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At a recessed meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Northampton, Virginia, held in the former circuit courtroom, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, on the 23rd day of June, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Jeff Walker, Chairman

H. Spencer Murray, Vice Chairman

Dave Burden

Laurence J. Trala

William A. Hughes

Absent:

Richard Tankard

The Chairman was called to order by the Chairman.

Continued Zoning Ordinance Discussions

Ms. Katherine Nunez, County Administrator, and Ms. Sandra Benson, Director of Planning, led the Board in discussions relative to the few remaining zoning ordinance amendment items which needed Board guidance and direction. These items included:

(a) whether or not to include pipeline language. It was the consensus of the Board to exclude any pipeline language from the draft ordinance.

(b) establishment of a primary commercial district and specific possibilities for location(s) of such district. It was the consensus of the Board to approve language as submitted by staff for creating a commercial district in the county. Of the seven areas in the county suggested for placement of such a district, the only one approved by the Board was South Bayside Road in the Cheriton area.

(c) table of use charts. Table of Use Charts from Mr. Burden as well as that which was in the proposed draft document was discussed. Consensus was reached by the Board on differences between the two versions.

Other topics covered included the following as set out in a memorandum to the Board from Ms. Benson dated July 22, 2009:

(A) Consideration of Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendments. Staff has proposed that FLUM amendments be addressed prior to notifications being mailed to property owners concerning the additional public hearings on the proposed zoning amendments, since a copy of the FLUM will be included with the notification letters. For compliance with the Virginia Code, the FLUM must show locations on existing and proposed county facilities and also all the adopted Agricultural and Forestal Districts. In addition, if the Board decides to expand commercial land use beyond the Commercial Activity Corridor south of Cheriton as currently mapped, the FLUM should be amended accordingly. *The Board concurred.*

(B) Additional zoning map amendment: As a result of an inquiry, staff noticed a mapping error pertaining to two subdivisions on Giddens Road. *Following explanation from Mr. Peter Stith, GIS Planner, it was the consensus of the Board to forward this amendment for public hearing.*

(C) Legislative changes effective July 1, 2009: Two changes in Virginia law dictate amendments to the county zoning regulations. These changes clarify damages sustained by a nonconforming structure as well as a slight language modification in the section pertaining to the grant of variances. *It was the consensus of the Board to include these legislative modifications to the draft zoning document.*

(D) Format for publicizing revisions prior to public hearings: Staff proposes that in

addition to the revised draft documents, a summary report be prepared describing the revisions proposed to the November 2008 Public Hearing Draft text and map. *The Board concurred.*

Lastly, the Board discussed and provided guidance to staff relative to outstanding items illustrated on a Tracking Chart as prepared by staff. All referenced materials are on file in the Office of the County Administrator.

Mr. Murray informed the Board that he is working on a project in the village of Oyster and there is some concern relative to height restrictions (35 ft.). He asked staff to review this item.

Recess:

Motion was made by Mr. Trala that the meeting be recessed to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2009 in the former circuit courtroom, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to conduct the regular work session. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Tankard and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was recessed.

_____ CHAIRMAN

_____ COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR