## COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING August 14, 2007

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico County, Virginia. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Those present at the meeting were:

## **PRESENT**

The Honorable James B. Donati, Jr., Chairman

The Honorable David A. Kaechele, Vice-Chairman

The Honorable Richard W. Glover, Brookland District Supervisor

The Honorable Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District Supervisor

The Honorable Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District Supervisor

Mr. Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager

Mr. George T. Drumwright, Jr., Deputy County Manager for Community Services

Mr. Harvey L. Hinson, Deputy County Manager for Community Development

Mr. Leon T. Johnson, Deputy County Manager for Administration

Mr. Robert K. Pinkerton, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations

Mr. Barry R. Lawrence, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board

Mrs. Linda B. Jones, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Mr. Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney

Mr. Charles M. Schnurman, Jr., Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Jennifer K. Acker, Assistant Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Randall R. Silber, Director of Planning

Mr. David D. O'Kelly, Jr., Assistant Director of Plan Review and Code Support

Mr. James P. Strauss, County Planner III/Landscape Architect

Lt. Col. Douglas A. Middleton, Deputy Chief of Police

Mr. Arthur D. Petrini, Director of Public Utilities

Mr. Douglas S. Fritz, President, Richmond International Raceway

Mr. Junie West, Principal, Timmons Group

Mr. Roger Rodriquez, Project Manager, Timmons Group

Mr. Andrew M. Condlin, Attorney, Williams Mullen

Mr. Joe Krawczel, Law Clerk, Williams Mullen

Ms. Jamie Lynn Watkins, Law Clerk, Williams Mullen

Mr. Will Jones, Richmond Times-Dispatch

Mr. Tom Lappas, Henrico Citizen

Revised Master Plan of Development for Richmond International Raceway

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed this item and advised the Board that both Mr. Silber and Mr. Fritz would be presenting it. He recognized Mr. Silber, who noted that the topic for the special

meeting related to three matters listed on the evening agenda - a rezoning case (C-38C-07), Provisional Use Permit (P-11-07) and Plan of Development (POD-42-07) to add additional acreage to the Richmond International Raceway (RIR) facility for satellite parking. Mr. Silber provided the Board with slides depicting RIR's existing 783-acre site and the 227-acre parcel that RIR was proposing to add (see enclosed copies). Mr. Silber explained where the expanded parking would be located and how it would be accessed. He pointed out that the proposed expansion would yield 5,125 parking spaces.

Mr. Silber recognized Mr. Fritz, who informed the Board that exciting changes were planned for the racetrack over the next five years as he and his staff prepare to transform the 50-year old fairgrounds site into a premier sports facility. He alluded to a recent survey that named RIR the favorite racetrack by race industry leaders Mr. Fritz reported on the and drivers. increasing attention the racetrack has received from the national media in broadcasting races, the more than 400,000 spectators who attend racing events at RIR each year, and the facility's \$221 million estimated annual economic impact. He presented a conceptual design to Board members highlighting future facility improvements and commented that the proposed land acquisition would offer RIR the opportunity to make the facility more fan friendly. emphasized RIR's commitment reinvesting in the facility and providing a catalyst for growth in the area. He was complimentary of County staff and noted the passion and pride shown by Henrico County police officers working at RIR events.

Mr. Thornton praised Mr. Fritz and his staff for their sensitivity to the community and skill in changing the public's perception of the racetrack. He characterized RIR as a flagship facility and noted that he was proud to have RIR

in the Fairfield District. Mr. Thornton further commented that Mr. Fritz has been a statesman in crafting RIR. He identified a need, however, for racetrack fans to become more communityminded. Mr. Thornton recommended that the County and RIR look at how to keep the community viable. He expressed concerns pertaining to parking violations, public urination and drinking, and other behaviors that are detrimental to neighborhoods near the racetrack. He cautioned against focusing too heavily on the raceway's economic impact to the detriment of the community. Mr. Thornton suggested going beyond developing a nice complex and look at a better marriage between the community and the raceway. He noted that these tangential issues had been raised at civic meetings. Thornton challenged the Board, RIR, and the community to work collectively to make the RIR facility one of the finest.

Mrs. O'Bannon advised that she and Mr. Kaechele had recently attended a media kick-off event for the Police Athletic League (PAL) hosted by RIR. She and Mr. Thornton asked Mr. Fritz to comment on the event. Mrs. O'Bannon complimented and thanked Mr. Fritz for RIR's support of PAL.

Mr. Hazelett suggested moving the Plan of Development item for RIR (Agenda Item No. 281-07) forward on the evening agenda so it could be heard immediately after the rezoning case (Agenda Item No. 274-07) and the request for a Provisional Use Permit (Agenda Item No. 275-07). Mr. Fritz responded to a question from Mr. Kaechele pertaining to the applicant for the zoning and provisional use permit cases.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed rezoning cases on the evening's public hearing agenda for which applicants had requested a deferral and then reviewed the other rezoning cases and provisional use permits on the agenda. Mr. Silber responded to a question from Mr. Glover regarding the reason for the applicant's request to defer case C-34C-07. Mr. Hazelett next reviewed the other

items on the evening's public hearing agenda. He and Mr. Rapisarda responded to a question from Mr. Kaechele pertaining to the changes that were being proposed to the County's dog license requirements.

Mrs. O'Bannon referred to a letter that members of the Board had received from Congressman Eric Cantor inviting them to nominate candidates for the Congressional Veteran Commendation. She suggested a couple of potential nominees from the County staff. Mr. Donati asked about the eligibility requirements for this award.

At Mr. Hazelett's request, Mr. Petrini updated the Board on water conservation notices that staff had prepared in anticipation of the need to implement voluntary water conservation measures. He and Mr. Hazelett responded to a number of questions from Board members relating to water level and flow rates in the James River, where water from the new reservoir will be released, how to inform citizens with low water pressure why they are experiencing that situation, the mechanics of pumping water from water tanks, and the capacity of the County's water tower on Cox Road.

Mairman, Henrico County Board of Supervisors

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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