

Planning Commission Meeting
March 2, 2011
Verbatim Excerpt

2232-Y10-22 – UPPER OCCOQUAN SEWAGE AUTHORITY (UOSA)

Decision Only During Commission Matters
(Public Hearing held on February 24, 2011)

Commissioner Litzenberger: I have a decision only tonight, but I'd like Ms. Beaulieu and Mr. Caperton to come down along with the UOSA folks. Last week we had a hearing on a proposed sewer line replacement in the Sully District and there were four areas of concern. The first area was making sure endangered species, a wood turtle, was taken care of. Secondly was an issue about protecting trees. Thirdly was a concern over erosion. And the fourth issue was - - let me think - -

Sandi Beaulieu, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning: Easement realignment.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Oh that's right. Moving the easement. Thank you. Thank you. And Ms. Beaulieu, could you tell us what you - - what your research revealed?

Ms. Beaulieu: Oh yes. Sandi Beaulieu, Planning and Zoning. UOSA has committed to reconstruction survey of the project to identify and relocate species such as freshwater mussels, purple milkweed, and the wood turtle. UOSA will continue to work with property owners to provide tree preservation, restoration as well as tree planting and other mitigation measures. The plans are currently under review by DPWES staff who will review UOSA's plans for erosion and sediment control. These plans will also be reviewed by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. And as far as the easement realignment goes, the UOSA has - - UOSA made a statement that they will not realign the sewer pipeline. In addition to time and cost constraints, the sewerline that has been located within rock beds would require blasting, which would be even more damaging to the surrounding properties.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Thank you, Ms. Beaulieu. Mr. Reach, do you concur with all these new agreements?

Michael Reach, Deputy Executive Director, UOSA: Yes, sir.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Okay. Thank you very much.

Chairman Murphy: Do you mind coming up to the microphone, identifying yourself for the record, and affirming what you just said?

Mr. Reach: Yes, sir. I'm Mike Reach. I'm the Deputy Executive Director for UOSA.

Chairman Murphy: Thank you. And you - -?

Mr. Reach: Absolutely confirm with what Ms. Beaulieu has said.

Chairman Murphy: Thank you very much.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Thank you, Mr. Reach. With that, Mr. Chairman, I'll go ahead with the motion.

Chairman Murphy: All right.

Commissioner Litzenberger: I concur with staff's conclusion that the replacement sewerline proposed in the Sully district along the eastern side of Cub Run and south of Braddock Road satisfies the criteria of location, character, and extend specified in *Virginia Code* Section 15 - - excuse me - - 15.2-2232, as amended. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIND THE REPLACEMENT SEWERLINE PROPOSED BY THE UPPER OCCOQUAN SEWAGE AUTHORITY ON THEIR APPLICATION 2232-Y10-22, SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to approve 2232-Y10-22, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. The Chair abstains; not present for the public hearing.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to thank the staff, particularly Mr. Caperton and Ms. Beaulieu for their fine work on this project. I also want to thank Mr. Brough and Mr. Reach for reaching out to the community and taking care of all those citizens. Thank you very much.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-1 with Commissioner Murphy abstaining; Commissioner Alcorn not present for the vote; Commissioners Hall and Harsel absent from the meeting.)

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