

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2019 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 Herbert R. Green, Jr.
The Honorable Thomas J. Cannella II
The Honorable David A. Hux
The Honorable Charles M. Southall III
The Honorable Jana D. Andrews

J. Randall Wheeler, City Manager
Evie Insley, City Clerk

ABSENT: D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

Mayor Hunt opened the work session at approximately 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

1. Greater Peninsula Workforce Board – John Olson, Ed. D., Chair and William H. Mann, Jr., Executive Director

William H. Mann, Jr. Executive Director of the Greater Peninsula Workforce Board presented Council with an overview including their Mission and Vision statement.

The Virginia Career Works – Hampton Center located at 600 Butler Farm Road is a facility that job seekers and employers can come and use the resources available for them. The City of Poquoson has a shared network access point at the Poquoson Public Library that provide customers a comfortable place to conduct their own self-directed job search activities, supported by a trained individual who can help them become more comfortable using the computer, completing job applications, creating resumes, and connecting to other services for which they may be eligible.

The many services for businesses include:

- On-site Recruitment and Placement Assistance
- On-the-job Training (OJT) Subsidies
- Customized Occupational Skills Training
- Incumbent Worker Training
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program
- Rapid Response Services
- Transitional Work Experience Program
- Access to Labor Market Information

The many services for Job Seekers include:

- Self-Directed Resource Room/Core Services – Job search assistance, internet accessible computers, self-assessment tools, unemployment insurance claim filing, labor market information, photocopying, fax and phone services, access to partner programs and services.
- Intensive Services – One-on-one and small group assistance provided by a Hampton Center Career Developer.
- Training Services – Occupational Skills training, OJT training, job readiness training, adult education, etc.

In terms of participant numbers, Poquoson had 22 registrations and 2 participants between July 2018 and December 2018. Participants are individuals enrolled and registrations are individuals that use the resources but are not enrolled.

2. Shipwreck Island Design Alternatives – Ellen Roberts and Garrett Feagans

City Engineer, Ellen Roberts introduced Wes Parker from Clark Nexsen. Mr. Parker worked with Engineer, Garrett Feagans to finalize two options for the Poquoson Avenue/Laydon Way/Little Florida Intersection better known as Shipwreck Island. These improvement options are meant to increase the safety of the intersection by aligning the intersections as well as reduce speeding through the area.

The first option is re-alignment of Laydon Way only. This option will not require any property acquisition for permanent right of way. A temporary easement (grading) and private utility easement may be needed and requires relocation of approximately four utility poles. This option is estimated to cost \$375,000.

The second option is re-alignment of Laydon Way, right turn lanes & traffic calming medians. This option would have the same impacts as Laydon Way only realignment. The traffic calming option would be needed to counter increased speeding potential from realigned straightaway, to increase driver awareness before they enter curve (westbound) or school zone (eastbound), and provide raised medians (these prove effective, ultimately narrowing the lane width and causing people to instinctively slow down without having a physical obstacle to drive over). This option is estimated to cost \$600,000.

Under the VDOT revenue sharing program, a locality can apply for up to 50% of project cost, which is not guaranteed funding.

After a brief discussion on the options Council directed City Staff to seek traffic and speed study and obtain the statistics on accidents that have occurred at the intersection. Council would like to review this information and provide direction to staff in time to apply for the VDOT revenue sharing program by November.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at approximately 6:48 p.m.