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The Honorable Robert M. Dyer, Mayor  
Members of City Council

**Subject: Westminster-Canterbury on the Chesapeake Bay Planning Item**

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

As you know the City Council meeting scheduled for August 4 was canceled due to Tropical Storm Isaias. Most of the ordinances and resolutions scheduled for that agenda were rescheduled for next Tuesday, August 18. The planning items from that agenda were all moved to August 25 in order to allow for re-publication of the required newspaper advertisements. The August 25 meeting will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and there are currently 28 planning items on the proposed agenda. One of those items is the Westminster Canterbury planning item. This item is one of only two of the 28 planning items scheduled for August 25 that will not require a new hearing by the Planning Commission.

The applicant has written to request that the Westminster item be moved to a new date in September when it could be on a less congested docket and one that does not require the extended and unnecessary presence of the Planning Commissioners. One possibility would be to schedule this item for a special meeting on September 22, where it would be the only planning item on the agenda. This would seemingly be more convenient not only for the City Council and the applicant but for those members of the community who wish to be heard on this item and would potentially have to sit through the other 27 items on August 25.

Only the City Council may defer a planning item once it has been advertised. Accordingly, I propose to solicit your input next Tuesday, August 18, to determine whether it would be the desire of the Council to defer this item. If there is consensus for deferral, we will notify the applicant, recognized community representatives, and all other registered speakers that the Council intends to defer the item on August 25, and we will note the intended deferral in the August 25 agenda when it is published and distributed. The Council would still need to formally vote on August 25 to defer the item and if citizens sign up to speak, they would be allowed to do so. If Council does not wish to defer the item, this discussion will allow all involved to be prepared for the length of the meeting on August 25.

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Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,



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