

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 27, 2016, 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Health Department Presentation on Zika Virus:**

Mayor Hunt introduced Cynthia Rieken, District Epidemiologist for the Peninsula Health District, who presented information on the Mosquito-Borne Disease Prevention Campaign.

Ms. Rieken highlighted the following information during her presentation:

- That mosquito-borne diseases are preventable by cleaning up around your home and wearing mosquito repellent and protective clothing;
- That the Zika virus spreads from a pregnant woman to her fetus and has been linked to serious birth defects of the brain called microcephaly;
- That lack of knowledge of mosquito bite consequences; travel warnings where the Zika outbreak is occurring; the use of repellent and protective clothing; and how to eliminate mosquito breeding areas are the greatest barriers to preventing mosquito-borne diseases;
- That media campaigns to raise awareness of mosquito-borne illnesses and preventative measures are crucial to the campaign;
- That the Health Department is distributing mosquito prevention flyers and/or door hangers to Peninsula localities, the WIC clinic and OB practices; and making presentations to PTA/PTOs, youth camps, YMCA, etc.; and
- That door hangers provided by the Peninsula Health Department on mosquito prevention will be hand-delivered by City staff to each Poquoson residence within the next few days.

In response to Council queries, Ms. Rieken stated that all known cases of Zika have been found in people who have traveled outside of Virginia and that the virus lasts two to seven days.

Mayor Hunt, on behalf of Council, thanked Ms. Rieken for her informative presentation.

Mr. Jerry Cagle, the City's Mosquito & Drainage Supervisor, provided a brief overview of the City's efforts to prevent and reduce mosquito propagation. He stated that the Public Works Department personnel clean ditches/storm drains twice a year to ensure that water doesn't stand and provide a mosquito breeding habitat. He reiterated Ms. Rieken's earlier statement that door hangers containing information on mosquito prevention from the Health Department and the City would be imminently delivered to every household. He reminded Council that Public Works treats the City's rights-of-way for mosquitoes, but not private property and that the City sprays with trucks when the mosquito population reaches a specific threshold. Mr. Cagle reminded Council that in years past, the City had an agreement with the Air Force for aerial spraying when warranted by the mosquito population; however, due to a new requirement of a costly Environmental Assessment (EA), this no longer occurs. Lastly, he pointed out that spraying, aurally or by truck, is prohibited on Federal property.

The City Manager, J. Randall Wheeler, pointed out that the Air Force has only two planes designated for aerial spraying and with the potential spread of the Zika virus, they are much in demand. He explained that some of the neighboring localities are using private contractors to perform aerial spraying and that the City is investigating the possibility of joining in this contract. Lastly, Mr. Wheeler stated that the most effective, least costly method to eliminate/prevent mosquito breeding is through source reduction.

In response to a Council query, Mr. Cagle stated that the mosquito larvae eating fish are used by York County; however, special facilities are required in which to keep these fish and that minnows perform the same function.

**Brick Kiln Development:**

Kevin Wyne, Planner, stated that Brick Kiln, LLC is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a mini-storage warehouse/office space on property located on the west side of Wythe Creek Road, north of Wood Haven Drive in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District. He presented the following information on the request:

- That the applicant plans to erect in phases 800 storage units on the site;
- That there are approximately 23 existing residential dwellings within 300 feet of the property;
- That traffic generation is not expected to be highly impactful;
- That the City's highest impact commercial district is located 2,000 feet to the north of the site;
- That if the Conditional Use Permit is approved, an Architectural Review Board review and approval will be required;
- That based upon the large number of residential homes in the vicinity, the Planning Commission, at its June 20, 2016 meeting, recommended denial of the request by a vote of 6-1; and

- That should City Council decide to approve the request, staff is suggesting inclusion of twelve specific conditions.

In response to Council queries, Mr. Wyne stated that the proposed storage units and offices would be single-story buildings and that prior to the July 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting he would provide:

- The number of storage units currently under lease at Storage World Poquoson and at the Poquoson Auto Repair Storage facility inclusive of their respective total number of units and overall square footage;
- A comparison of the traffic that would be generated by the requested uses compared to the traffic generated by a single-family development; and
- City revenue that would result from the requested uses as well as that which would be generated by a single-family residential development.

Mayor Hunt stated that a condition should be added relative to the allowable maximum height of the proposed development should Council approve the Use Permit.

During Council's discussion, concern was expressed that approval of the request would equate to a spot zoning.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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