

In Case You Missed It 2017
and
Little Known Municipal Facts



Why is this presentation needed?

- All I know about the City is what I read in the papers...
- All I know about the City is what Marie Caulford emails me...
- All I know about the City is what Lee Ann posts on the City Facebook page...
- I only follow the Parks & Recreation tweets to locate the Elf in the Parks...
- I just follow coffee shop gossip...
- I'm just here for the food and turn down my hearing aid after the program starts...





OK, So what did we miss last year?



In Case You Missed It...

Economic Development

- EDA Demolition Grant – Removed old hotel
- EDA performance grants to attract ## new businesses
- Purchased 943-952 Capitol Landing Road (DMV property) to complete redevelopment goal
- Marketing support to Funhouse Fest (VAF)
- Marketing support to Botticelli Exhibit (Muscarelle)



Little known municipal facts...

- The number of businesses in the city has increased from 803 to 822... this year
- \$54,680,297 construction value of building permits in first 6 months... annual goal is \$25 million
- 15th Anniversary of the Farmer Market
- Demolition grants cost the City 1/10th (at least) the cost of purchasing aging commercial properties
- Economic Development Specialist Yuri Matsumoto joined staff in 2017
- Mum tower at Richmond & Scotland was 447 pots of flowers (136 orange, 101 red, 160 yellow, and 50 red)
- Bulb planting for spring – approximately 13,590 bulbs planted



In Case You Missed It...

Public Safety

- Approval of \$13 million in bonds to replace fire station and renovate/add to police station
- Approval of Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan (22 jurisdictions)
- Purchased 32 Self-contained Breathing Apparatus for all response apparatus (\$239,973)
- Purchased 3 Lucas 3 chest compression devices
- Purchased a medic unit replacement (\$321,497)
- Added a police officer position (community policing & SRO)
- Implemented body worn camera and biased based policing training



Little known municipal facts...

- The City response time for priority one calls remains under the goal of 3 minutes – police call volume is up
- EMS and Fire calls goal is 5 minutes – EMS response time up
- Police department maintains a clearance rate twice the average for comparable cities
- Fire Department maintains an ISO rating of 2 and was just a few points shy of a 1 rating
- Both Police and Fire are Naloxone equipped for overdose issues
- City remains on-track for replacing fire, EMS, and police vehicles
- We have a new police chief... Sean Dunn
- We have an exceptional Fire Chief... Pat Dent



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Support of Strategic Partners

- Approved a 5-year contract for funding W-JCC School System with James City County and 4th middle school construction
- Funded the replacement of Williamsburg Library HVAC air handling units
- William & Mary - Approved rezoning and special use permits for student housing and Jewish student center uses.
- Colonial Williamsburg - Approved rezoning and special use permits for museum expansion and right-of-way encroachment for the Raleigh Tavern



Little known municipal facts...

- City provided support to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation for:
 - marketing (\$1.3 million),
 - roads maintenance,
 - business grant,
 - wayfinding signage,
 - and other direct and in-kind support for public safety, fire, EMS, planning, economic development, special events, and public works projects.
- Approximately 2/3 of CWF property value is already tax exempt
- Are largest budget item is W-JCC Schools (\$9,207,525)
- City provided \$1,930,000 to the GWCTA to market the area
- The College of William & Mary provides approximately \$123,000 annually as a payment in-lieu of taxes



In Case You Missed It...

Investment in Complete Streets

- Completed Parkway Drive Sidewalk & Drainage Project (\$236,688)
- Street Resurfacing Program (\$715,777)
 - 4 VDOT matched (Bypass, Page, Lafayette, & Henry)
 - Holly Hills & Yorkshire area
 - Culinary Arts District
 - Downtown
- Approved purchase of a new street sweeper
- Pedestrian Crossing Signal at Lafayette and Armistead
- Monticello Avenue Multi-Use Trail (awarded bid)
- May is Bike Month (Mayor's Ride & Parkway Ride Sponsor)
- Resolution of Support for Capital Trail Extension



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- Planning staff works on regional efforts related to sea level rise, regional bikeways, and rail service
- Changes in VDOT revenue sharing will make matching funds for repaving more competitive
- In one week – Public Works repainted 85 stop bars, poured 150ft of sidewalk, poured a handicapped ramp, and replaced 30ft of curbing
- Resurfacing included 18.32 lane miles (15.7% of eligible city streets)
- Allyson Finchum is the new Zoning Administrator in Planning & Codes Compliance



In Case You Missed It...

Reinvestment in the City Organization

- Recognition of 3 Excellence in Service Awards
 - Will Fidler, Landscape Superintendent
 - Robert Washington, Fire Battalion Chief
 - Clark Wallace, Public Works Inspector
- Implemented a Compensation & Classification Plan
- Funded Year 2 of the Finance System Replacement
- Telephone system replacement
- Facebook live streaming of Council meetings



Little known municipal facts...

- City recognized as...
 - Platinum for Go Green
 - WFD – Outstanding EMS Agency of the Year
 - Bronze bicycle friendly community
 - IT Award – Top 10 Digital City
 - Website Award
 - VDH awarded water treatment plant the Gold Award

