AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #9: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS

No written public comments were received. Any new written public comments will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

ITEM #10: TRANSCRIBED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE JUNE 18, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Each month, the public is invited to verbally comment on the HRPDC, its policies and programs, and items on the Commission agenda. Comments offered during this Public Comment Period, are transcribed and submitted with each month's HRPDC agenda packet.

Attachment 10

ITEM #11: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are invited to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

ITEM #12: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Minutes

The Minutes of the June 18, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting are attached.

Attachment 12-A

Recommended Action:

The HRPDC staff recommends approval of the minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for May 2015 activities are attached. This Statement reflects the financial status of the HRPDC as a whole.

Attachment 12-B

Recommended Action:

The HRPDC staff recommends the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

One person addressed the HRPDC on June 18, 2015:

Ellis James

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. My name is Ellis W. James. I'm a resident of Norfolk and, wow, an advocate's dream, got it at your fingertips. I know that I've talked to you about a lot of things, especially sea rise and coal dust and those things, but something has happened in the last two days that I think we need to pay close attention to. Well, first of all, let me address our seniors in the area. Climate change is obviously bringing us different weather patterns and El Nino is kicking in, so we're going to feel the effects here on the East Coast also. I want to congratulate the Peninsula especially for having that very, very apparently effective interlocking assistance for seniors when the weather gets insufferably hot, and it was carried on the news cast. So I was appreciative of that, and I'm hoping that all of the communities within your jurisdiction will do the same thing. The second thing that I'm quite concerned about is a regression. I don't know how many of you know that last night, sadly, there was a slaughter of people at prayer in the African-American Methodist church in Charleston. This insanity has got to stop. And I must say to you I'll bet my bottom dollar that we're going to find out that this young man who slaughtered six women and three men for no reason is going to turn up on everybody's radar screen and it's going to be hate crime number one for the nation. Now, why am I bringing this to you? There has been consistent talk and angst from some quarters about voting and voting rights. It is bogus in the Commonwealth of Virginia, there are very few, if any, voting rights violations or fraudulent voting that goes on in the Commonwealth, and so the issue ought to be dismissed out of hand. Our people who work at the polls do an excellent job, by the way. I've worked at the poles since 1961, so I know a little bit about it. The second thing is that I hope that the Mayors and the City Managers and all of the good people throughout our counties and our communities will seek to pass a resolution condemning this act of insanity. It is time for the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia to add its voice strongly to those people across the insanity line to understand clearly that we are fed up with this. It is insane and it is inexcusable and it will destroy this country if we don't get busy and do something about it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

Executive Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes of June 18, 2015

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Commissioners:

Kenneth Wright, Chairman (PO)
Clyde Haulman, Vice Chairman (WM)
Louis R. Jones, Treasurer (VB)
James Baker (CH)
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)
Debbie Ritter (CH)
Dr. Ella P. Ward (CH)
Barry Cheatham (FR)
Randy Martin (FR)*
Sanford Wanner (GL)
Chris Snead (HA)
Dee Dee Darden (IW)
Anne Seward (IW)
Mary Jones (JC)
Jim Bourey (NN)
Saundra Cherry (NN)*
McKinley Price (NN)
Marcus Jones (NO)
Brannon Godfrey (PO)
Barry Porter (SH)
Michael Johnson (SH)
Tyrone Franklin (SY)
Amelia Ross-Hammond (VB)
James Spore (VB)
Jackson C. Tuttle (WM)
Neil Morgan (YK)
Thomas Shepperd (YK)

Interim Executive Director:

Randy Keaton

Executive Committee (Absent):

George Wallace (HA)
Paul Fraim (NO)
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
T. Carter Williams (SM)
Patrick Roberts (SU)
John Seward (SY)
John Moss (VB)
John Uhrin (VB)

*Late arrival or early departure.

Others Recorded Attending:

Earl Sorey (CH); Paul Holt (JC); Brian DeProfio (HA); Bryan Pennington (NO); Britta Ayers, Cody Joyner, Bryan Stilley, Hayley Todd, Jerri Wilson(NN); Sherri Neil (PO); Eric Nielsen (SU); Bob Matthias (VB); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); William B. Ball, Robert L. Gage (NASA LARC); Dennis Heuer (RK&K); Diane Kaufman, Phillip Pulk (Senators Kaine Office); Ellis James (Sierra Club Observer); Chris Fengier, Zac Little, Angel Vazquez (Whitlock); Peter Huber (Willcox and Savage); Staff: Kelli Arledge, Melton Boyer, James Clary, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Katie Cullipher, Rebekah Eastep, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Mike Long, Ben McFarlane, Camelia Ravanbakht, John Sadler, Jill Sunderland, Chris Vaigneur.

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Chairman Wright introduced and welcomed new Commission members, County Administrator Neil Morgan and Interim County Administrator Sanford Wanner

Chairman Wright asked for any modifications to the agenda.

Commissioner Thomas Shepperd Moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Barry Porter. The Motion Carried.

Commissioner Randy Martin arrives

HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition

Mr. Chris Thompson, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Deputy Director, reviewed a grant opportunity available to communities displaying the ability to develop more resilient communities. The Commonwealth determined the Hampton Roads region was the best candidate region statewide and has collaborated with the localities to develop a unified vision/strategy.

He stated five primary objectives include:

- Economic vitality
- Targeting high risk neighborhoods
- Strategies for Recurrent Flooding/Sea Level rise and Disaster events
- Water Management Solutions

Mr. Thompson indicated phase I of the application was due March 26, 2015 and the State is currently waiting to receive an invitation to be included in Phase II. If invited, the State has 120 days to compile a funding package.

He stated the Commonwealth can ask for up to $500,000, but is actively pursuing other funding partners. He noted the potentially diverse funding partners allowed for more flexible funding requirements. The following communities have agreed to participate:

- Chesapeake
- Hampton
- Newport News
- Norfolk
- Poquoson
- Portsmouth
- Accomack
- Northampton

Mr. Thompson requested if additional localities wish to participate, there is still time available, and he is the point of contact.

Commissioner Saundra Cherry arrives

HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL BENCHMARKING STUDY

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, briefed the Commission on the 10th edition of the Regional Benchmarking Study. The publication is divided into 13 sections and includes 154 illustrations.

He stated the region, when compared to similar sized metropolitan areas, ranked in the top five in regards to percentage of residents in the armed forces, work outside the county of residence and renters spending above 30% of income on housing. Additionally, the region has the lowest disparity of income as it ranks last in the Gini-Coefficient category, the measure of income equality.

The Commission was provided a series of graphs depicting the region's economy over the last three years, and the defense industry continues to play a major role in Hampton Roads.

Mr. Grootendorst indicated the region's port accounts for 24% of the total east coast foreign trade by tons, although in terms of value, Hampton Roads accounts for only 11%.

He stated the tourism industry continued to display slow consistent growth in the region, and much like national trends, the retail industry is in decline. This is due partly to the increased popularity of online shopping.

Mr. Grootendorst informed the Commission the housing marking was down 15% from its peak, and he reviewed the demographic and education indicators of the Report.

Finally, he noted the HRPDC Staff produced the inaugural edition of the *Little Book of Big Data*, and the publication is intended to be a pocket-sized version of the benchmarking Report.

POTENTIAL OFFICE RELOCATION

Chairman Wright stated the HRPDC received an unsolicited proposal in regards to moving the HRPDC offices. He further noted there had been previous discussion at the HRTPO Retreat in May.

Mr. Randy Keaton, HRPDC Interim Executive Director, referenced the factsheet included in the agenda packet for the Regional Building.

The Joint Personnel and Budget Committee recommended action be withheld until the new Executive Director arrived on July 1, 2015.

