

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
September 28, 2021

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in Café 1611 located on the second floor of the Administration Building at the 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

Members of the General Assembly Present:

Siobhan S. Dunnavant, Senate of Virginia, 12th District
Schuyler T. VanValkenburg, House of Delegates, 72nd District
Rodney T. Willett, House of Delegates, 73rd 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
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Cari Tretina, Assistant to the County Manager/Chief of Staff
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Meghan Coates, Director of Finance
Terrell Hughes, Director of Public Works
C. Michael Schnurman, Jr., Legislative Liaison
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Legislative Briefing with General Assembly Delegation

Mr. Vithoulkas introduced the County's request for a change in the Code of Virginia regarding state funding for maintenance of historic African-American cemeteries. The current law provides state funds for cemeteries established prior to 1900, and the Woodland Cemetery in Henrico was built in 1917. The County is requesting a legislative change to make Woodland Cemetery eligible for state funding.

Mike Schnurman, Legislative Liaison, discussed a legislative request to allow developers to purchase credits from a locality's mitigation bank in the developer's primary service area so that mitigation can occur in the same community as the development impact of a project.

Mr. Schnurman next explained a legislative request for amendment of the Code of Virginia to clarify that the Richmond Convention Center is not subject to taxation as a hotel with rooms for overnight transients.

Meghan Coates, Director of Finance, discussed \$50 million of ESSER II funding that is being dedicated to renovation of the Virginia Randolph School which supports special education programs and alternative education for secondary students. In 2018, the Holton Report recommended improvements at Virginia Randolph to improve equity and opportunity.

Ms. Coates also addressed shortfalls in state funding for locally-administered state programs such as General District Court clerks. Mr. Vithoulkas noted that court clerks receive particularly low pay and have high turnover and that the County can't continue to supplement their salaries at current levels.

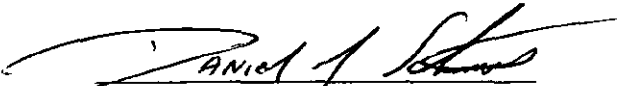
Cari Tretina, Chief of Staff, described the proposed GreenCity Eco-District and the County's energy-saving activities. Twenty-two County facilities are LEED-certified Silver or Gold, and 13 County and Schools buildings are equipped for solar power. The GreenCity project will include the largest living building in the world.

Terrell Hughes, Director of Public Works, provided an update about the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA). Henrico will soon be the largest contributor of funds for CVTA. Mr. Yob highlighted some of the major projects receiving CVTA funds, including the Fall Line Trail and the Pulse project with GRTC.

Steve Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations, presented information about a proposed pipeline through Louisa, Hanover, and Henrico counties to provide natural gas to a new electric generating plant in Charles City County. Virginia Natural Gas, the certificated gas provider for the service area, is not part of the project and the developer is seeking a ruling that the pipeline does not require SCC approval. The affected counties are requesting additional information from the developer.

Lenny Pritchard, Chief of Operations for Henrico County Schools, spoke regarding a shortage of school bus drivers. Mr. Schmitt noted training and pay are the major issues, and he asked the delegation for suggestions about how to address the need. Mr. Pritchard noted that bus drivers have to obtain a bus and passenger endorsement as well as a Commercial Driver's License, and numerous Henrico employees who are CDL certified can't pass the endorsement testing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia