MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2016, 6:30 P.M.
WORK SESSION
Council Chambers

PRESENT: The Honorable W. Eugene Hunt, Jr., Mayor
The Honorable Carey L. Freeman, Vice Mayor
The Honorable Traci-Dale Crawford
The Honorable Charles "Bud" M. Southall III
The Honorable Herbert R. Green, Jr.
The Honorable Raymond E. Vernall
The Honorable Henry W. Ayer III

J. Randall Wheeler, City Manager
Judy F. Wiggins, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk
D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hunt at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. He stated that the purpose of the work session was to provide the City Engineer an opportunity to update City Council on the City's TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Action Plan.

Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plan Revision:

The City Engineer, Ellen Roberts, reminded Council that the City's TMDL Action Plan for 2013-2018 had been drafted last summer and made available online in an effort to solicit public input. In accordance with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements, the City's Plan was submitted for review prior to the October 1, 2015 deadline. She pointed out that the City's Plan had not included BMPs developed prior to 2009 since it was unclear at the time of submittal if they would be accepted. However, since that time, the DEQ has notified localities that they can take credit for BMPs brought on line between January 1, 2006 and June 20, 2009 which will equate to a savings of approximately $590,500 of phosphorous removal in order to meet the City's 2018 required goal. She stated that the City's Action Plan was therefore revised to include the BMPs that had been developed during the specified timeframe, submitted to the Virginia DEQ and made available on the City's website.

Ms. Roberts made a brief presentation on the Bay TMDL Action Plan revisions as follows:

- That the City will only commit to actions necessary to meet the 2018 goal while continuing to work towards the 2023 goal;
- That the originally proposed filter strips and enhanced swale had been removed from the Plan because they were not needed in order to meet the 2018 5% goal;

- That the two Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) grant projects proposed for the south side of Victory Boulevard will enable the City to meet and even exceed the 2018 requirements;
- That the City will be required to validate an additional 35% pollutant reduction in order to meet the 2023 TMDL mandated goal;
- That grant fund opportunities and/or more cost effective options will be pursued in order to meet the 2023 criteria; and
- That the 2017 Chesapeake Bay Model requirements will be monitored to determine if more cost effective measurements are acceptable in order to meet the 2023 requirements.

In conclusion, she reminded Council that the City must continue to fulfill the State Stormwater Permit requirements that include approximately 100 annual tasks, that the Public Works Yard PPP is due for completion in FY 2017 and that the City's storm drainage system inventory will be online as of FY 2018.

In response to Council queries, the City Engineer explained that the State in many instances had combined smaller localities into one group and assigned them a single watershed which in the City's instance is the York River. She confirmed that the City may require future development to provide additional water improvements which can provide additional TMDL credits in order to satisfy the 2023 required pollutant reduction levels. She stated that landscaping, a safety bench and fencing are acceptable measures to discourage children and others from entering BMPs.

Council agreed that the City needs to seek State funding at the 2016 General Assembly Session in order to meet future TMDL requirements.

Mayor Hunt, on behalf of Council, thanked Ms. Roberts for her hard work that enabled the City to meet the 2018 TMDL requirements at a reduced cost.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at approximately 6:59 p.m.

ADOPTED: _____

TESTE: _____
City Clerk