

Legislative Update: The Senate is meeting in person in Richmond for both session and for committees. The House has been meeting virtually and committees will begin on Monday. The House Rules are being changed to allow for all virtual meetings including in January if necessary. At this point it is difficult to predict how long session will last. Senator Saslaw indicates committee work will be complete next week, however, the budget is not expected to be ready until the first week in September. The Rules specify that the Session is limited to the Budget, Covid-19 and Criminal Justice/Social Justice Reform issues. Other bills, such as election bills, will be included in the Budget. Bills that fall outside of the Governor's priorities are failing with the request to resubmit in January. Approximately 300 bills have been introduced.



Bills have been advancing in the Senate with many re-referred to Finance. It is too early to predict the outcome of any bills. Areas of concern/interest are:

- *Unfunded mandates*
- *Changes to Qualified Immunity*
- *Evictions*
- *Utility moratoriums*
- *Loss of existing taxes*
- *New presumptions for Workers Comp*
- *CARES Funding*

Granby Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project: The construction contract for the Granby Street Bridge Rehabilitation is awarded to Curtis Contracting. The project will repair vital structural components and extend the useable life of the Granby Street Bridge over the Lafayette River. The Notice to Proceed is issued for September 8, 2020, and the project duration will be two years. The northbound and southbound sides of the bridge will each be closed for up to six months. During this time, northbound and southbound lanes will be shifted to the open side of the bridge. At least one travel lane will remain open, in both directions, at all times. The construction schedule is currently under review. Anticipated lane closure dates will be announced in the coming weeks. Public outreach includes mailers to surrounding neighborhoods, press releases, social media posts, and notifications to nearby civic leagues and the Riverview Business Association. Three community meetings were held in March 2019 and follow-up communications will be sent to the attendees of those meetings. More information is available on the project webpage: www.norfolk.gov/granbybridge, where the public and City staff can view updates during the course of the project.

Neighbors Building Neighborhoods: Though a challenging year, 2020 has created new opportunities for partnerships, albeit some are taking place virtually. On August 10th, the Department of Neighborhood Development's Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (NBN) Academy partnered with the Norfolk Council of PTAs to host a joint webinar: "Teaming Up to Support Schools and Neighborhoods." The format consisted of four panelists representing The Norfolk Council of PTAs, Neighborhood Development, the Blair Middle School PTA, and the Ballentine Place Civic League. Panelists discussed their organizations, provided examples of grassroots partnerships between neighborhoods, schools and PTAs, shared resources, and explored creative ways of building connections to make Norfolk even more resilient. It was attended by over 40 attendees including members of the Board of Education. For additional information about this and other NBN Academy courses, go to <https://www.norfolk.gov/605/NBN-Academy>.

Coastal Storm Risk Management Study: The Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact (IFR/EIS) Statement dated January 31, 2019 for the City of Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Study addresses coastal storm risk management and resilience opportunities and feasibility in the City. The final IFR/EIS evaluated various alternatives that would reduce economic damages from coastal storm risk to business, residents, and infrastructure; reduce risk to human health and safety from storm impacts; and improve the resiliency of the local economy to impacts from coastal storms in the study area. The recommended plan is the National Economic Development Plan and includes the following principal features: The Hague/Downtown Storm Surge Barrier, Pretty Lake Storm Surge Barrier, Lafayette River Storm Surge Barrier, Broad Creek Storm Surge Barrier, and nonstructural features. On July 21, 2020 the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) signed the Record of Decision which completes the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Homeless Safety Hotel: CSB has been running Homeless Safety Hotel since March in response to COVID. Recent testing supports that we are having significant impact on COVID prevention through the program. The program recently topped 100 participants residing in the hotel program. Participants have access to case management, planning for permanent housing, behavioral health, and medical care. The staff also coach participants on the proper use of PPE's and provide masks, sanitizer, and cleaning supplies to guests. At least one prepared meal is provided daily along with a supply of individual snack size food.

Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness

August 22 (9am – 2pm) Auditions for New Students! Virginia Children’s Chorus

Do you know a child who loves to sing? The Virginia Children’s Chorus will hold virtual auditions for new students for the 2020-2021 season on August 17, 18 & 22, 2020. Auditions will continue on Wednesday evenings through September.

August 26 (10am – 5pm) Beat the Heat Mid-Week Wednesdays @ Nauticus & Big Whiskey Porch

Here’s the scoop - Nauticus has a delicious plan for families to beat the heat this summer. Each Wednesday in August, the Big Whisky Porch restaurant will serve up a free scoop of hand-dipped ice cream to every child that visits Nauticus.

August 22 (10am– 3pm) OpenNorfolk/Little Superheroes Event for Kids @ Five Points Neighborhood Spot

The Little Superheroes Saturday workshop is filled with brain-based learning activities and a creative design curriculum to help little kids develop their social entrepreneurial super-powers while having fun. Also, Little Superheroes learn about sustainable development and how it's essential to change our world for the better. **For children ages 6-9 yrs.**

August 25 (3pm) Simple Machines at Work! - Curious Kids STEM-ulating Activities @ Nauticus Online Event

Some machines that seem complicated can actually be very simple to make from objects in your own home! Join us in this exploration of engineering and design as we make catapults using household items. Registration accepted up to 24 hours before program date: <https://bit.ly/2VHwToP>

August 26 (5:30pm – 7pm) Musical Theatre Trivia Night @Virginia Stage Company Online Event

Do you know all the words to Hamilton? Can you name every theatre on Broadway (or one)? Do showtunes dominate your Spotify? If you answered yes to any of these questions join Virginia Stage Company for Musical Theatre Trivia Night Wednesday, August 26, at 5:30pm. Play as a team, or compete individually to claim the ultimate prize: bragging rights! Visit vastage.org/virtual to register by 5pm on Tuesday August 25. Free, but registration is required.

Through August 30 -Michelangelo - A Different View @ Virginia Arts Festival at MacArthur Center

Michelangelo—A Different View, presented, by Virginia Arts Festival, recreates the awe and wonder of Michelangelo’s frescoes in the Sistine Chapel in ways never before possible. Using state of the art technology, Michelangelo’s timeless masterpieces have been reproduced for this historic exhibit. Only here can you explore this moving, exquisite art up close — at a distance impossible to achieve in the Sistine Chapel. A spectacular experience, located inside MacArthur Center! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students under 25.



**SIXTY-DAY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS AND MEETING TOPICS**

City Council Meetings will be held electronically for the foreseeable future

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM JULY 23 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **KARINA MICHELE PERMANENT COSMETICS (Applicant)** conditional use permit is to allow for the operation of a new tattoo parlor at 2113 Colonial Ave
- **MACABEO (Applicant)** conditional use permits at 508 Orapax Street to allow the restaurant to operate until 2:00am and sale alcoholic beverage for off-premises consumption
- **200 E. 22ND STREET, LLC (Applicant)** vacate a portion of the right-of-way of E. 22nd Street between Monticello Ave and Armistead Ave to improve safety by allowing for the separation of truck and residential traffic
- **CCBCC Operations, LLC (Applicant)** vacate a portion of 22nd St west of Armistead Ave to improve safety by allowing for the separation of truck and residential traffic
- **CCBCC Operations, LLC (Applicant)** vacate a portion of 21st Street west of Armistead Ave; a portion of 22nd Street east of Armistead Ave; and Armistead Ave between 20th St and 22nd St to improve safety by allowing for the separation of truck and residential traffic

August 25, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

- Lifelong Learning Introduction
- Elections Update
- Legislative Kick-Off

September 1, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

- Planning Updates
- Legislative Wrap-Up
- GEM Process and City Property Tool
- Managed Retreat

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM JULY 23 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendment to the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance to modify the city's short-term rental regulations
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** general plan amendment to Appendix B within plaNorfolk2030 to modify "A Green Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk"
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendments to define and establish performance standards for a principal use called "small box variety store" and associated amendments regarding "convenience store" and other similar uses.

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM AUGUST 27 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **VRA, LLC, (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to Section 9.2.21 “Azalea Garden Place Residential Planned Development” of the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance to modify the layout of the Planned Development
- **LAKE WRIGHT RETAIL INVESTORS, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow commercial signage presence along North Hampton Boulevard and Premium Outlets Boulevard
- **CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF THE KINGS DAUGHTERS (Applicant)** vacate a portion of the right-of-way of Hampton Boulevard at the southeast intersection of Redgate Ave and Hampton Blvd to allow for the reconfirmation of medical transportation access to the hospital
- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** General Plan Amendment to Appendix B within plaNorfolk2030 to adopt the Design Principles for Multi-Family Development
- **Jerome Bussey (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the development of a single-family home at 3402 E. Princess Anne Rd
- **MITAIC, LLC (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the development of 14 apartment units at 3611 Colley Ave
- **ADVANTAGE HOME CARE, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the home to operate an adult daycare facility at 4939 Atterbury St
- **NEON LIV (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow for a nightclub to operate with on-premises alcohol sales and live entertainment with a disc jockey and dance floor until 2:00 am at 727 Granby St
- **TOAST (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow the restaurant to operate until 2:00am and sale alcoholic beverage for off-premises consumption at 2406 Colonial Ave and 430 W. 24th St


THE CITY OF NORFOLK
 PUBLIC WORKS
Major Improvement Projects Dashboard

[Citywide Improvement Projects and Map](#)

Image	Project	Project Location	Project Overview	Current Status	Estimated Completion	Budget
	Botanical Garden Cobblestone Bridge Replacement	6700 Azalea Garden Road	Replace deteriorated bridge structure and repair adjacent sections of canal bulkhead.	Planned	Late 2021	\$2,500,000
	Chrysler Hall Complex Improvements	215 St. Paul's Boulevard	Updating facility with various interior and exterior improvements	Under Design	Late 2023	\$4,000,000
	Fire-Rescue Station #11 Replacement	3127 Verdun Avenue	Design and Construction of new Fire-Station #11 to replace existing station	Under Design	Mid 2022	\$5,500,000
	Fire-Rescue Training Tower	Granby Street & Thole Street	Assess and develop a site to facilitate fire-rescue training, including the design and construction of a new training tower and building.	Under Design	Mid 2021	\$1,200,000
	Five Points Resurfacing	Chesapeake Boulevard between Hyde Circle and Green Street, including the Five Points Intersection.	Reconstruct the concrete intersection with asphalt. Curbs and gutters will be replaced for better storm water mitigation. Pedestrian safety enhancements will also be added, included the installation of ADA ramps.	Planning	TBD	\$2,850,000
	City Hall South Garage Demo	999 East Main Street	Demolition of garage and construction of new parking lot	Complete	Mid 2020	\$290,000
	Southside Library (Richard A Tucker Memorial Library)	2350 Berkley Avenue Ext.	Construction of new Branch/Neighborhood Library	Under Construction	Mid 2021	\$8,000,000
	NDRC Ohio Creek Watershed Project	Chesterfield Heights and Grandy Village	Coastal improvement project to reduce flooding, improve public spaces and ensure these communities thrive for years to come.	Under Construction	Mid 2023	\$112,000,000
	Granby Street Bridge Repairs	Lafayette River between E 42nd St and Willow Wood Drive (over Lafayette River)	Repair key structural components & protect bridge elements from deterioration	Pre-Construction	Late 2022	\$7,000,000

	North Bound Hampton Blvd. Bridge Rehab	Hampton Blvd. and Claud Ln.	This project will improve the condition of the North Bound Hampton Blvd. Bridge, by repairing key structural components and protecting them from deterioration.	Under Design	Early 2023	\$7,700,000
	Regent Road & West Belvedere Road Dredging	Regent Road and West Belvedere Rd	Dredging and Beach Improvements	Complete	Mid 2020	\$800,000
	Campostella Bridge Rehabilitation	Campostella Road & Kimball Terrace	Repair key structural components and upgrade guardrail to meet VDOT standards	Under Design	Late 2022	\$7,000,000
	W 38th St Median Improvements	West 38th Street between Bluestone Avenue and Parker Avenue	Enhancement & improvement to median. ADA ramps replacement; median curb replacment; diseased median trees replacement	Complete	Mid 2020	\$700,000
	Toler Place - Breakwater Modifications	11th View Street and West Ocean View Avenue	Installation of new offshore breakwater & modification of existing offshore breakwater to protect shoreline at 11th View St along Toler Pl. Extend existing storm water outfall at 11th View St.	Complete	Mid 2020	\$1,400,000
	East Ocean View Recreation Center- Seniors Facility Upgrades	9520 20th Bay Street	Remodel and expand kitchen with new appliances, cabinetry; new flooring and lighting; installation of barrier free stalls, handrails at entry staircases, and ADA curb cuts in parking lot.	Complete	Mid 2020	\$380,000
	Huntersville Pool Replaster & Deck Replacement	Goff St and O'Keefe Street	Install a new surface in the pool basin and replace the adjacent pool deck	Complete	Early 2020	\$213,000
	Plum Point Park Kayak Launch	Fort Norfolk: Elizabeth River & east end of Plum Pt. Park (Brambleton Ave and behind Fort Norfolk Medical Plaza)	Provide ADA accessible pier and kayak launch off Elizabeth River Trail. Will connect to existing Elizabeth River Trail and parking lot near Fort Norfolk Medical Plaza.	Complete	Early 2020	\$210,000
	E Little Creek/Admiral Taussig Blvd Intersection Improvement.	East Little Creek Road and Admiral Taussig Boulevard	Intersection improvements, including traffic signal upgrades and pedestrian accommodations	Planned	Early 2021	\$726,000
	W Ocean View Avenue/Tidewater Drive Intersection	W. Ocean View Ave & Tidewater Drive	Replace W. Ocean View Flyover with at-grade crossing/lighted intersection	Under Construction	Late 2020	\$3,200,000
	Sidewalk Infrastructure - Citywide	Various locations	Add new sidewalk at Ingleside Road (Gatling-Karlin), Easy Street/Tidewater Dr, Little Creek Road (Chesapeake Blvd-Carlton St), Princess Anne Rd (Shelton Ave-Fleetwood Ave), Sewells Point Rd (Princess Anne Rd-Azalea Garden Rd), Indian River Rd (Wilson Rd-Marsh St).	Under Design	Mid 2022	\$2,550,000
	North Colley Ave Streetscape Improvements	Colley Avenue & 43rd Street	Streetscape improvements along Colley Ave north of 38th Street.	Under Construction	Late 2020	\$600,000