

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 21, 2023 AT 3:30 P.M.

WHEREAS: the Hampton Planning Commission has before it this day a request to amend the Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) to incorporate by reference the Newmarket Creek Pilot Project Area Water Plan;

WHEREAS: the City of Hampton recognizes the need for designing innovative solutions for present and future water-related challenges such as flooding and sea level rise;

WHEREAS: the Resilient Hampton Initiative is based on the principle of “living with water” to create a safe, sustainable future alongside our water resources in a way that maximizes their benefits;

WHEREAS: the Newmarket Creek Pilot Project Area Water Plan is the City's first neighborhood- and watershed-level analysis aimed at devising strategies for improving Hampton's resiliency;

WHEREAS: the dynamic nature of the Newmarket Creek watershed offers an opportunity to create a large-scale strategic plan and implementable projects that improve resilience;

WHEREAS: the Newmarket Creek Pilot Project Area Water Plan is a result of extensive public outreach and engagement and is reflective of citizens' vision for the future of Hampton;

WHEREAS: the Newmarket Creek Pilot Project Area Water Plan includes a variety of recommended projects based on the unique characteristics of the creek's identity zones;

WHEREAS: three pilot projects from the Newmarket Creek Pilot Project Area Water Plan will serve as demonstration projects for testing resilient design strategies, as well as creating typologies for projects that can be replicated in other parts of the City; and

WHEREAS: adoption of the Newmarket Creek Pilot Project Area Water Plan is critical to achieving the resilience goals outlined in the Hampton Community Plan by allocating appropriate space and storage for water, recognizing water as an asset, and aligning land use codes and ordinances with Hampton's resiliency goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion by Commissioner Harper and seconded by Commissioner Kellum,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Planning Commission recommends to City Council approval of Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 23-0279.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Rogers, Harris, Harper, Coleman, Kellum

NAYS:

ABST:

ABSENT: Brooks, Bond

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Bonnie N. Brown
Secretary to the Commission