

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hampton Planning Commission

FROM: Mike Hayes, AICP
Planning & Zoning Administration Division Manager

DATE: February 16, 2024

SUBJECT: February 2024 Planning Commission Meeting

Thank you, Commissioners, for indulging staff in moving the Planning Commission meeting back a week to avoid having the Commission meeting the day after City Council. We will meet Thursday, February 22 at 3:00PM in the Community Development Department Conference Room for the work session. The regular meeting will begin at 3:30PM in City Council Chambers.

During the work session, staff will provide a brief update on the work related to the City establishing land use policy for short-term rentals. Staff presented to City Council on February 14th and continues to work diligently on finding the best, balanced solution for Hampton based upon the thoughts and guidance provided by City Council.

The regular meeting agenda includes three land use applications and the monthly Youth Planner report. All three land use applications are Use Permits. Two of the Use Permit applications involve restaurant 3 requests.

Use Permit Application No.24-0028 involves a restaurant at the base of the public Downtown parking garage on Settlers Landing Road. The restaurant is not currently open, but the space faces out onto the large plaza along Old Hampton Lane.

The other restaurant 3 request, Use Permit Application No.24-0049, is for 20 W. Mercury Boulevard. This restaurant is a portion of the building sitting on a triangle shaped property wrapped by the on ramp to Mercury Boulevard. At this time, staff is recommending denial of this application due to the business being delinquent on excise taxes.

Use Permit Application No.24-0045 is a request by Rosie's Gaming Emporium at the Power Plant shopping center to expand hours of operation to allow 24-hour operation. Currently, the operation may be open from 8:00AM until 4:00AM so the request is to allow operation during the 4 hours not currently permitted. If the current request is denied, the operation may continue with hours between 8:00AM and 4:00AM.

At its January and February meetings, Hampton City Council took the following action:

- Denied the Use Permit to convert commercial space to multifamily residences on Merchant Lane in Peninsula Town Center.
- Approved a Use Permit for a restaurant 3 at 87 Lincoln Street in Downtown.
- Approved the Use Permit that will allow for the expansion of the cemetery at the corner of Coliseum Drive and Hampton Roads Center Parkway.

- Approved the Use Permit application for Hampton University's proposed use of the 14th floor of the Harbour Center at 2 Lincoln Street to allow for an event space.
- Approved the Zoning Ordinance Amendments that establish mitigation banks as a use in the City of Hampton.
- Approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendments to alleviate conflicts in the zoning ordinance and allow for day care operations as well as outdoor dining in more situations.

If you have questions about the package or particular items, feel free to reach out to me at 757.728.5244 or mdhayes@hampton.gov.