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CITY COUNCIL BILL #10-0515/ SALE OF

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SUBJECT

CITY COUNCIL BILL #10-0515/ SALE OF PROPERTY – FORMER BED OF WOODALL STREET AND CLEMM STREET

DATE:

July 9, 2010

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall, Room 400 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

At its regular meeting of July 8 2010 the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #10-0515, which is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former beds of (1) Woodall Street, extending from Fort Avenue, southwesterly to Clemm Street, and (2) Clemm Street, extending from Key Highway, southwesterly to the southeastern most extremity thereof, as shown on Plat 335-A-31B in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached agenda, summary and previous staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #10-0515 and adopted the following resolution, seven members being present (seven in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #10-0515 be passed by the City Council.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief of the Land Use and Urban Design Division, at 410-396-4488.

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#### Attachments

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Ms. Sophie Dagenais, Chief of Staff

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The Honorable Bill Henry, City Council Commission Representative

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Mr. Walter Horton, Department of Real Estate



Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

#### **SUMMARY**

July 8, 2010



# 3. MINOR AMENDMENT AND FINAL SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN/GREEKTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PUD

The current development proposal comprising Phase I entail new single-family townhouse development in the blocks bounded by Foster Street to the north, Fait Avenue to the south, Oldham Street to the east, and CSX right-of-way to the west. The proposal is for 121 fee-simple units, each featuring single-car garages accessed from rear alleys. The developer wishes to obtain the necessary PUD and subdivision approvals at this time, in order to sell developable lots to their chosen homebuilder. The builder, in turn, must obtain Planning Commission Final Design Approval prior to the issuance of building permits.

In advance of a hearing on this matter, staff notified the following community groups: Greektown Community Development Corporation, Southeast Community Development Corporation, and Greektown Business Alliance, Inc.

#### Recommendations:

- Minor Amendment: Approval
- <u>Final Subdivision & Development Plan</u>: Approval, subject to comments from the Department of General Services

# 4. FINAL SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN/LOT 4 OF THE PORT LIBERTY INDUSTRIAL CENTER

The applicant is proposing to re-subdivide the property known as Lot 4 of the approved October 8, 1998 subdivision into three parcels known as Lot #1 (82, 755 sq. ft.), Lot #2 (29,485 sq. ft.) and Lot #5 (25,095 sq. ft.) for dispositional purposes.

The Brooklyn and Curtis Bay Coalition was notified about the Final Subdivision and Development Plans for Port Liberty Industrial Center.

#### Recommendation: Approval, subject to:

- Comments from the Department of General Services
- Compliance with Critical Area and floodplain requirements

# 5. CITY COUNCIL BILL #10-0523/RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING – LITTLE ITALY AREA

City Council Bill 10-0523 proposes to amend the Residential Parking Program portion of the Baltimore City Code to specifically allow for the Little Italy Area (Area #14) to have the parking duration for non-permit holders limited to 3 hours.

The Residential Parking Program was established in 1979 to allow neighborhoods to petition the City to issue parking permits for its residents and restrict on-street parking for non-permit holders. The parking durations for non-permit holders were limited to 2 hours. However, when Little Italy requested revised parking hours in 1990, they were to include a parking duration for non-permit holders of 3 hours. Signs were in fact posted to reflect the 3 hour duration. However, the original ordinance currently prevails on the books, stating the 2 hour limit. The Parking Authority of Baltimore City worked with the Little Italy community organizations to gain support for keeping the restriction at 3 hours and requesting this bill to amend the City Code accordingly.

The Little Italy Community Organization, Little Italy Business Association, Little Italy Restaurant Association, Scarlett Place RCA, Albemarle Square and the Parking Authority of Baltimore City were notified of this meeting.

**Recommendation:** Approval

# 6. MINOR AMENDMENT AND FINAL DESIGN APPROVAL/SOUTHSIDE MARKET PLACE PUD – 843 EAST FORT AVENUE

The Southside Marketplace shopping center would like to update the center with more modern façades, reconfiguring a portion of the parking lot by the Building D (Blockbuster), and modifying the planting plan. The center would also like to expand their existing dumpster enclosure to add another dumpster so the capacity better matches their site demands. Two potential outdoor seating areas have been identified. One by the Building D at East Fort Avenue, and another at the southwest end of Building C, at the connection to Heath and Boyle Streets. One of the concerns of the tenants of the shopping center is that there is restricted visibility into the enclosed parking area and to the storefronts. By relocating plantings at the front of the center, potential customers will have better visibility into the center. Trees will be replaced further into the site on a one-for-one basis. A new center identification freestanding sign will be installed in the entry driveway, to replace the existing sign.

The Key Highway Task Force, the Locust Point Civic Association, Inc., and the Riverside Neighborhood Association have been notified of this action.

**Recommendation:** Approval

# 7. CITY COUNCIL BILL #10-0524/CAMPAIGN SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS – REPEAL OF MAXIMUM SIZE RESTRICTION

This bill seeks to eliminate the sixteen square foot maximum-size restriction that currently governs campaign signs in residentially zones areas. This proposed text change relates to Article 19-Police Ordinances, in the Baltimore City Code. The current size restriction allows for the integrity of the City's residential areas to be retained. Large campaign signs in residential areas add visual clutter and do not aesthetically relate to the neighborhoods in which they reside. Large campaign signs distract from the residential scale and environment and removing the size restriction allows potential homeowners to

erect out of scale signage that effectively acts as a billboard within a neighborhood; adding to the existing proliferation of signage throughout the City. Block character could easily be ruined with large signs and overwhelm the neighborhood.

The appearance of signs in close proximity to the roadway, the battle for attention between directional or instructional traffic, and the proliferation of signs as one drives around the City all serve to sway drivers' focus from the road to the campaign signs. The numerous curb cuts and roadway intersections along City streets, especially on dense residential streets, already create numerous decision-making points for motorists. Large campaign signs, by their very nature, are designed to attract the driver's eye, and only add to the difficulty of driving safely and are especially dangerous for pedestrians and children within neighborhoods.

Notice of this hearing was sent to 760 City-wide active community organizations and all City Council members.

**Recommendation:** Disapproval

# 8. FINAL SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN/PORTION OF HARBOR POINT PUD – 1000 WILLS STREET

The applicant is proposing the horizontal and vertical subdivision of the property identified as Lot #2 on the proposed subdivision plat. Proposed Lot #2 is comprised of the 1000 Wills Street property (a.k.a. Lot 001 of Block 1815), a portion of Wills Street right-of-way that has been closed, but not yet conveyed, the newly created fast land known as adjoining land, the newly created fast land known as the Canal Parcel. Additionally, the applicant is creating Lot #3 and Lot #4, which are also newly created fast land.

The new Lot #2 property will then be vertically subdivided. This is because the Lot 2 property is encumbered with an environmental remediation concrete cap covered with soil. This below surface facility, for the most part, is not to be disturbed. This facility was provided to mitigate contaminates resulting from the previous use of this property by the Allied Chemical Company. Thus, the Lot #2 parcel is being subdivided into two vertical parcels; a sub-surface parcel (Lot #2-1) and a surface and airspace parcel (Lot #2-2).

Additionally, the applicant is working with the Baltimore Development Corporation in order to secure Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for necessary public infrastructure improvements for the Harbor Point PUD project. However, in order to secure TIF funding, a Tax Increment Finance Development District has to be created. Thus, the creation of Lot #2-2 (Surface and Airspace Parcel), provides a development parcel and identifies a legal property entity that can be used to establish a TIF Development District. Once the vertical subdivision of the Lot #2 parcel is approved and the Lot #2-2 (surface and Airspace Parcel) is created the applicant can pursue securing the necessary TIF legislation for TIF funding.

The Fells Point Task Force, Douglass Place, Fells Point Homeowners Assoc., Broadway Business Assoc., Fells Point Development Corp., Fells Prospect, Upper Fells Point, Fells Point Main Street, and 1400 Lancaster Condominium Assoc. have been notified about the Final Subdivision and Development Plans for 1000 Wills Street.

#### Recommendation: Approval, subject to:

- Subject to comments from the Department of General Services.
- Compliance with the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program and the City's flood plain requirements.
- Provide written reciprocal easement agreement to cover the Lot 2-1 and Lot 2-2 parcels. The easement agreements should cover access, utilities, and building code, and building construction requirements. Additionally, these easement agreements must be recorded in the land records of Baltimore City.
- Compliance with Baltimore City Building Code requirements.
- All improvements to the newly created properties will have to come back to the Planning Commission at a later date for Final Development Plan Approval and Final Design Approval prior to the issuance of any building permits.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

# 9. CITY COUNCIL BILL #10-0514/CITY STREETS – CLOSING – WOODALL STREET AND CLEMM STREET

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**Recommendation:** Approval, subject to the street being made private and access maintained by all adjacent property owners.

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**Recommendation:** Approval, subject to the public street being made private, with access maintained by all adjacent property owners.

## STAFF REPORT

September 20, 2007

#### **REQUEST:**

- <u>Final Design Approval / Chesapeake Paperboard PUD</u> Landscape Plan, and Key Highway Parking Garage Structure
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**RECOMMENDATION**: Approval

**STAFF:** Thor Nelson

OWNER: Chesapeake Paperboard Centre LLC

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# SITE/ GENERAL AREA

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The site is located at the end of Woodhall Street and borders Key highway to the west and CSX railroad right-of-way to the south. The site is 11.01 acres in size and is part of the Chesapeake Paperboard PUD. It was previously occupied by the Chesapeake Paperboard factory. The ractory was demolished last year, and the site is currently vacant and unimproved.

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#### CONFORMITY TO PLANS

These actions conform to Locust Point Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan's Live Section, Goal #1: Build Human and Social Capital by Strengthening Neighborhoods; Goal #2: Elevate the Design and Quality of the City's Built Environment; Objective 2: Promote Unique Retail Venues as Shopping Destinations; and Live Goal #1, Objective #1: Expand Housing Choices for all Residents.

#### **ANALYSIS**

In general, the Chesapeake Paperboard PUD allows for a mixed use development that comprises 110,00SF of Retail, 50,000SF of Office and 250 residential dwelling units, with 920 parking spaces. The applicant has sought a only a partial Final Design Approval for the Landscape Plan and Key Highway Parking Garage Structure at this time. They are currently prepared to construct the garage, but have not finalized designs for the building elevations and will return for Final Design Approval for the remaining building design, signage, and streetscape at a future date. The Street Closing actions are needed to consolidate the development parcels and move the alignment of the Key Highway access to the project to the North

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# • Parking Garage Structure:

The Key Highway Parking Garage is a 3 level (two story) garage is approximetly 280' x 120' and situated along the western edge of the site along Key Highway. It's constructed of concrete with a brick fascia treatment on the exposed elevations. It will primarily service the proposed office building and the proposed connecting residential building.

