

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
October 10, 2017

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 5:45 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
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District
Harvey L. Hinson, Brookland District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulikas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Joseph T. Tokarz II, Deputy County Attorney
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, CMC, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Douglas A. Middleton, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Anthony J. Romanello, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Assistant Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mrs. O'Bannon called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

High School Synthetic Turf Field Update

Mr. Vithoulikas noted the County's 2016 general obligation bond referendum included funds to replace athletic fields at Henrico's public high schools with synthetic turf. He recognized Al Ciarochi, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Operations, who in turn introduced Chris Rollison, Hermitage High School's Activities Director and Athletics Director. Mr. Vithoulikas then introduced Neil Luther, Director of Recreation and Parks, who narrated a slide presentation titled *High School Athletic Field Turf Conversion*.

Mr. Luther informed the Board the high school field turf conversion projects will be done in three phases. The first phase, which will begin in January 2018 and be completed by the fall of 2018, will include fields at Douglas Freeman, Hermitage, and Varina High Schools. Mr. Luther reviewed aerial photographs of the fields in their current condition and diagrams of the fields as they will look after they are converted to synthetic turf. He pointed out the tracks circling the fields will be upgraded as well. Mr. Foster distributed a sample of the synthetic turf product that will be used for the converted fields. In response to questions

from the Board, Mr. Luther clarified that the intent is to standardize the projects to ensure all the fields receive the same components and striping. Mr. Branin asked that each of the schools be given the option of having their track match their school's colors. Mr. Luther responded to several questions from Mr. Nelson regarding other athletic field equipment that will be upgraded as part of the synthetic turf projects.

Mr. Luther shifted focus of his presentation to development of the new Greenwood Park, another bond referendum project that will soon begin construction. Mr. Vithoukas suggested staff arrange a field trip to Greenwood Park so the Board can see the turf that is being installed on the fields. Mr. Foster distributed examples of the turf's various components. At Mr. Vithoukas' request, Mr. Luther explained the unique features of the product, which is adaptable to all weather conditions and different from the chrome rubber traditionally used for synthetic fields. He advised the Board that the County received the bids for the project in late August and the successful bid was approximately \$1 million lower than the engineer's estimate. Mr. Luther stated the Board could approve a resolution at its October 24 meeting approving the contract. Mr. Branin suggested staff re-evaluate the bid criteria because of a possible discrepancy of which staff was previously unaware.

In response to a question from Mr. Thornton, Mr. Luther clarified that the second phase of the high school field turf conversion projects is scheduled to begin in late 2018 for completion by the fall of 2019. It will include the fields at Henrico, Highland Springs, and J. R. Tucker High Schools. At Mr. Vithoukas' request and in response to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Luther explained the County's agreement with the Public Schools whereby the Division of Recreation and Parks will maintain all nine of the high school athletic fields. They will be open to the public when schools are not in session. In response to a question from Mr. Nelson, Mr. Luther elaborated on the phase one project timeline for the field conversions. He confirmed for Mr. Nelson that the athletic directors at Freeman, Hermitage, and Varina will have to find alternative locations for spring sports while the conversion projects are underway. Mr. Luther responded to questions from Mr. Nelson and Mrs. O'Bannon pertaining to the field markings. Mr. Thornton reminded Mr. Luther to be sensitive to minority vendors when obtaining bids for these special recreation bond projects.

Mr. Luther concluded his presentation by showing a photograph of Short Pump Dog Park. He noted there was a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the reopening of the park with synthetic turf. This conversion has been well received by County residents who use the park. He responded to questions from Mr. Nelson concerning the surface at Dorey Park and the timeframe for developing Taylor Park. Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Ciarochi to look into an ongoing ceiling leak in one of the hallways at Highland Springs High School.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting. He noted he had two comments regarding awards received by the Police Division and there would be several comments from Board members. Mr. Vithoukas advised the Board he would be requesting an item be added by unanimous consent following the Board's action on an appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The unanimous consent item was a resolution commending Sheriff Michael L. Wade for completing 40 years of service with the County, 22 of which were with the Police Division. Mr. Vithoukas indicated Mr. Branin would be presenting the resolution on behalf of the Board. Mr. Branin suggested it would be appropriate for Mrs. O'Bannon to read and present the resolution as Chairman.

Mr. Vithoulkas continued with his review by briefly referring to the public hearings for two rezoning cases, a provisional use permit, and three other items. He pointed out there were nine general agenda items, the first of which was an introduction of October amendments to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 annual fiscal plan. Mr. Rapisarda elaborated on the second general agenda item, a resolution for the approval of revised procedures for the implementation of the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002. He informed the Board that the County had not received any public comments objecting to the proposed revisions and pointed out the only substantive change was an extension of the timeframe for accepting competing proposals. Mr. Vithoulkas responded to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon relating to the combined cost and funding sources for the last three items on the general agenda, all dealing with amendments to agreements with the Virginia Department of Transportation for sidewalk construction. In response to a question from Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vithoulkas advised that two individuals had signed up in advance to speak during the public comment period. They included a representative of the Springfield Woods Homeowners Association, who wished to address the Board about excessive speeding on Stillman Parkway, and the chancellor of Henricus Colledge, who wanted to share new information on the Virginia Company charter that led to the settlement of the City of Henricus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia S. O'Bannon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia