Summary of Actions Taken by the Board on March 26, 2019

Mr. Nelson led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reverend Rick Allison, Senior Pastor of Deep Run Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

The Board approved the minutes of the March 12, 2019, Regular and Special Meetings.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS

Mr. Vithoulkas shared a recent event illustrating the amazing heart of the Henrico County government and community and a wonderful public-private effort. On December 4, a kitchen fire occurred at the home of Navy veteran Walter Flanagan on Bonnie Dale Road in the Three Chopt District. Although Mr. Flanagan was not injured, his home suffered extensive damage and was uninhabitable. Because Mr. Flanagan lives on a fixed income and does not have homeowner’s insurance or a family nearby, he ended up sleeping in a tent in his front yard as nighttime temperatures dropped below freezing. The following day, Battalion Chief Henry Rosenbaum of the Fire Marshal’s Office contacted John Butler in the Department of Building Construction and Inspections, who sought temporary housing and other assistance for Mr. Flanagan. An amazing show of support by the community enabled Mr. Flanagan to move into temporary housing while his home was being repaired and renovated at no cost to him. Servpro of Chesterfield was instrumental in attracting media coverage and organizing the contributions of contractors, corporate teams, civic groups, and individuals. Mr. Vithoulkas thanked and recognized Mr. Butler, Chief Rosenbaum, Servpro, and the following churches, organizations, local businesses, and volunteers who were also involved in this effort: United Roofing & Construction, Allstate Electrical, Portable Storage, Capital One, Electronics Restoration Services, Artistic Stone Design, Ben Andrews Plumbing, Hungerford Plumbing & Heating, ABC Builders Supply, Radford Interiors, Village Flooring, Sherwin-Williams, Derbyshire Baptist Church, Shady Grove United Methodist Church, EZ Box Storage, Thomas Somerville Plumbing Supply, U-Haul (on Landmark Road), Moses Rivers, and Shelby Brown of WTVR TV-6 News. Some of the entities who contributed to this effort preferred to remain anonymous. Mr. Flanagan commented on the event and expressed gratitude to Mr. Butler, ServPro, Ms. Brown, and all who assisted him in its aftermath.

The American Legion is commemorating its 100th anniversary this year by reflecting on its legacy and renewing its vigor to serve over the next century. The organization was founded in Paris, France, in 1919 by United States combat troops who longed to return home to
their civilian lives after the conclusion of World War I. They sought to create a new association of veterans who were dedicated to advocacy and service for other veterans, military personnel, youth, and American patriotism. Since that time 100 years ago, this national organization has impacted millions of lives through its 13,000 local posts. It was instrumental in the passage of the GI Bill and in the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Each year, the American Legion Post members donate over 3.7 million hours to their local communities and sponsor more than 64,000 scouts. They also award over four million dollars in scholarships annually, provide financial relief to local communities when national disasters strike, and save lives, as the American Legion is the nation’s largest single blood donor. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Vithoulkas recognized the seven American Legion posts located in Henrico County and noted the County is honored to have such humble, dedicated, and compassionate individuals in the community. Deputy Clerk to the Board Tanya Harding presented an award to the following post commanders as a small token of the Board’s appreciation for their service: Walter Balsinger, Post #1 (Three Chopt Road); Sandra Collins, Post 84 (Westhampton); Chuck Talley, Post #233 (Battlefield-Ol Hanover Road); Wayne Gilbert, Post #233 (Varina); Temple Ancarrow, Post #242 (Sandston); and Scott Maddrea, Post #244 (Glen Allen). Gordon Jones from Post #125 (Lakeside) was unable to attend. Mr. Vithoulkas also recognized Jim Walsh, the American Legion’s 11th District Commander of the 20 posts in the Richmond region. Commander Ancarrow presented Mr. Nelson with a certificate on behalf of Post #242 in appreciation and recognition of the County’s participation in the post’s Memorial Day Parade and Wreaths Across America program. He invited the public to Seven Pines National Cemetery for a flag-placing ceremony on May 24 and for a memorial service and parade on May 27.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Thornton noted the passing of Charlie Curry on March 18. Mr. Curry was Cooperative Extension Agent for Henrico County for more than 20 years. He hosted a WRVA radio show with Alden Aaroe, where he shared his encyclopedic gardening knowledge, and established the Master Gardener Program in Henrico. Mr. Curry will be remembered for his good humor, expertise in his wide-reaching interests, and willingness to lend a hand in any project.

