

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
October 25, 2016

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 5:45 p.m., in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

Tyrone E. Nelson, Chairman, Varina District
Richard W. Glover, Vice Chairman, Brookland District
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Joseph T. Tokarz, II, Deputy County Attorney
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk to the Board
Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Douglas A. Middleton, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Anthony J. Romanello, Deputy County Manager for Public Administration
C. Michael Schnurman, Jr., Legislative Liaison
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukas briefly referred to the items on this special meeting agenda and noted they were informational. In reference to the first item, Mr. Vithoukas explained that County agencies had not identified an overriding need for much new state legislation this coming year to remedy issues of concern. He asked the Board to pass along any issues of concern to Mr. Schnurman or him. Mr. Vithoukas pointed out staff's presentation on this item would be an abbreviated version of what had been prepared for presentation to the County's General Assembly delegation. He remarked that the second item on the special meeting agenda was coming back to the Board from the Planning Commission and would involve a short presentation.

2017 General Assembly Overview

In response to questions from Mr. Nelson and Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Vithoukas and Mr. Schnurman reviewed the format for the Board's annual dinner briefing with the General Assembly delegation planned for November 9, the day after elections. Mr. Vithoukas stated that the briefing will focus more on conversations than requests and pointed out the County's primary legislative position continues to be "do no harm."

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Mr. Schnurman, who identified the composition of the County's legislative team, which in addition to Mr. Schnurman includes Mr. Vithoukas, the Deputy County Managers, the County's department heads, and Management Specialists Holly Zinn and Karen Adams. Mr. Schnurman elaborated on the focus of the November 9 legislative dinner briefing. He then narrated the first portion of a slide presentation on this item. Mr. Schnurman began by providing an update on the impact of the state budget on Henrico County and an update on how much unfunded mandates are costing the County. Mr. Vithoukas advised the Board that the current cost to the County of unfunded mandates equates to 14 cents on the County's real estate tax rate.

Mr. Schnurman recognized Mr. Foster, who offered a transportation update. Mr. Foster showed a video on a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) that has been proposed for I-64 at North Gayton Road. The first DDI was constructed in Missouri in 2009 and now there are 82 nationwide, including two in Virginia. A DDI enables two directions of traffic on a non-freeway road to cross to the opposite side on both sides of the bridge at the freeway. Mr. Vithoukas suggested the County remind its General Assembly delegation that \$35 million of the \$116 million of transportation improvements currently underway in Henrico involve local dollars.

Mr. Schnurman resumed his presentation by noting the calendar for the upcoming, 45-day General Assembly Session, which is scheduled to begin on January 11 and end on February 24. He concluded his presentation by advising the Board that staff is working on a white paper outlining the County's concerns regarding unlicensed recovery homes. He and Mr. Vithoukas responded to questions and concerns raised by Mrs. O'Bannon pertaining to how these homes are being used and how localities are discovering them. Mr. Vithoukas confirmed that this is the only topic that has been included on the County's legislative agenda for the upcoming session but he encouraged members of the Board to let him know prior to the November 9 legislative dinner briefing if they have other topics they wish to raise with their state legislators.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:12 p.m. and reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

Proposed Ordinance Amendments to Allow Front Porches on Certain Dwellings by Provisional Use Permit

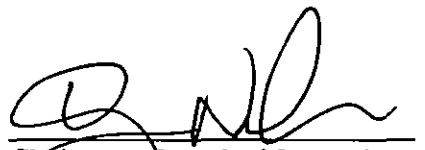
Mr. Vithoukas reminded the Board it previously received a work session presentation from staff on this item and then recognized Ben Blankinship, Principal Planner, who narrated a slide presentation titled *Proposed Ordinance Amendment Relating to Front Porches on Dwellings*. Mr. Blankinship reminded the Board of staff's chief concern, which is that adding a front porch to

an existing dwelling in subdivisions can promote neighborhood revitalization, improve the neighborhood's appearance, and increase property values. If a dwelling was built at or near the setback line, however, a front porch may not be allowed under the existing ordinance. Mr. Blankinship provided an example of a renovated home with a front porch on Rockwood Road, the timeline for the Planning Commission's consideration of the proposed ordinance, and the wording of proposed amendments to three sections of the County Code. He concluded his presentation by pointing out the Planning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance after holding a public hearing on October 11 and the next step is to schedule a November 9 Board public hearing on the ordinance. He responded to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon relating to the existing setback requirements for front porches.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting. He advised the Board there were no Manager's Comments and Mrs. O'Bannon would present the one proclamation listed under the presentation section of the agenda. Mr. Vithoukas further advised the Board that no one was signed up to speak during the public comment period. In reviewing the six general agenda items, he noted that Firehouse 19, for which an award of construction contract was proposed, was the final project from the County's 2005 bond referendum. He responded to a question from Mr. Nelson regarding the timing of the Virginia Department of Transportation public hearing for the Four Mile Creek Park project, for which the Board would be considering authorization to apply for a Transportation Alternatives Program Matching Grant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia