

AT A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE HAMPTON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA, ON April 9, 2007 at 3:30 P.M.

- WHEREAS:** The Planning Commission has before it this day a proposal by the City of Hampton, to amend the City of Hampton Community Plan, February 2006 by adopting the North King Street Corridor Master Plan; and
- WHEREAS:** The overall study area encompasses the area generally bounded on the north by Langley Air Force Base and the Southwest Branch of Back River, to the south by Interstate I-64, to the east by Oakville Drive, Little Back River Road, Shawen Drive, Fox Hill Road down to the Hampton River, and to the west by LaSalle Avenue and the Southwest Branch of Back River; and
- WHEREAS:** Development of the North King Street Corridor Master Plan began in February of 2006 and included 6 public meetings in addition to 37 meetings with various smaller groups of citizens and businesses in the area. Approximately 720 community members participated in one or more of these meetings; and
- WHEREAS:** Residents and staff recognized the North King Street Corridor faces a series of challenges that needed to be comprehensively addressed to ensure the long term sustainability of the Corridor's future; and
- WHEREAS:** The Plan provides clear direction for policies and strategies regarding land use, traffic and street improvements, open space and recreation, public and private development guidelines and commercial redevelopment, housing, enhancements to existing community facilities, and general community appearance; and
- WHEREAS:** The primary objective of the Plan is to develop a long-term vision with associated strategic initiatives that will redefine the most appropriate role for the North King Street Corridor and to set a course for North King Street which supports and enhances the overall health of its adjacent neighborhoods. This redefined role recognizes the Corridor's primary function as an important transportation artery which serves as the "front door" for many adjacent neighborhoods and an important gateway to Langley Air Force Base; and
- WHEREAS:** Six key initiatives are recommended as the implementation priorities: (1) Street Improvements for N. King Street, Little Back River and Rip Rap Roads; (2) Key Intersections: N. King Street and Little Back River Road "Six Points," and N. King Street and Mercury Boulevard; (3) W. Mercury Boulevard Redevelopment; (4) Private Development: Wilson Property, Quinn Street Area, and Greater Emmanuel Baptist Church; (5)

Selden Farm and Tyler Elementary School Area; and (6) Old North Hampton and Y.H. Thomas Area; and

WHEREAS: This Master Plan was supported by community leaders and residents; business leaders and stakeholders; Steering Committee; Industrial Development Authority; Redevelopment Advisory Committee; Neighborhood Commission; Hampton Police Department; Parks and Recreation; Public Works Department; and other key City staff; and

WHEREAS: There were several members of the public who appeared before the Planning Commission to provide positive comments and support for the Plan; and

WHEREAS: No members of the public had any opposition to the master planning process and/or the recommendations within the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion made by Commissioner Andre McCloud, and seconded by Commissioner Amy Thorstad,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hampton Planning Commission respectfully recommends to the Honorable City Council to adopt the North King Street Corridor Master Plan.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: McCloud, Thorstad, Smith, Wallace, Sapp, Heath
NAYS: None
ABST: None
ABSENT: Young

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Terry P. O'Neill
Secretary to Commission