

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
July 14, 2009

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 4:30 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

Members of the Board Absent:

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
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 4:38 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett announced that Mr. Thornton would not be present for the meeting. He briefly referred to the two items listed on the agenda.

Follow-Up to 2026 Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

Mr. Hazelett noted that the resolution for adoption of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan will come back to the Board for consideration at the August 11, 2009 regular meeting. He recognized Joe Emerson, Director of Planning, who narrated a Power Point presentation on the plan's *Public Hearing Citizen Input*. Mr. Emerson distributed a document containing a summary of public comments from the June 9, 2009 public hearing on the plan and staff responses to those

comments. He advised the Board that there were 98 attendees and 35 speakers at this hearing. The speakers addressed 32 topics. There were 15 multiple comments and 17 individual comments. In addition to public hearing information, Mr. Emerson's presentation included an explanation of prime agriculture land use, an update on the plan's data, a summary of land use designations in Varina, and recommended changes. In brief, the recommended changes would add objectives and policies to support agricultural uses; increase recommended open space for Suburban Mixed-Use (SMX), Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND), and Urban Mixed-Use (MU); and make text revisions to the Osborne Turnpike Corridor Existing Character Protection Area. Mr. Emerson distributed four handouts identifying these proposed changes within the plan document. He also reviewed three land use requests for revisions received by staff since the June 9 public hearing. Mr. Emerson concluded his presentation by identifying the next steps in the process, which include making any necessary revisions to the plan, posting comments and recommended changes on the Planning Department's web site, and having the Board adopt the plan at its August 11, 2009 regular meeting.

During his presentation, Mr. Emerson responded to questions and comments from the Board regarding the number of acres of agriculturally zoned land in the County and the Varina District; a citizen survey question addressing growth restrictions and management; the distinction between TND and UMU; how the plan's goals, objectives, and policies will address new development; and how new Environmental Protection Agency stormwater requirements will impact the plan. In response to concerns expressed by Mr. Glover, Mr. Emerson noted that staff plans to schedule a work session with the Board to discuss the plan's goals, objectives, and policies and to ensure that they are understandable to the community. Mr. Hazelett responded to questions pertaining to the County's commercial/residential tax base ratio and the status of the County's agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia for development of the Elko Tract. Mr. Emerson, Mr. Hazelett, and John Vithoukias, Director of Finance, responded to questions concerning the County's land use taxation program for agricultural properties. Mrs. Mier responded to questions relating to the amount of acreage in the Varina District used or designated for historical purposes.

Mr. Hazelett remarked that the process to update the plan has been lengthy and that there may be additional input prior to the Board's anticipated adoption of the plan on August 11, 2009.

North Gayton Road Extension Project

Mr. Hazelett recognized Tim Foster, Director of Public Works. Mr. Foster introduced three project consultants who were present, Ian Frost from EEE Consulting, Inc. and Bucky Murray and Matthew Timm from AECOM Technical Services, Inc. He distributed a North Gayton Road Fact Sheet and narrated a Power Point presentation on this project. Mr. Foster stated that the purpose of the project, which will be 100 percent County funded and is anticipated to cost \$48.4 million, is to provide additional access to the County's northwest quadrant, improve traffic distribution, and provide relief to the Pouncey Tract Road and Pouncey Tract/Pump Road/West Broad Street intersections. The project was first identified in the County's 2010 Major Thoroughfare Plan and approved in the County's 2005 Bond Referendum. It will be constructed through a Public-Private Transportation Act (PPTA) contract as authorized by the Virginia General Assembly and previously approved by the Board. In addition to explaining the purpose of the project and providing a project history, Mr. Foster's presentation included anticipated

scope supplements, a project corridor overview, traffic data and design speeds, a project financial summary, planned public utility improvements, an environmental summary, a floodplain summary, an acquisition process overview, an acquisition timeline, and the anticipated construction sequence. Mr. Foster advised that there was a resolution on the evening's regular meeting agenda for the Board to receive the letter of necessity and schedule a public hearing for the July 29, 2009 meeting.

During Mr. Foster's presentation, there was discussion by the Board, Mr. Hazelett, Mr. Foster, and the Director of Public Utilities, Art Petrini, regarding the project corridor; future design and funding of the I-64 interchange; right of way acquisition; traffic signalization plans, funding and responsibilities; the location of planned bicycle paths and pedestrian trails; future traffic counts on Pouncey Tract Road; the location and design of a proposed water main; the process for finding a necessity for the project; input from the June 16, 2009 citizen information meeting on the project held at Short Pump Middle School; anticipated concerns that may be raised by citizens at the upcoming July 29 Board public hearing; and the project's impact on landowners. Mr. Hazelett asserted that the County's Department of Public Works has to assume responsibilities within this project that in the past would have been performed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). This shifting of responsibilities is a result of reductions in VDOT's budget due to the economy.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:58 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Kaechele announced that Mr. Donati, Mr. Hazelett, and Mr. Pinkerton were celebrating mid-July birthdays.

Mr. Hazelett reviewed the agenda for the evening's regular session, briefly referring to board and commission appointments, five zoning cases, and four other public hearing items. He noted that Mr. Thornton would be absent from the meeting. Mr. Hazelett elaborated on several general agenda items. He pointed out that the resolution introducing July 2009 budget amendments contained school construction projects for which the County will soon be receiving federal stimulus funding. With regard to the resolution for award of a construction contract for Golden Road drainage improvements, Mr. Hazelett advised that the lowest bidder submitted a very favorable price. He remarked that the resolution to permit an additional fine of \$200 for speeding on Thamesford Way received considerable television coverage. He and Mr. Rapisarda commented on the County's traffic calming program authorized by the State Code whereby residents of specific subdivision roads can petition the County for an additional fine for speeding. Mr. Hazelett reminded the Board that it had previously received a letter concerning the proposed resolution to permit watering of established lawns one day before and 30 days after refurbishment during mandatory public water use restrictions. Mr. Hazelett responded to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon pertaining to a line item in the proposed July 2009 budget amendments for homeless funding assistance. This led to a discussion by Mr. Hazelett, Mrs. O'Bannon, and Mark Strickler, Director of Community Revitalization, of the funding process for the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investments Partnerships (HOME) programs and the status of federal stimulus funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

David A. Kachel
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia