfronts Master Plan as a policy document to help preserve or encourage the redevelopment of working waterfronts throughout coastal Virginia.

**10. Coastal Resiliency Committee Recommended Legislative Priorities  
Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner**

During approval of the HRPDC legislative agenda, Commission members directed staff to work with the HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Committee to identify coastal resiliency initiatives that could be added to the regional legislative agenda. At its meeting on December 9, 2016, the HRPDC staff briefed the Coastal Resiliency Committee on recommendations for regional legislative priorities related to coastal resiliency issues such as a flooding and sea level rise. The Committee recommended that the Commission incorporate three (3) priorities into the regional legislative agenda:

- 1) Support the appropriation of funds for the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund** - The Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund was created during last year's session, but no funding was appropriated for it. The VSRF is a state fund that local governments can use to establish low-interest loan programs for residents and businesses to mitigate flooding.
- 2) Support the appropriation of funds to match federal funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 3x3x3 studies** - 3x3x3 studies are an important and necessary step in receiving federal funding through the Corps for flood mitigation and other resiliency projects. Funding for these projects is capped at \$3 million, half of which is federal and half of which is provided by non-federal partners. Funding would be requested from the state to cover at least part of the required \$1.5 million in non-federal matching funds for each study.

- 3) Support the creation of a standalone Virginia Chief Resiliency Officer -**  
Currently, the state's Chief Resiliency Officer is Secretary of Public Safety Brian Moran. Creating a standalone position would allow this appointed individual to focus exclusively on coordinating local, state, and federal efforts on coastal resiliency.

***Action Requested: Staff recommends the Commission approve the addition of the three priorities to the regional legislative agenda.***

**11. Three Month Tentative Schedule**

**February 2017**

General Assembly Update  
askHRgreen Community Grants  
Joint Land Use Study Update

**March 2017**

No meeting

**April 2017**

Opportunity, Inc Update  
Virginia Shipbuilders

**12. Advisory Committee Summaries (Attachment 12)**

A summary of HRPDC Advisory Committee meetings that were held since the last HRPDC Meeting are attached for review.

**13. For Your Information (Attachment 13)**

The following items are attached for informational purposes:

- HRPDC/HRTPO 2017 Regional Legislative Agendas
- Letter from the City of Portsmouth appointing Mayor John Rowe to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.
- Resolution from the City of Norfolk appointing Interim City Manager, Doug Smith, to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner and City Manager, Marcus Jones.

**14. Old/New Business**

**15. Adjournment**