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August 22, 2016

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Bunting Lane Traffic Concerns

As part of the May 23, 2016 City Council meeting traffic concerns, particularly speeding on Bunting Lane, were discussed. At the same meeting, the Council also received significant public comments regarding this issue. Following the discussion, Councilmembers expressed a desire to continue the discussion in a summer work session. During the work session, which was held July 25, 2016, Council considered traffic calming options and reviewed traffic data collected by the Police Department prior to and after the initial Council discussion. Prior to the work session to help address the expressed concerns, the Public Works Department installed two *Children at Play* signs and the Police Department increased speed enforcement in the area as well.

During the work session the City Council identified three additional actions that could be taken to help further address the concerns. The first was a request to the Public Works Department to trim trees and bushes along the road side right-of-way that reduces the line of sight for drivers. The Public Works Department has since trimmed the entire area to provide good visibility along Bunting Lane. With regard to the two additional strategies, i.e. painting the pavement edges with white lines and the installation of a permanently mounted flashing speed sign(s), the Council asked that staff determine a cost estimate and prepare a formal resolution approving both to be considered at the August 22, 2016 meeting. The estimated cost to paint the edge of pavement lines is \$1,900 and the cost to install a solar-powered speed limit sign ranges from \$2,450 to \$4,500, depending upon the specific model selected. Funds are available within the street maintenance budget to pay for these improvements. The attached resolution, as drafted, approves the installation of one solar-powered flashing speed sign and the painting of pavement edges on Bunting Lane. However, should the Council desire that the City install more than one sign, staff requests that the Council modify the resolution accordingly.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS
TO BUNTING LANE**

WHEREAS, traffic concerns, particularly speeding on Bunting Lane, were discussed by Council at its meeting on May 23, 2016 and significant concerns were received from the public; and

WHEREAS, a work session was held on July 25, 2016 to consider traffic calming data collected by the Police Department prior to and after Council's initial discussion ; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Public Works Department being requested to trim the trees and bushes along the roadside right-of-way that impede the line of sight for motorists, Council asked that estimates be obtained for painting the pavement edges with white lines and for installation of a permanently mounted flashing speed sign; and

WHEREAS, costs to paint the edge of the pavement lines and to install a solar powered speed limit sign have been obtained and funds are available within the street maintenance budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Poquoson, Virginia:

Section 1: That the following improvements to Bunting Lane are hereby approved and immediate implementation is authorized:

- a. To paint the pavement edges with white lines
- b. To install one solar-powered flashing speed sign in the location determined to be the most appropriate and effective.

Section 2: That this resolution shall be in effect on and after its adoption.

ADOPTED: _____

TESTE: _____

City Clerk