

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

John J. McGlennon, Chairman, Jamestown District
James O. Icenhour, Jr., Vice Chairman, Powhatan District
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Berkeley District
Bruce C. Goodson, Roberts District
M. Anderson Bradshaw, Stonehouse District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator
Leo P. Rogers, County Attorney

C. BOARD DISCUSSIONS

1. Purchase of Development Rights Committee

Mr. Ed Overton, Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Administrator, gave an overview of the activities of the Purchase of Development Rights Committee and efforts to create a more flexible program for applicants. Members from the PDR Committee that were present included Mr. Bruce Abbott, and Ms. Loretta Garrett.

The Board and staff discussed the proposed measures to provide flexibility for PDR Program applicants. The Board directed staff and the PDR Committee to move forward with the recommendations presented to allow properties over 100 acres the right to subdivide once for each 100 acres and to allow for negotiation with the landowner to subdivide smaller parcels.

2. Better Site Design Implementation - Builders for the Bay

Mr. Mike Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, gave a brief presentation on the goals and standards for Better Site Design and Low Impact Development. Staff and citizens present to discuss Better Site Design included Planning Commissioner Ms. Shereen Hughes, Mr. Tim Cleary, Mr. Charles Rosendaller, Mr. Bob Cosby, Mr. John Horne, and Planning staff members Mr. Jose Ribeiro and Ms. Ellen Cook.

The Board and staff discussed the process for implementing Better Site Design and increasing awareness of the principles. The Board and staff also discussed ordinance amendments regarding setback reductions in R-1 zoning districts and ADA compliance. The Board and staff discussed pervious pavers specifically relating to parking, design standards for roadways, and conservation incentives. Discussion was held regarding the cluster ordinance in relation to community character and open space provisions. The Board and staff discussed sending the issue to the Policy Committee for recommendations on a standard guideline to be adopted by the Board that can be applied administratively by staff as well as other incentives that can be

provided for LID development measures in place of increased density. The Board directed staff to have the Policy Committee evaluate the cluster ordinance following the upcoming Comprehensive Plan revision, while keeping the possible changes in mind during the Comprehensive Plan process.

3. Change in the Assessment Cycle, Tax Exemptions for the Elderly and Disabled, and Biennial Assessments

Mr. John E. McDonald, Manager of Financial and Management Services, gave a presentation addressing the possibility of changing the landbook assessment cycle to correspond with the calendar year rather than the fiscal year and gave an overview of how moving to biennial assessments would affect the County and citizens.

Mr. Richard Bradshaw, Commissioner of the Revenue, gave an overview of increases in tax exemptions for elderly and disabled citizens.

The Board and staff discussed the effect assessments have on citizens and the County budget and how changing the landbook and assessment cycle would impact the County, along with potential proposed increases for elderly and disabled tax exemption.

At 6:28 p.m., the Board recessed for dinner.

Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board