AT A PUBLIC HEARING IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAMPTON PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017 AT 3:30 P.M.

whereas: the Hampton Planning Commission has before it this day Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 17-00004 to Amend and Re-Enact Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia Entitled "O-CBPD – Chesapeake Bay Preservation District Overlay";

**WHEREAS:** the Chesapeake Bay Preservation District Overlay is a regulatory tool adopted to adhere to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act;

whereas: the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act opens with and sets as a theme that: Healthy state and local economies and a Healthy Chesapeake Bay are integrally related; balanced economic development and water quality protection are not mutually exclusive;

**WHEREAS:** this zoning ordinance amendment is an update to Hampton's existing district;

**WHEREAS:** the proposed changes reorganize the chapter for clarity and ease of use;

**WHEREAS:** this amendment creates a "special green area", which requires an additional setback between a vegetated Resource Protection Area and a building;

**WHEREAS:** "permitted encroachments" will become an administrative approval;

**WHEREAS:** responsibility for hearing "exception" requests will be moved to the Board of Zoning Appeals;

**WHEREAS:** the proposed changes streamline the process for reaching a resolution;

**WHEREAS:** the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed and approved of the proposed changes; and

**WHEREAS:** two members of the public spoke against this proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on a motion by Commissioner Pete Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gray,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hampton Planning Commission recommends to City Council approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 17-00004.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES:

Kellum, Gray, Peterson, Southall

NAYS:

Garrison

ABST:

None

ABSENT:

Coleman, Carter

A COPY; TESTE:

Terry P.65' Neill

Secretary to the Commission