

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
July 27, 2021

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 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:

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

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulkas, County Manager
J. T. (Tom) Tokarz, County Attorney
Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Cari Tretina, Assistant to the County Manager/Chief of Staff
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Cobbs Creek Reservoir Construction Update

Bentley Chan, Director of Public Utilities, updated the Board about the Cobbs Creek Reservoir project under construction in Cumberland County. Mr. Chan reviewed the item on the Board's agenda to authorize construction contract change orders above 5% of the original contract amount.

Henrico Investment Program

Abigail Patterson, GIS and Research Manager for the Economic Development Authority, described proposals for adjustments to the rehabilitation tax credit program for commercial and industrial structures and for a new Henrico Investment Program.

The tax proposal would amend Section 20-81 of the County Code which allows a partial real estate tax exemption for rehabilitated, renovated or replacement commercial and industrial structures. The exemption is currently available for increases of a structure's square footage up to 100%. The proposal is to increase the cap to 125% for buildings greater than 20,000 square feet and to eliminate the square footage cap for smaller buildings.

Ms. Patterson described the Enterprise Zone program authorized by state law which allows permit fee waivers, landscaping grants, off-site improvement grants, and design assistance for

qualifying businesses. The current program will expire in December 2022. The proposed Henrico Investment Program would provide incentives to property owners within and outside current Enterprise Zones to promote redevelopment in aging corridors. A pilot program would begin in January 2022 along Mechanicsville Turnpike from the Richmond City Line to Henrico Plaza; along Staples Mill Road from Parham Road to Dumbarton Avenue; along Patterson Avenue from Starling Drive to the Goochland County Line; along West Broad Street from Hungary Spring Road to Pemberton Road; and along Williamsburg Road from Laburnum Avenue to Nine Mile Road.

Presentation of Distinguished Community Service Medal

Mr. Nelson presented the County's Distinguished Community Service Medal to Jeffrey Giroux, a resident of Hanover County, who helped save a woman trapped in a burning house in the Varina District. Mr. Nelson thanked Mr. Giroux for his swift and selfless courage. Mr. Giroux thanked the Board for the recognition, stated that the true heroes were Police and Fire personnel, and claimed he did what any citizen would do.

Intern Recognition

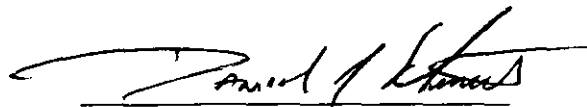
The Board recognized 65 County college and high school interns who introduced themselves and where they had worked in the County. The interns thanked the Board, the County Manager, and their host departments for their work experiences with the County.

Housing Market Trends

Joe Emerson, Director of Planning, updated the Board on current housing trends based on the Department of Planning's assessment of housing inventory, affordability and costs, housing needs by income segments, and the relationship between housing supply and demand and government policies and regulations. Planning's research will be included in the 2045 Comprehensive Plan being prepared for review and adoption.

Mr. Vithoulkas briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia