



Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023 ~ 1:00pm
Veterans Conference Room , Ruppert L. Sargent Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlene Clark (arrived approximately 1:10pm), Patrick Garvey, Michelle Hammond, Paula Hogg, Charlotte Hurd (arrived approximately 1:05pm), Rodney Spratley, Eugene Thompson; Chris Hosman was in attendance but inadvertently omitted from the roll call (his term began December 14, 2022 and he was sworn in January 5, 2023)

GUESTS: Thomas Fukawa, Melvin Ferebee

STAFF PRESENT: Bonnie Brown (Deputy City Attorney), Bruce Sturk (Executive Director), and Brenda Bailey (Executive Assistant/Clerk)

GUESTS PRESENT: Gene Garland (Office of Sen. Mark Warner), Jeree Grimes (JBLE P-4), Mike “Yaz” Yaskowsky (Economic Development Department), Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA), Todd Nichols (HRMFFA)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Garvey welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 1:03pm and Ms. Bailey called roll. Mr. Garvey welcomed new members Thomas Fukawa, Melvin Ferebee, and Chris Hosman and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Garvey stated minutes for the July 11 meeting were disbursed, the October 24 did not have a quorum and therefore, only meeting notes are available.
ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the minutes and seconded by Ms. Hogg. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:
Ayes: Garvey, Hammond, Hogg, Spratley, Thompson
Nays: None
Absent: Nelms
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)** - Mr. Sturk presented a slide show with updates about the Joint Land Use Study focusing on Resilience and Adaptation that provided \$24M in support of JBLE-Langley from City of Hampton and Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Sturk spoke about

the relocation of the West Gate to the North site (preferred location), the Lasalle Avenue corridor resiliency plan and the Big Bethel Reservoir plans. The takeaways for success include: commitment and support from Hampton City Council, advocacy & partnership from JBLE-Langley, collaboration & cooperation with OLDCC, and engagement & advice from stakeholders.

- **Hampton Veteran Administration Medical Center (HVAMC)** - Mr. Sturk shared accomplishments of FY2022 as follows: 70.2% of enrolled Veterans and more than 91% of Hampton VAHCS employees for COVID-19, staff held multiple successful on-boarding events in support of the medical center that garnered more than 100 employees and over 500 staff members; the Chesapeake health care center held a groundbreaking and the new dialysis center with an additional 28 chairs was opened. He noted that seven new facilities with more than 538K square feet will be constructed and opened by 2027; a Homeless Veteran Stand Down event was hosted at the Y.H. Thomas Community Center on November 5, 2022 where medical screening, COVID-19 vaccinations, flu shots, housing assistance, access to residential treatment programs, legal & employment services, haircuts, lunch and clothing were offered to 168 participants and housing was provided for four attendees.
- **Fort Monroe/National Park Service (NPS)** - Mr. Sturk noted there is an urgent need to relocate the Hampton Police Division's (HPD) firing range currently located at 1501 Bethel Avenue which is adjacent to a residential neighborhood. The existing location needs renovations, has limited hours of operation (day-time only), training is limited by outdoor-only operation during inclement weather, the Division is unable to meeting training requirements efficiently and there are noise and safety concerns. Because Joint Base-Langley Eustis (JBLE) current firing range has comparable deficiencies to HPD's range, but is not high enough on the MILCON priority list to compete for funding in the foreseeable future. At present, when JBLE-Langley's range becomes inoperable, airmen will need to travel to other ranges to remain current or qualify on small arms. The City of Hampton, in partnership with JBLE-Langley, proposes to construct a new, state-of-the-art, shared use, multipurpose small arms complex within a fully enclosed indoor range, meeting all enhanced federal construction requirements at Fort Monroe, including building an addition for firing range, structural updates, repairs to roof and HVAC systems, and the retrofit will meet DoD Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC). The City is in final stages of being awarded a Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) grant of \$7.67M with a City match of \$3.29M. The City commits to expending a minimum of \$3M in capital improvements to Building 210 during the first year of proposed lease. The benefits of this partnership project include: nearly \$11M capital investment in vacant building with stable, long-term tenant, generate annual lease revenue to support Fort Monroe Authority (FMA) mission, support continued expansion of Langley AFB 900+/- F22 airmen scheduled to begin arriving in 2023, continues heritage of Fort Monroe supporting military readiness along with HPD readiness, expand HPD presence at Fort Monroe, address current safety, noise, logistics and security concerns at existing firing ranges, leverage significant federal funding. The City must provide an executed lease to meet DCIP grant requirements prior to the end of the federal fiscal year (9/30/22) and is requesting a proposed minimum 30-year lease at the Fort Monroe location. The National Park Service has not yet named a director at Fort Monroe.
- **National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)** - Mr. Sturk shared the collaborative efforts of City of Hampton and NASA Langley Research Center as follows:

