

**AT A PUBLIC HEARING IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAMPTON PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE FORUM, JONES MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1819 NICKERSON BOULEVARD, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA, ON THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 AT 3:30 P.M.**

- WHEREAS:** the Hampton Planning Commission has before it this day a request by the City of Hampton to rezone 50.1± acres located at 199 Santa Barbara Drive and an unaddressed property on Diggs Drive [LRSNs 6000003 and 6000005];
- WHEREAS:** the application is to rezone the property from Single Family Residential (R-9, R-11) to Parks and Open Space General (PO-1);
- WHEREAS:** all properties subject to this rezoning are owned by the City of Hampton, and are currently vacant;
- WHEREAS:** the Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) recommends open space uses for these properties;
- WHEREAS:** the Hampton Community Plan strongly encourages the City of Hampton to partner with Langley Air Force Base to promote compatible land uses within the flight approach and noise areas surrounding the facility;
- WHEREAS:** there is a long history of collaboration between Langley Air Force Base and the City of Hampton, as the City has continued to grow and expand, to ensure that adjacent land uses are managed such that this key military facility can continue to accomplish its mission, while also protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the public;
- WHEREAS:** in 2010, the Air Force and the City completed the Hampton-Langley Joint Land Use Agreement, which encourages the City to adopt land use and growth policies to keep high concentrations of people and development away from Langley;
- WHEREAS:** such efforts are encouraged to concentrate on a specific area off the western end of Langley's main runway, known as the flight approach area or APZ;
- WHEREAS:** the APZ is designated as the area most likely, in the event of an emergency involving an aircraft taking off or landing at Langley, for said aircraft to crash;
- WHEREAS:** the City of Hampton, in an effort to keep the APZ clear of development, has worked to use City and State funding to acquire property in this area;
- WHEREAS:** the properties subject to this rezoning, while not located near the APZ, were determined to have current zoning that was generally inappropriate for a large undeveloped property near Langley Air Force Base;
- WHEREAS:** rezoning these properties to Parks and Open Space (PO-1) will also preserve open space and protect sensitive wetlands and marine habitats; and

**WHEREAS:** no one from the public spoke for or against this proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** on a motion by Commissioner Pete Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Christopher Carter,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hampton Planning Commission recommends to City Council approval of Rezoning Application No. 17-00003.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	Coleman, Kellum, Garrison, Carter, Gray, Peterson, Southall
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABST:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**A COPY; TESTE:**



Terry P. O'Neill  
Secretary to the Commission