

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
June 23, 2009

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 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.

Members of the Board Present:

David A. Kaechele, Chairman, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Vice Chairman, Tuckahoe District
James B. Donati, Jr., Varina District
Richard W. Glover, Brookland District
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

Other Officials Present:

Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., 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
George T. Drumwright, Jr., Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Angela N. Harper, Deputy County Manager for Special Services
Leon T. Johnson, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Robert K. Pinkerton, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services
C. Michael Schnurman, Jr., Legislative Liaison

Mr. Kaechele called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett recognized Tim Foster, Director of Public Works, who introduced the County's new Assistant Director of Public Works, Chris Winstead. Mr. Winstead previously held several positions with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), including District Construction Engineer for the Richmond District, Resident Engineer in the Chesterfield Residency, and Assistant Resident Engineer in the Sandston Residency. Mr. Winstead stated that he is glad to be with the County and looks forward to providing good customer service.

Proposed Plan of Development for Fire Station No. 3

Mr. Hazelett introduced Mike Kennedy, County Planner IV with the Department of Planning, who provided a brief overview of this project and showed slides depicting zoning and an aerial photograph of the site as well as a layout plan, ground floor plan, and exterior elevations. He

advised that the existing Fire Station No. 3 facility, which was constructed in the mid-1940s, provides inadequate space and was not designed to accommodate emergency medical service (EMS) vehicles. The proposed one story replacement facility is designed to have 11,117 square feet and to be located on a 4.49 acre site on the north line of East Washington Street, 200 feet east of its intersection with North Airport Drive. The property is zoned B-1, Business District, and is in an Airport Safety Overlay District. The proposed site will have 34 parking spaces and capacity for an engine unit, brush unit, and EMS unit. Mr. Kennedy noted that the Department of General Services is pursuing LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for the proposed facility. He pointed out that Mr. Donati and staff held two community meetings regarding this project. Mr. Kennedy indicated that a majority of the issues of concern to citizens have been addressed. He responded to questions from Mr. Kaechele regarding future plans for the entirety of the 4.49 acre site.

Mr. Kennedy recognized Bill Smith, Assistant Director of General Services, who provided a Power Point presentation that was shared with approximately 40 citizens on May 27, 2009 at the second community meeting on this project. Mr. Smith reminded the Board that a new facility to replace Fire Station No. 3 was approved by Henrico citizens as part of the 2005 General Obligation Bond Referendum. Fire Station No. 21 will serve as the prototype for this facility. Mr. Smith reviewed slides depicting elevation views of existing Fire Stations No. 3 and 21, the site location analysis, the aerial view and elevation of Fire Station No. 5, aerial views of Fire Station Nos. 12 and 3, noise levels in the vicinity of the site, and LEED Silver Accreditation by the U.S. Green Building Council (USBBC). Mr. Smith, Deputy Fire Chief Rick McClure, and Mr. Rapisarda clarified for Mrs. O'Bannon how the Code of Virginia addresses the use of sirens by fire trucks and other emergency vehicles. She has received complaints from citizens who live near fire stations about sirens being activated during late night and early morning hours.

Mr. Smith recognized Mike Verdu, Capital Projects Manager for the Department of General Services, who continued the Power Point presentation by reviewing slides depicting the Fire Station No. 3 site plan, elevations, and floor plan; Fire Station No. 5's precast concrete wall; and the Fire Station No. 3 project schedule. Mr. Verdu explained proposed ingress and egress and buffering on the site as well as the various rooms planned for the proposed facility. He and Mr. Hazelett responded to questions from the Board pertaining to the design and sound absorption qualities of the precast wall. Mr. Verdu advised that the Board's public hearing on the POD is scheduled for July 14, 2009 and full occupancy of the proposed facility is scheduled for November 2010.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Hazelett responded to further questions from Mr. Kaechele relating to future plans for acreage on the proposed site that will not be used by the fire station. A new fire training facility could be located on the site in the future but there are no definite plans at present. Mr. Donati commented that residents in the vicinity of the site are reasonably happy at the prospect of a new fire station but are still somewhat fearful of the unknown. Mr. Verdu clarified for Mr. Kaechele that the estimated project cost is \$3.3 million.

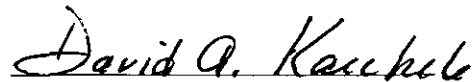
The Board recessed for dinner at 6:13 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed the agenda for the evening's regular session, including the presentations, appointments, public hearings, and general agenda items. Mr. Silber suggested that the resolution on the revised master plan and POD for the Twin Hickory Park and Western Maintenance Facility be moved up on the agenda as the first public hearing item to accommodate any citizens who may be present and wish to speak on the matter.

Mr. Hazelett referred to a conversation he had with City of Richmond officials earlier in the day regarding suspension of the proposed Shockoe Bottom development project. The developers have determined that the project is not feasible at this time because of current bond market conditions. Mr. Hazelett anticipates that minor league baseball will make an announcement in the near future concerning relocation of a double-A baseball franchise to the Richmond area and will keep the Board abreast of the situation as more information is released. There was some discussion by the Board and Mr. Hazelett pertaining to the current structural and field conditions of The Diamond.

Mr. Hazelett responded a question from Mrs. O'Bannon relating to future plans for the existing Fire Station No. 3 facility. There was also some discussion by Mr. Hazelett and the Board about the funding process for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and HOME (Home Investments Partnership) program in view of the resolution on the evening's public hearing agenda authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the County's 2009-10 Annual Consolidated Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia