

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
July 28, 2015

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at 5:15 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:

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

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Joseph T. (Tom) Tokarz II, Deputy 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
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
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukas informed the Board that Mr. Nelson would be a few minutes late for the meeting (Mr. Nelson arrived at 5:30 p.m.). He referred to the three items listed on the agenda and noted a number of public officials and other guests from throughout the region who have been involved with the UCI bicycle racing event were in attendance for the first item.

2015 UCI Road World Championships Update

Mr. Vithoukas informed the Board that the County's Divisions of Fire and Police and their regional partners have worked hard to ensure the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) Road World Championships Richmond 2015 event is safe for the bikers, spectators, and citizens who will be enjoying it. He expressed appreciation to these persons and to Mr. Foster for their efforts. Mr. Vithoukas recognized Mr. Foster, who introduced a slide briefing on this item. Mr. Foster provided background information on the County's participation in this international event. He reminded the Board that the County received a letter from the City of Richmond in

2011 in support of the City and the region hosting the 2015 UCI championships. Almost all Henrico agencies will be touched by the event. Regional participants have been planning for it for more than three years, with weekly meetings having commenced in February 2015. The main objective of the planning has been public safety and providing a seamless event for County residents who are affected by it.

Mr. Foster recognized Lt. Col. Jim Fitzgerald, Assistant Chief of Police for Field Operations, who referred to the all-hazards and uniform approach the region's public safety agencies are taking towards the event. He also mentioned the planning document they have developed to guide their operations. Lt. Col. Fitzgerald recognized Mike Fox, Assistant Fire Chief for Operations, who in turn introduced the following public safety officials from other localities and agencies who were present: Deputy Chief John Buturla, Richmond City Police Department, who has led the City's planning efforts for the event; Capt. Michael Snawder, Richmond City Police Department; Capt. Will Smith, Richmond City Police Department; Lt. Col. Allen Davidson, Hanover County Sheriff's Office; Sgt. Michael LeCroy, Virginia State Police; Chief Jason Loftus, Caroline County Fire - Rescue & Emergency Management; Battalion Chief Melody Spivey, Richmond City Fire and Emergency Services Department; Special Agent John Wyman, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI); Dempsey Witt, Richmond Ambulance Authority Operations Director; Capt. Kevin Pannel, Richmond Ambulance Authority; and Paul Shanks, Communications & Digital Marketing Director for Richmond 2015. Chief Cox also recognized Capt. Tony Gordon from the Henrico County Police Division and Battalion Chief Stan Langford from the County's Division of Fire.

The Board viewed a short video addressing planning efforts and preparation for the event, which will be held September 19 - 27. Chief Cox, Captain Gordon, and Battalion Chief Langford jointly narrated an informational briefing on the event. Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald distributed a copy of this slide presentation as well as a brochure produced by the County's Police Division, Sheriff's Office, and Division of Fire explaining how the nine-day event will impact Henrico residents and businesses. Capt. Henry Smith from the Sheriff's Office and Tourism Coordinator Dawn Miller from the Division of Recreation and Parks assisted Chief Cox, Captain Gordon, and Chief Langford in narrating the slide presentation. During the first portion of the briefing, the presenters provided an overview of UCI and its pinnacle event, the Road World Championships; a summary of the event; a description of the routes for those races/time trials that will use roads in Henrico County; and anticipated crowds per day during the Henrico leg of the races/time trials. Approximately 450,000 onsite spectators are expected for the event, and the international television audience for the races is projected to be in the millions. The Board viewed a second video highlighting the routes occurring within Henrico.

Following the second video, the presenters reviewed the regional efforts and national cooperation involved in planning the event; international teams that will be lodging in Henrico; additional unrelated special events that will be taking place in Henrico while the UCI event is underway; assistance being provided by the Henrico Sheriff's Office; efforts by the Division of Recreation and Parks, Department of Public Relations & Media, and County Manager's Office to inform the public about the event; and the role of the County's Traffic Engineering Division in coordinating road closures and traffic detours. Captain Gordon summarized the County's primary objectives in regards to planning for the event as public safety and response to its citizens, safety and security

response to the participants and spectators, and no loss of continuity of services to residents. Chief Langford concluded the presentation by noting the locations and dates of four upcoming Henrico County public information sessions about the UCI races and explaining what the County has done to date to prepare for the event, which includes establishing a unified management team early on to plan and run the event, providing training for all County personnel involved with the event, producing informational brochures for citizens, offering community outreach, engaging in tabletop exercises, and identifying contingency plans for multiple "exceptional incident" emergency scenarios.