Street Closing - Clemm Street, Woodhall Street and a Portion of Key Highway

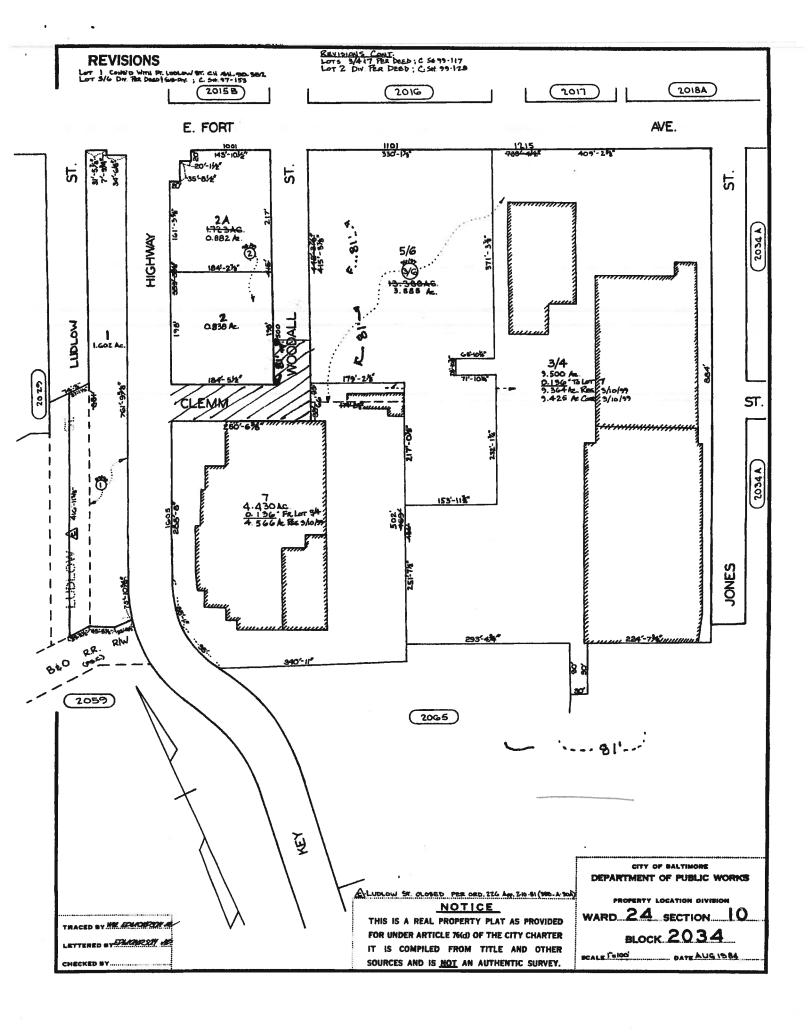
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Staff finds that Clemm Street and the designated portions of Woodhall Street and Key Highway are not needed to provide access to adjacent properties, and are no longer needed for a public purpose, and therefore it can be closed, declared surplus right-of-way, and be disposed of.

The following organizations have been notified of these actions: Fort McHenry Business Association, Riverside Action Group, and the Locust Point Civic Association.

Douglas McCoach, III

Director



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# DOUGLAS B MCCOACH, III, DIRECTOR



417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR STREET CLOSING/CLEMM STREET. WOODALL STREET

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Ms Shirley Williams, Acting Director Department of Public Works Abel Wolman Building 200 North Holliday Street

AND A PORTION OF KEY HIGHWAY

January 7, 2008

This is to inform you that on September 20, 2007, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the closing portions of Clemm Street and Woodhall Street. The portion of Clemm Street recommended to be closed is between Key Highway and Woodhall Street. The portion of Woodall Street recommended to be closed is approximately 81 feet in length and north of Clemm Street (see attached Block Plat 2034). Additionally, a copy of the staff report is attached.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Gary W. Cole, Deputy Director, at (410) 396-8337.

# DBM/GWC/jrm

#### Attachments

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DATE:

March 17, 2008

Ms. Shirley Williams, Acting Director Department of Public Works Abel Wolman Building, Room 600 200 North Holliday Street

This is to inform you that on February 21, 2008, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the closing of portion of Woodall Street, north of Clemm Street. Attached, is a copy of the staff report and a plat showing the portion of Woodall Street that is to be closed.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Gary W. Cole, Deputy Director at (410) 396-8337.

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## STAFF REPORT

February 21, 2008

## **REQUESTS:**

- Final Design Approval /Chesapeake Paperboard PUD Signage
- Street Closing/Portion of Woodall Street North of Clem Street

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- Final Design Approval : Approval
- <u>Street Closing</u>: Approval, subject to the public street becoming private street and access by all adjacent property owners is maintained.

STAFF: Thor Nelson

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#### **CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

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#### **ANALYSIS**

In general, the Chesapeake Paperboard PUD allows for a mixed use development that comprises 110,00SF of Retail, 50,000SF of Office and 250 residential dwelling units, with 920 parking spaces. The applicant is seeking a Final Design Approval for the signage and a street closing action for Woodall Street, between Fort Avenue and the former Clemm Street. After this approval, the only phase remaining will be the grocer which will return for final design approval when a tenant is chosen for that building.

#### • Signage

The signage package encompasses all types of signage within the project including highway and street signage, tenant signage, way finding signage, and project identity signage. The most visible sign features include the signage and lighting treatment to the existing water tower, and the grocery store signage and the back of the project facing I-95. The water tower feature's the project name as well as the grocer's name. Additionally, the tower has animated lighting. The grocer sign is large parapet sign (below the roof line) which faces away from the neighborhood. The main entry sign along key highway is a large monument sign, approximately 24' in height, with a brick base which displays the project name and multiple key tenants. The applicant is not proposing any signage for the Fort Avenue entrance at this time, and this is not part of this approval.

# Street Closing

The proposed street closing is being requested in order to privatize a portion of Woodall Street to coordinate streetscaping and maintenance of the street with the adjacent development. The applicant owns the property bordering the proposed street closing as well as South Baltimore Little League and the Mayor and City Council. Woodall Street will become a private street south of Fort Avenue and all access to neighboring properties will be maintained. Staff recommends approval of the closing of the northern portion of Clem Street so that it can be sold and converted to a private street. This new private street will be owned and maintained by the applicant and access through and to by the abutting property owners will be maintained.

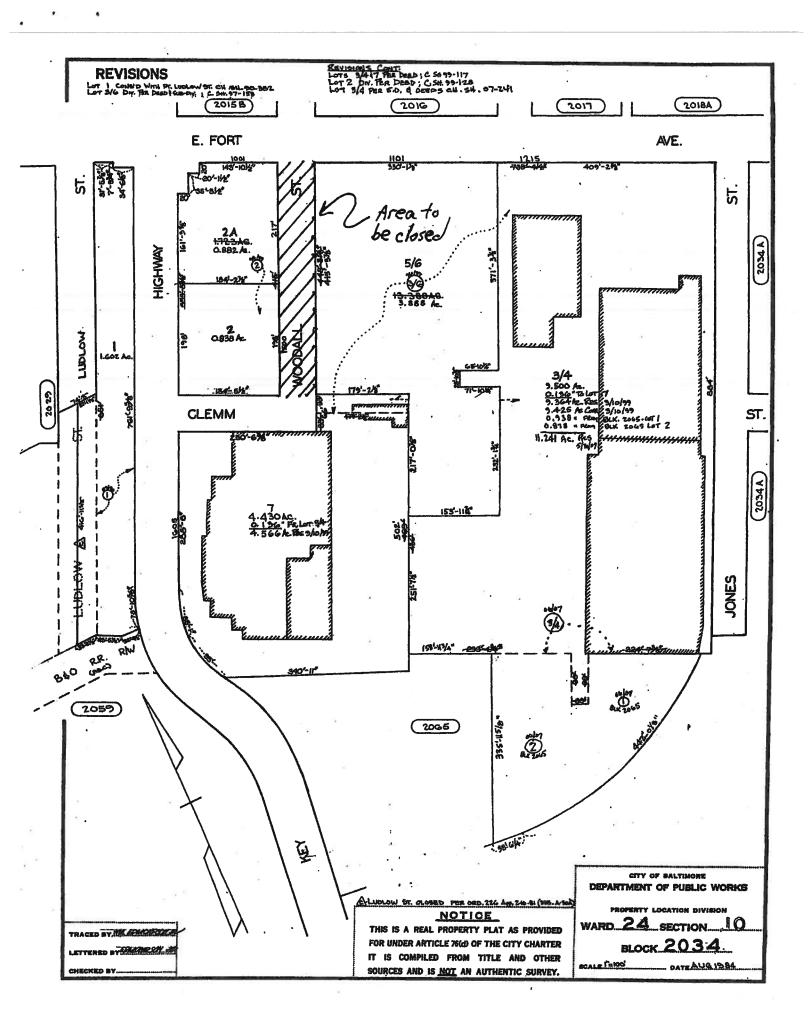
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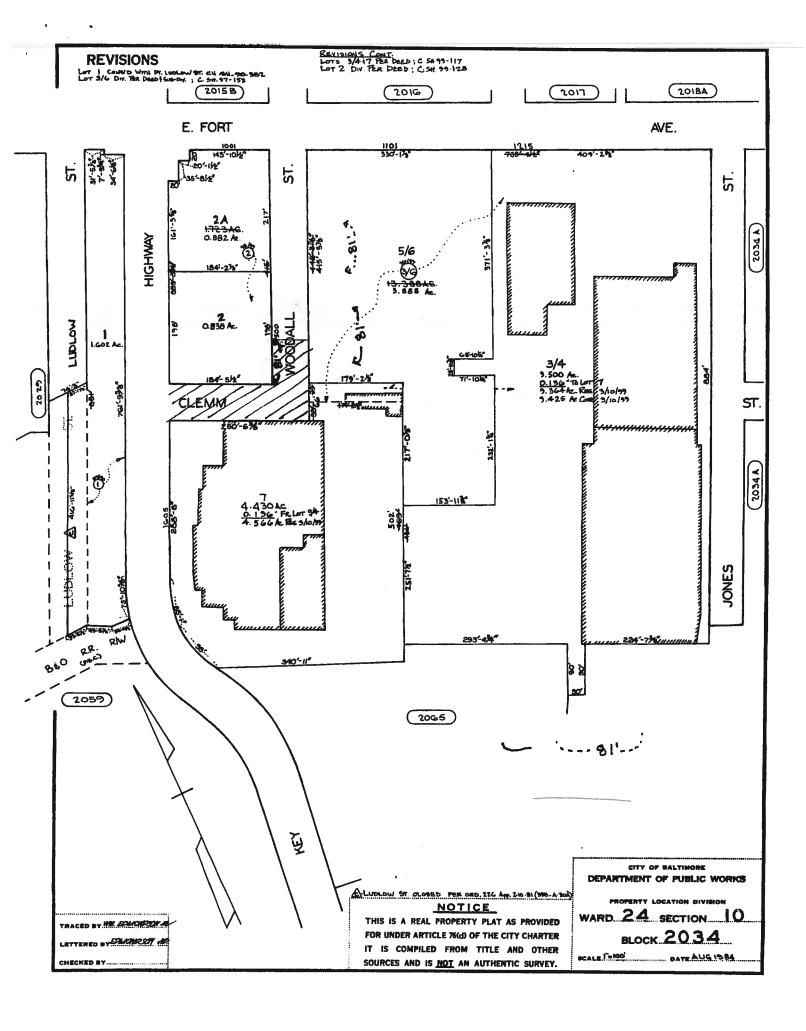
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# DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

STREET CLOSING/CLEMM STREET. WOODALL STREET AND A PORTION OF KEY HIGHWAY





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DATE:

March 17, 2008

Ms. Shirley Williams, Acting Director Department of Public Works Abel Wolman Building, Room 600 200 North Holliday Street

This is to inform you that on February 21, 2008, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the closing of portion of Woodall Street, north of Clemm Street. Attached, is a copy of the staff report and a plat showing the portion of Woodall Street that is to be closed.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Gary W. Cole, Deputy Director at (410) 396-8337.

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#### Attachments

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#### STAFF REPORT

February 21, 2008

## **REQUESTS:**

- Final Design Approval /Chesapeake Paperboard PUD Signage
- Street Closing/Portion of Woodall Street North of Clem Street

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

- Final Design Approval : Approval
- <u>Street Closing</u>: Approval, subject to the public street becoming private street and access by all adjacent property owners is maintained.

