



Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022 ~ 1:00pm
Veterans Conference Room ~ Ruppert L. Sargent Building

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charlene Clark, Patrick Garvey, Charlotte Hurd, Kevin Nelms, Eugene Thompson, Danielle Woods-Lewis
- STAFF PRESENT:** Bruce Sturk (Executive Director), Bonnie Brown (Deputy City Attorney), Brenda Bailey (recorder), Chris Bowman (Councilmember), Mike Yaskowsky (Economic Development)
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA)
- CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Garvey welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. Ms. Bailey called the roll and established a quorum was present.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Vice Chairman Garvey stated draft minutes for July 8, 2018 and January 13, 2020 were distributed for review and if there are no changes or corrections, called for a motion to approve.
ACTION: A motion was made by Charlene Clark to approve the minutes and seconded by Kevin Nelms. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:
- Ayes: Clark, Garvey, Hurd, Nelms, Thompson, Woods-Lewis
Nays: None
Absent: Hammond, Hogg, Spratley
Abstain: None
- REPORTS & BRIEFINGS:** Mr. Sturk thanked members for their service and for attending today's meeting. He presented brief updates on the following:
- Local Federal Area Updates:**
- Federal Partners:
- **Joint base Langley-Eustis (Langley Air Force Base)** established in 1916, employs 11,595 active duty military, VA Air National Guard and civilian jobs with a \$2.06 Billion economic impact
 - **NASA Langley Research Center** established as NACA in 1917 boasts 3,400 government & contractor jobs with a \$900 Million economic impact; City of Hampton collaboration activities include: business development; public awareness, education and workforce development, advocacy of new construction (MSL, Computational Lab, etc.); shared services include Fire & Rescue contract and Steam Plant operations contract; and NASA LaRC leverages NIA technology development and graduate education program.

- **VA Medical Center** established in 1870 vaunts 2,500 government jobs and an annual budget of \$415 Million.
- **Fort Monroe National Monument** established November 1, 2011 with 3 full-time staff positions and \$1.1 Million annual budget.
- **Hampton Veteran Administration Medical Center (HVAMC)** – Mr. Sturk noted that the Hampton Roads veteran population includes 300K former service members. The City of Hampton supports strategic master planning with regard to facilities and land usage (HVAMC growing jobs and facilities), as well as construction initiatives designed with improved quality of care for our veterans with city services support plans and Homeless Veteran programs. Veteran enrollees continued a 20% growth trend and health care expansion projects are underway in south Hampton Roads (Virginia Beach and Chesapeake) while introducing the Peninsula’s first Da Vinci Robotic Surgery platform. The VA boasts a newly constructed dialysis/eye clinic, 26,000 SF new clinic space for primary & specialty care, a new 26,000 SF MRI facility, with plans to replace Building 71 with a newly constructed 25,000 SF administrative space, and expanded services in Portsmouth with Primary Care and Mental Health Clinics.
- **Fort Monroe/National Park Service (NPS)** – Mr. Sturk stated Eola Dance has been named Superintendent and is principal staff liaison to Fort Monroe National Monument (National Park Service) as supported by City of Hampton staff and is closely engaged with reuse planning efforts to ensure a smooth transition of services and support; commercial space continues to fill with successful businesses (Patriot Tours, Liberty Source, YMCA, etc.); RFPs are under review for adaptive reuse of historic buildings with commercial and residential uses; residential space is 96% leased as spurred by development/redevelopment in Phoebus (gateway to Fort Monroe) by Sly Clyde Ciderworks, Mango Mangeaux offerings and Stuft Restaurant.
- **National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)** – Mr. Sturk announced NASA Langley implemented a \$330M reinvestment where a 79,000 SF, \$26M headquarters was completed in 2011, A 137,000 SF cafeteria and conference center building was completed in 2014, a 175,000 SF \$100M measurement systems laboratory building with a ribbon cutting planned for spring 2022, a 16,000 SF Gross SF Flight Dynamics Research Center was awarded \$43M in FY2021 (the first wind tunnel construction at NASA Langley in over 40 years), and additional phases are planned. FY 2021 budget for Langley was \$990 Million and included \$21 Million in external business. In Virginia, NASA generated 27,097 jobs, an economic impact of \$2 Billion labor income, \$5.5 Billion economic output, \$219.9 Million in tax revenue for Virginia state and local governments, and \$1.6 Billion in NASA contracts sourced in Virginia. Mr. Sturk also briefed the committee on gate relocation efforts and an upcoming \$243M MILCON program as well as Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Research (ISR) growth plans.
- **Hampton Roads Military Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA)** – Rick Dwyer reported the Department of Defense budget of \$740 Billion was authorized and includes a 2.7% pay increase as well as an increase for 2022 base allowance (15% for Peninsula housing and 5% for Southside housing and \$364M development projects for the Hampton Roads area. Services are stalled at FY21 levels while waiting for FY22 General Assembly appropriations.
 - HRMFFA staff met with NASA director Clayton Turner and hosted a reception where NASA announced a budget increase of \$1M.

- Senator Nelson’s planned visit has been postponed to March/April
- Governor Northam budgeted \$10M for the state to work with federal government on projects outside of military base fences.

Big Bethel Reservoir: Staff is preparing a scope of work (SOW) to submit a grant application to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) that would provide funding to conduct a study project of the “best and highest use” for the Big Bethel Reservoir. The reservoir is owned by JBLE and there are potential partnership opportunities that need to be studied, explored etc. for possible implementation. The 2018 amended Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) specifically identified the reservoir to be studied for possible resiliency related opportunities. The intent is to submit a grant application to OLDCC early spring 2022.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:

Election of Officers – Ms. Brown stated this is the annual meeting and the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer need to be filled by election. There was discussion where Mr. Garvey volunteered to be Chair and stated the Secretary/Treasurer would typically move to Vice Chair, and Ms. Hurd volunteered to be Secretary/Treasurer.

ACTION: Kevin Nelms made a motion to nominate the following slate of officers: Patrick Garvey as Chair, Michele Hammond as Vice Chair, and Charlotte Hurd as Secretary/Treasurer. Charlene Clark seconded the motion. A roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Clark, Garvey, Hurd, Nelms, Thompson, Woods-Lewis
 Nays: None
 Absent: Hammond, Hogg, Spratley
 Abstain: None

Electronic Meeting Policy – Ms. Brown reviewed the City Council Resolution addressing the electronic meeting policy and outlined the requirements of the policy.

ACTION: A motion was made by Eugene Thompson to approve the minutes and seconded by Kevin Nelms. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Clark, Garvey, Hurd, Nelms, Thompson, Woods-Lewis
 Nays: None
 Absent: Hammond, Hogg, Spratley
 Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Removal/Replacement of Inactive Member(s) – Mr. Sturk noted that after multiple failed attempts to contact Ms. Harden and obtain a financial disclosure statement, City Council removed Ms. Harden from membership and named Ms. Hurd as a new member. Mr. Sturk proposed a review and edit of the current by-laws to include attendance guidelines. Chair Garvey and Mr. Sturk will draft an amendment for review by the board members prior to or at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

Retirement – Mr. Sturk announced that after 14 years of service with the City of Hampton, he will be retiring effective March 31, 2022. No successor plan or interim alternate has been finalized at this time

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56p.m.