Following the presentation, Mrs. O'Bannon raised concerns regarding race spectators parking in residential neighborhoods and camping in County parks and residents renting their homes during the event through the use of the Airbnb website. Captain Gordon, Mr. Vithoukas, Recreation and Parks Director Neil Luther, and Police Chief Doug Middleton assured Mrs. O'Bannon that staff is prepared to address these issues and they should not have a significant impact on the community. In response to questions from Mr. Nelson about the impact of the September 19 and 20 time trials on Varina District residents, Captain Gordon elaborated on the Police Division's efforts to reach out to the community and inform citizens of road closures. Lt. Albert Merz is overseeing these efforts. Chief Middleton assured the Board that services to County residents will not be compromised during the event and advised that he has frozen all leave for Police Division personnel during the month of September. In response to a question from Mr. Kaechele, Mr. Shanks touched on television coverage and live web streaming of the races.

Mr. Vithoukas extended his gratitude to Chief Middleton, Henrico Fire Chief Tony McDowell, Sheriff Wade, Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald, Captain Gordon, Chief Langford, other County staff, and public safety officials from other jurisdictions for their efforts in preparing for the event and ensuring citizens, participants, and spectators have a safe and enjoyable experience. Mr. Thornton echoed Mr. Vithoukas' comments, offered special thanks to the County's regional partners, and noted how this is a fine example of regional cooperation and a cosmopolitan approach to a global event.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukas reminded the Board that this meeting was scheduled to end by 6:45 p.m. so the Board could have a photograph taken with the County's summer interns outside the Administration Building prior to the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Economic Development Authority Online Site Selection Tool

Mr. Vithoukas noted the new online site selection tool developed by the Economic Development Authority (EDA) will be another enhancement to the County's economic development efforts. He recognized Gary McLaren, the EDA's Executive Director, who introduced this item. Mr. McLaren commented on the role of site selection firms in helping companies expand their current locations or identify new locations. He pointed out that these firms have increasingly begun using the internet to eliminate potential sites. HenricoProperties.com is a new site managed by the EDA that offers site selectors a comprehensive snapshot of available properties as well as demographic data and Geographic

Information System (GIS) mapping for the County. The website is powered by a new site selection and analysis tool designed by GIS Planning, Inc. called Zoom Prospector. Jarred Dunbar, the County's former GIS Coordinator in the Department of Information Technology, assisted EDA with the website.

Mr. McLaren recognized Toney Hall, EDA's Director of Marketing, who logged into the website (www.henicoproperties.com) and provided a demonstration to the Board of the new site selection tool's capabilities. An intuitive search format allows users to gather comprehensive demographic data and GIS mapping along with information about available properties, communities, and businesses. Mr. Hall reviewed the site's various layers and search modes and showed how the site is used from a site selection firm's standpoint. He noted the site has the ability to generate reports and will help EDA engage businesses. The site has been profiled in EDA's newsletter, *Henrico Now*. At Mr. Vithoukas' request, Mr. Hall demonstrated how heat maps containing a number of different categories of demographic data, consumer expenses, and labor force information can be searched and generated on the site.

Following the presentation, Mr. Hall and Mr. McLaren responded to questions from Mr. Nelson regarding how the new website can be accessed and used and from Mrs. O'Bannon pertaining to how data for the site is acquired and updated. Mr. McLaren advised Mr. Nelson that Henrico is the only locality in central Virginia that currently offers this cutting edge site selection tool. He informed Mr. Kaechele the site was launched in June following a presentation to the EDA Board of Directors. Mr. Thornton commented that the County needs to continue to take advantage of new tools in the toolbox.

In the interest of time, Mr. Vithoukas suggested forgoing the review of the regular meeting agenda. The Board concurred with this suggestion. Mr. Thornton recognized the presence of Chief Middleton, who recently returned to work after being out on medical leave.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia