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, MARCH 15, 2018 AT 3:30 P.M.

**WHEREAS:** the Hampton Planning Commission has before it this day Use Permit

Application No. 17-00013 by PI Tower Development, LLC to permit the construction and operation of a commercial communications

tower at 1821 Cemetery Lane [LRSN: 1003669];

WHEREAS: PI Tower Development, LLC, representing T-Mobile, is proposing to

construct and operate a commercial communications tower to meet T-Mobile's coverage objectives and can accommodate at

least three (3) users or cell phone carriers;

WHEREAS: the proposed tower has a maximum overall height of 155' (150'

structure plus a 5' lightning rod), along with the associated ground equipment for utilities. The tower will be located within a  $\pm 2,500$  SF

compound and made out of galvanized steel;

**WHEREAS:** the subject property is zoned R-11 – One Family Residential;

WHEREAS: the <u>Hampton Community Plan</u> (2006, as amended) recommends

low-density residential for the site, and public/semi-public and low-

density residential for much of the surrounding area;

WHEREAS: the Hampton Community Plan encourages the location of new

communications towers at preferred sites and also provides guidance on mitigating impacts of towers at less preferred sites with a camouflaged tower and landscaping, which the applicant

has provided;

WHEREAS: this application was deferred from the February 15, 2018 Planning

Commission meeting in order that the applicant provide more information on other sites that were considered for the tower, as

well as the impact to coverage of a taller tower;

WHEREAS: this application is subject to Federal review, and was reviewed for

impacts to historic properties by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VADHR) under the National Historic Preservation Act. The VADHR has determined that a height over 155' would have an

adverse impact on the surrounding historic properties;

WHEREAS: staff is recommending twelve (12) conditions to mitigate any

adverse impacts to adjacent properties and to ensure compliance with applicable codes and ordinances. These conditions include constructing the tower to accommodate at least three (3) users;

limiting the height of the tower to 150'; conformance to the

conceptual site plan, tower design, and landscaping plan; requirements for tower removal if abandoned; and maintaining no interference with the City's public radio system; and

**WHEREAS:** no members of the public spoke for or against this proposal.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, on a motion by Commissioner Ruthann Kellum and seconded by Vice-Chair Tommy Southall,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hampton Planning Commission recommends to City Council approval of Use Permit Application No. 17-00013 with twelve (12) conditions.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES:

Coleman, Garrison, Kellum, Gray, Peterson, Southall,

Carter

NAYS:

None

ABST:

None

ABSENT:

None

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Terry RO'Neill

Secretary to the Commission