

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
July 22, 2014**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., 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:

Patricia S. O'Bannon, Chairman, Tuckahoe District
Frank J. Thornton, Vice Chairman, Fairfield District
Richard W. Glover, Brookland District
David A. Kaechele, Three Chopt District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulikas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, Deputy Clerk to the Board/Administrative Assistant
Joseph A. Casey, Ph.D., Deputy County Manager for Administration
Jane D. Crawley, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
C. Michael Schnurman, Legislative Liaison
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mrs. O'Bannon called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

CultureWorks Update

Mr. Vithoulikas noted this item was a continuation of the Board's ongoing review of community organizations listed in the budget's non-departmental category that receive funding from the County. He recognized John Bryan, President of CulturalWorks, who thanked the Board for the County's donation to his organization. Mr. Bryan began his oral presentation by offering statistics documenting the economic impact cultural arts have on the community. He next provided background information on the Richmond Region Cultural Action Plan, which was developed in 2009 and led to the Arts Council of Richmond being replaced by a new regional organization that would carry out the Plan's directives. Mr. Bryan noted Mr. Nelson was a founding member of the CultureWorks Board of Directors. He distributed a handout listing 11 things that CultureWorks does. Some of the organization's more significant activities include sharing information about arts and culture, providing grants to local arts organizations, advocating

for the arts, and offering consultation and services to non-profit and for-profit organizations and government entities. Mr. Bryan commented on the annual Arts and Culture Expo, which was most recently held on June 28 at the Richmond Convention Center and which spotlights the region's non-profit arts and culture organizations.

Mr. Bryan continued his presentation by explaining how the Board of Supervisors can make use of CultureWorks and how the funds it donates each year are used. He distributed a copy of *The Richmond Region Cultural Action Plan*, as updated on March 16, 2014, which outlines the organization's progress on six goals; lists the organization's priorities for the next five years; and explains how residents of the region can help the organization.

Following his presentation, Mr. Bryan responded to questions from the Board. He and Mr. Glover discussed the potential need for a large performing arts venue outside the City of Richmond. He and Mr. Kaechele discussed the organization's budget and structure as well as the broad and substantial economic impact of cultural arts on the region. Mr. Bryan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vithoulkas, and Mr. Glover discussed the role CultureWorks plays in reallocating funds it receives from the County to 14 other arts organizations within the region. Mr. Nelson thanked Mr. Bryan for his service at CultureWorks and pointed out the church where he serves as pastor, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist, has participated in and benefited from CultureWorks.

Update on Major Road Improvement Projects

Mr. Vithoulkas noted this overview would address road projects that have multiple sources of funding. He recognized Mike Jennings, Assistant Director of Public Works, who pointed out the County has not received construction funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation since 2008. Mr. Jennings narrated the first portion of a slide presentation, during which he reviewed locations, construction schedules, total costs, and funding sources for the following projects: Charles City Road, Creighton Road, Dabbs House Road, Sadler Road, and Three Chopt Road. In response to questions from the Board, Transportation Development Division Director Todd Eure elaborated on the funding sources and identified the specific amounts from each source that are being allocated to individual projects. There was discussion by Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Glover, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Jennings regarding the location and effectiveness of sound walls on major road construction projects. Mr. Foster and Mr. Jennings responded to a question from Mr. Kaechele regarding the scope of intersection improvements planned for the Three Chopt Road Improvement Project where this road crosses Gaskins Road.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:57 p.m. and reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

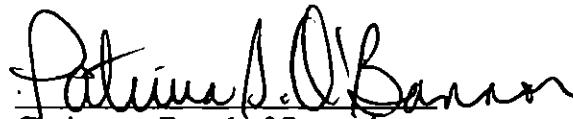
Mr. Jennings continued his presentation by reviewing additional County projects under construction and in the design phase, future County projects, and State projects underway in Henrico County. He and Mr. Eure responded to questions from the Board pertaining to the timeframes and scope of work for some of these projects. Mr. Eure, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Vithoulkas elaborated on the Staples Mill Amtrak Station Parking Expansion Project and responded to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon concerning the status of land acquisition and landscaping for this project. Mr. Jennings concluded his presentation by noting staff is using

as many resources as possible to move road construction projects along. Mr. Vithoukas pointed out the County administration is taking a new, holistic approach towards funding road construction projects and is interested in offering the Board an annual work session review of these projects. At Mr. Kaechele's request, Mr. Jennings briefly updated the Board on the status of the County's repaving program.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas reminded the Board it would be posing for a photograph with the County's summer interns in front of the Administration Building at the conclusion of this special meeting. He briefly reviewed the presentation and public hearing items on the 7:00 p.m. agenda and noted Mr. Nelson would be presenting the resolution recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Richmond Dragway. In reviewing the general agenda items, Mr. Vithoukas noted the Board previously discussed the three ordinance introductions with Mr. Rapisarda during its July 8 work session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia