



## Legislation Text

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Rezoning application by the City of Hampton to rezone  $\pm 3.3$  acres at 231 Lincoln Street [LRSN: 20000961] from One Family Residential (R-9) District to Parks and Open Space General (PO-1) District for the Mary Jackson Neighborhood Center

### **Background Statement:**

This application is a request to rezone a  $\pm 3.3$  acre portion of 231 Lincoln Street [LRSN 20000961], the former site of the Downtown Hampton Community Center, to PO-1 to facilitate the construction of a new neighborhood center and park space. Because the request is specifically to the Parks and Open Space General (PO-1) District, no proffers are offered with this application. The City of Hampton owns the land and will be responsible for the construction of the center, development of the park, and long term maintenance of the facilities. Through the neighborhood center model, the City of Hampton is partnering with the Peninsula Community Foundation and neighborhood residence to design the facility and develop programming. In the neighborhood center model, upon opening, residence are typically an integral part of running the facility and continuing to evolve the programming. The proposed center replaces the previous community center.

The Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) recommends public/semi-public land use for this property. The Community Plan also includes policies that recognize the importance of neighborhood involvement in development and use of the center and park. This property also falls within the boundaries of the Downtown Hampton Master Plan (2017, as amended). The master plan calls for reestablishing a community center on this site while also enhancing the park and improving street connections within the community to improve access and eyes on the park.

Approval of this rezoning would aid in moving forward with the City's commitment to bring this asset, the Mary Jackson Neighborhood Center, to the Olde Hampton community.

### **Recommendations:**

Staff Recommendation:

Approval

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Approval