175,000 SF Measurement Systems Laboratory constructed in May 2022 for \$110M investment and a 25,000 SF, 10-story vertical spin wind tunnel, the Center's first new wind tunnel in 40 years with an investment of \$43M; the local and regional economic impact includes the following: \$151M in space exploration, \$252M in aeronautics research, \$292M in earth science and \$339M in transformation projects; 1,800 civil servants, 1,700 contractors on/near site. In Virginia, NASA generated an economic impact of \$42B labor income, \$5.5B economic output, 27,097 jobs, \$219.9M in tax revenue for Virginia state and local governments, and \$1.6B in NASA contracts sourced in Virginia. City staff are participating in a shared services grounds maintenance contract partnership with NASA as well as an effort to combine Fire & Rescue efforts.

- **Big Bethel Reservoir** : The US Army Corps of Engineers will move forward the gate relocation project and the City will proceed to vacate Armistead Avenue.
- **LAFB - F22 FTU & ISR Growth** - Congress approved funding for ISR growth and facilities are under construction; expected job growth is anticipated to be between the 2,500-3,000 beginning in 2025
- **Hampton Military Affairs Committee (MAC)** - meeting at 1:30pm January 18, 2023.

JBLE P-4 Update - Ms. Grimes stated JBLE will undergo an Area Development Plan process in 2-3 months to make plans for the next 10-15 years; JBLE staff are preparing for additional F22 personnel onboarding; there is a new roundabout on the base at Nealy and Sweeney so be sure to aware when driving on base

HRMFFA Update - Mr. Dwyer announced that the National Defense Authorization Act budget was finally approved for \$858B (an increase of \$45B) to include a 4.6% pay increase, \$100M for the Defense Infrastructure Program, \$260M in military construction projects (\$10M ISR Group HQ facility); housing allotment rates were increased 10-15%. General Assembly will begin meeting this week with the following priorities: Jefferson Lab supercomputer shell facility, military spouse and retired military state grant programs, resilience effort funding. HRMFFA will advocate for removing the age limit on the military pay tax exemption.

Economic Development Department Update - Mr. Yaskowsky gave a summary of Economic Development Authority (EDA) partnership grants that began with \$10K and have increased to \$50K for commercialization programs; local incubators are now "Centers of Excellence"

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers - Mr. Garvey stated the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair have typically been filled by the Vice-Chair to Chair and the Secretary to Vice-Chair. This would leave the Secretary/Treasurer open for nominations.
ACTION: Ms. Clark made a motion to nominate Mr. Thompson as Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. Brown asserted that one motion could be made to nominate the slate of officers. Ms. Hogg moved to install Ms. Hammond as Chair, Ms. Hurd as Vice-Chair and Mr. Thompson as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spratley. A roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:
Ayes: Clark, Garvey, Hammond, Hogg, Hurd, Spratley, Thompson
Nays: None
Absent: Nelms
Abstain: None

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Garvey called for a motion to adjourn at 1:59pm.

ACTION: Ms. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Hurd seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Clark, Garvey, Hammond, Hogg, Hurd, Spratley, Thompson

Nays: None

Absent: Nelms

Abstain: None