STAFF: Thor Nelson

OWNER: Chesapeake Paperboard Centre LLC

PETITIONER: Chesapeake Paperboard Centre LLC

# SITE/ GENERAL AREA

General Area: The properties known as 1500 Woodhall Street, 1605 Key Highway, and 1801 Key Highway are principle properties that comprise the site. The site is located in the Locust Point neighborhood on the South Baltimore Peninsula. Locust Point is a waterfront community bounded by Lawrence Street on the west to Fort McHenry on the east. The harbor borders the entire peninsula. The peninsula consists of attached residential buildings (R-8) surrounded by railroad tracks and large industrial areas along the water.

The site is located at the end of Woodhall Street and borders Key highway to the west and CSX railroad right-of-way to the south. The site is 11.01 acres in size and is part of the Chesapeake Paperboard PUD. It was previously occupied by the Chesapeake Paperboard factory. The factory was demolished last year, and the site is currently vacant and unimproved.

#### **HISTORY**

- On June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 the Planning Commission approved the Locust Point Master Plan
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the Planning Commission amended the Locust Point Master Plan to allow for mixed use development on the Chesapeake Paperboard Property.
- On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the Planning Commission approved the Final Subdivision and Preliminary Development Plan for 1500 Woodall Street – Chesapeake Paperboard Mixed-Use Center
- Ordinance #07-0428: Established the Chesapeake Paperboard Planned Unit Development

- On September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the Planning Commission approved the Final Design for the Key Highway Parking Garage and Landscape Plan.
- On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the Planning Commission approved the Final Design for the Residential & Office, Office & Retail, and Second Parking Structure

## **CONFORMITY TO PLANS**

These actions conform to Locust Point Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan's Live Section, Goal #1: Build Human and Social Capital by Strengthening Neighborhoods; Goal #2: Elevate the Design and Quality of the City's Built Environment; Objective 2: Promote Unique Retail Venues as Shopping Destinations; and Live Goal #1, Objective #1: Expand Housing Choices for all Residents.

#### **ANALYSIS**

In general, the Chesapeake Paperboard PUD allows for a mixed use development that comprises 110,00SF of Retail, 50,000SF of Office and 250 residential dwelling units, with 920 parking spaces. The applicant is seeking a Final Design Approval for the signage and a street closing action for Woodall Street, between Fort Avenue and the former Clemm Street. After this approval, the only phase remaining will be the grocer which will return for final design approval when a tenant is chosen for that building.

#### Signage

The signage package encompasses all types of signage within the project including highway and street signage, tenant signage, way finding signage, and project identity signage. The most visible sign features include the signage and lighting treatment to the existing water tower, and the grocery store signage and the back of the project facing I-95. The water tower feature's the project name as well as the grocer's name. Additionally, the tower has animated lighting. The grocer sign is large parapet sign (below the roof line) which faces away from the neighborhood. The main entry sign along key highway is a large monument sign, approximately 24' in height, with a brick base which displays the project name and multiple key tenants. The applicant is not proposing any signage for the Fort Avenue entrance at this time, and this is not part of this approval.

## Street Closing

The proposed street closing is being requested in order to privatize a portion of Woodall Street to coordinate streetscaping and maintenance of the street with the adjacent development. The applicant owns the property bordering the proposed street closing as well as South Baltimore Little League and the Mayor and City Council. Woodall Street will become a private street south of Fort Avenue and all access to neighboring properties will be maintained. Staff recommends approval of the closing of the northern portion of Clem Street so that it can be sold and converted to a private street. This new private street will be owned and maintained by the applicant and access through and to by the abutting property owners will be maintained.

#### Staff Review

The site plan for the project was previously reviewed by staff and approved as part of the PUD approval this spring. The proposed building design, landscape plan, and parking garage design were reviewed and approved with comments by the Urban Design and Architectural Review Panel (UDARP) on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007. Staff reviewed the signage package and worked with the applicant to revise the signage to be more ordered and contextual to the Locust Point neighborhood

The following organizations have been notified of these actions: Fort McHenry Business Association, Riverside Action Group, and the Locust Point Civic Association.

Douglas McCoach, III

Director

