

**AT A PUBLIC HEARING IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAMPTON PLANNING COMMISSION
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA, ON THURSDAY,
MAY 18, 2017 AT 3:30 P.M.**

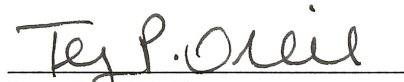
- WHEREAS:** the Hampton Planning Commission has before it this day a request by Parallel Infrastructure for a commercial communications tower at 1605 Aberdeen Road [LRSN 3003897];
- WHEREAS:** the applicant has identified a significant coverage gap in T-Mobile's cell phone network, located in the general area of the subject property;
- WHEREAS:** the applicant intends to fill this gap by constructing a one hundred fifty-two foot (152') high galvanized steel monopole tower, enclosed within a 40' by 70' fenced compound;
- WHEREAS:** the property is currently zoned Limited Commercial (C-2) District, which permits the operation of a commercial cell tower with an approved conditional use permit;
- WHEREAS:** the Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) recommends mixed-use development for the subject property. The Hampton Community Plan also encourages the City to locate new communications towers in preferred sites through the implementation of standards and procedures;
- WHEREAS:** the Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) contains a "placement hierarchy," which is a list of preferred site types for new communications towers to be located. The subject property is located in a commercial area, which is the 5th most preferred site type on the hierarchy;
- WHEREAS:** the applicant has submitted evidence that the four (4) most preferred site types (co-locating on existing towers, tall buildings or structures, large industrial sites or parks, and pre-approved school sites) were not feasible options for this communications tower, and that there were no alternative sites available to meet their coverage objectives;
- WHEREAS:** the application complies with all standards contained in Section 3-3 (34) of the City of Hampton Zoning Ordinance;
- WHEREAS:** staff recommends eleven (11) conditions be attached to the use permit addressing, among other things: development in substantial conformance with the site plan, fencing, and landscaping the tower and equipment compound; and
- WHEREAS:** three members of the public spoke during the public hearing, and all expressed opposition to the project.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** on a motion by Commissioner Pete Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Teresa Schmidt,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Planning Commission recommends to City Council approval of Use Permit Application No. 17-00005, subject to eleven (11) conditions.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES:	Williams, Schmidt, Peterson, Southall
NAYS:	Carter, Campbell
ABST:	None
ABSENT:	LaRue

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Terry P. O'Neill
Secretary to Commission