DUTCH DIALOGUES UPDATE

Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, reminded the Commission the Dutch Dialogues were multidisciplinary workshops designed to bring Dutch experts to U.S. communities to engage local stakeholders and experts in water management discussions.

Initial conversations were held in Fall 2014. In April 2015, after site visits around the region, two locations were picked - Newmarket Creek Watershed in Hampton and Newport News and the Tidewater District in Norfolk.

Mr. McFarlane reviewed the workshop schedule for June 19 through June 23, 2015.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Comment

Mr. Ellis James, Sierra Club Observer, noted the dangers of the extreme heat and its effects on the elderly and commented on voting rights in the State.

Submitted Public Comments

Chairman Wright indicated there were no Submitted Public Comments.

Approval of Consent Items

A. Minutes of April 16, 2015 Quarterly Commission Meeting
B. Treasurer's Report of February 2015
C. FY 2015 Budget Amendments
D. FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program
E. Consultant Services Contract – Regional and Environmental Planning and Analysis
F. Consultant Sevices Contract – askHRgreen.org Marketing and Media Support
G. FY 2013 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)
H. Hampton Roads Regional Benchmarking Study
I. Consultant Services Contract Task Order – Maintenance of PARS, SSORS, and FOG Certification Websites

Commissioner Shepperd Moved to approve the consent items, seconded by Commissioner Porter. The Motion Carried.

HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule

Chairman Wright reviewed the Three Month Schedule section of the agenda and reminded the Commission the August meeting is cancelled.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Commissioner Ella Ward recognized Commissioner Amar Dwarkanath on his impending retirement and commended him on his 45 years of service to the City of Chesapeake.

Chairman Wright and HRTPO Chairman McKinley Price presented Commissioners Amar Dwarkanath and Jackson C. Tuttle with Resolutions of Appreciation and stated their efforts, along with their participation in the HRPDC and HRTPO, were valued and congratulated them on their retirements.

Advisory Committee Summaries

Chairman Wright noted the Advisory Committee Summaries section of the agenda.

Correspondence of Interest

Chairman Wright reviewed the Correspondence of Interest section of the agenda.

Old/New Business

Chairman Wright stated the Commission received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce in regards to Air Quality. Mr. Keaton indicated potential actions would affect the HRTPO and recommended the item be brought back in July to give staff time to formulate a response.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Kenneth I. Wright Chairman	Randy Keaton Interim Executive Director

FISCAL YEAR 2015
5/31/15
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	$ 327,977	Current Liabilities	$ 1,591,919
Accounts Receivables	715,851	Net Assets	5,286,216
Investments	4,644,340		
Other Current Assets	664		
Net Capital Assets	1,189,302		
Total Assets	$ 6,878,135	***Total Liabilities & Equity***	$ 6,878,135

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Previous YTD	Current Month	YTD
Grant and Contract Revenue	$ 4,737,938	$ 3,542,623	$ 139,941	$ 3,682,564
VDHCD State Allocation	151,943	151,943	-	151,943
Interest Income	16,000	12,076	1,857	13,932
Local Jurisdiction Contributions	1,358,370	1,358,370	-	1,358,370
Other Local Assessment	1,208,295	1,208,295	-	1,208,295
Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue	371,473	23,048	1,210	24,258
Special Contracts/Pass thru	1,538,695	504,000	123,003	627,003
Total Revenue	**$ 9,382,714**	**$ 6,800,355**	**$ 266,010**	**$ 7,066,365**
EXPENDITURES				
Personnel	4,743,817	3,318,763	331,074	3,649,837
Standard Contracts	231,905	197,019	4,039	201,058
Special Contracts / Pass-Through	4,012,457	1,884,300	218,703	2,103,003
Office Services	394,535	345,509	23,872	369,381
Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	**$ 9,382,714**	**$ 5,745,591**	**$ 577,688**	**$ 6,323,279**
Agency Balance	**$ -**	**$ 1,054,764**	**$ (311,678)**	**$ 743,086**