

AT A PUBLIC HEARING IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAMPTON PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 AT 3:30 P.M.

WHEREAS: the Hampton Planning Commission has before it this day an Ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia Entitled "Uses Permitted" by amending Section 3-2 to add "Banquet Hall" to the use table and amending section 3-3 – pertaining to the additional standards for banquet halls;

WHEREAS: banquet hall would be a permitted use with an approved zoning administrator permit in the Downtown Business (DT-1), Phoebus Business (PH-1), Fort Monroe Inner Fort (FM-1), Fort Monroe North Gate (FM-3), and Fort Monroe Wherry Quarter (FM-4) Districts;

WHEREAS: the zoning administrator permit is an administrative review for approval as well as revocation if the property is found to have violated any of the standard conditions;

WHEREAS: banquet hall would be a permitted use with an approved use permit in the Fort Monroe Historic Village (FM-2) District;

WHEREAS: the master plan for Fort Monroe identifies specific buildings appropriate for uses like banquet halls within the largely residential Historic Village area;

WHEREAS: use permits are granted by City Council, allow City Council to consider specific locations based on the master plan recommendations, and the use permit may be revoked by City Council through the legislative process;

WHEREAS: the standard conditions address the hours of operation, noise, patron activity around the building, prohibition on third party promoters, adherence to local, state, and federal laws and regulations, and similar conditions assuring the operation is not a nuisance to the district or operated as something other than a banquet hall for private events;

WHEREAS: this new use would provide an opportunity to put to use underutilized, often historic buildings in walkable commercial areas identified in the Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) and related master plans as locations to encourage entertainment and tourist activity; and

WHEREAS: no one from the public spoke in regards to this proposed amendment.

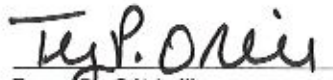
NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion by Commissioner Gaynette LaRue and seconded by Commissioner Carlton Campbell,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Planning Commission recommends to City Council approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 196-2016.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES:	LaRue, Williams, Campbell, McCloud, Bunting, Southall
NAYS:	None
ABST:	None
ABSENT:	Schmidt

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Terry P. O'Neill
Secretary to Commission