Mr. Thornton mentioned the unveiling of an historical marker on March 24 honoring a Richmond native, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height. Dr. Height worked for women’s rights and walked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other great persons who tried to change the world for the better. The marker is in the 1400 block of Hull Street. Dr. Height would be 107 years old if she were still living.

Mr. Schmitt announced the recent passing of Leon Auman, a beloved member of the community who served as band director at Henrico High School from 1978 to 1991 and at Godwin High School from 1991 until his passing. Mr. Auman fueled tremendous growth in the Henrico band program during his leadership and was later affectionately known as “Godwin’s Music Man.” Mr. Schmitt shared that the County’s thoughts are with Mr. Auman’s family.

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On behalf of Mrs. O’Bannon, Mr. Nelson reported that the Board announced a public-private partnership earlier in the day between the County, NOVA Swimming, and Regency Mall to develop an indoor aquatics center at Regency. Not too long ago, the Board announced another public-private partnership between the County and the YMCA of Greater Richmond for the Henrico Aquatics Center on Laburnum Avenue. These partnerships will focus on drown proofing Henrico County and help the County meet its goal of having every Henrico second grader able to swim. The former Macy’s south building in Regency will now become an Olympic-sized swimming facility that is open to the public. It will include two 25-yard training lanes.

Mr. Nelson recognized the following Cub Scouts from Troop 501, sponsored by Laurel Hill United Methodist Church, who were observing the meeting to fulfill a requirement for their Arrow of Light Adventure - Building a Better World: Nicholas Baptista, Caleb Bupp, Jasper Ford, Nicholas Hayes, Gregory Lofton, Zaire Smith, Conner Vance, and Jalcai White.

RECOGNITION OF NEWS MEDIA

Mr. Nelson recognized Chris Suarez Rojas from the Richmond Times-Dispatch and Ms. Brown.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Nelson presented a proclamation recognizing April 7 - 13, 2019, as Crime Victims’ Rights Week. Accepting the proclamation was Shelly Shuman-Johnson, Director of the Victim/Witness Assistance Program in the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office. Joining her were Shannon Taylor, Commonwealth’s Attorney; and Victim Services Specialists Kate Griffin, Natalie Kent, Nicole Mayton, Jennifer Quitiquit, and Jessica Rubio.

Mr. Branin presented a proclamation recognizing April 7 - 13, 2019, as Volunteer Week. Accepting the proclamation was Shanone Sport, Volunteer Coordinator and Human Resources Analyst for the Department of Human Resources Division of Organizational Learning and Talent Development. Joining her was Paula Reid, Director of Human Resources.

Mr. Thornton presented a proclamation recognizing April 14 - 20, 2019, as Telecommunicators Week. Accepting the proclamation was Captain Jeff Guess, Commanding Officer of Communications for the Police Division. Joining him were Humberto Cardounel, Jr., Chief of Police; Maj. Pete MacRae, Deputy Chief of Police for Administrative Services; Steve Weis, Emergency Communications Manager; Linda Cox, Communications Supervisor; Communication Officers Shelby Jean Kemp, Amber Murray, and Sheri Weldon; and Senior Communications Supervisor Janine Richardson and Communications Supervisor Rebekah Taylor, the division’s 2018 Emergency Communications Professionals of the Year.

Mr. Schmitt presented a proclamation recognizing April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Accepting the proclamation was Gretchen Brown, Child Welfare Division Manager.
for the Department of Social Services. Joining her was Noah Dziedicz, Operations Coordinator for Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now).

Mr. Nelson presented a proclamation recognizing April 2019 as Keep Henrico Beautiful Month. Accepting the proclamation was Lynne Yurchak, Chairperson of the Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee and Brookland District representative. Joining her from the committee were Brookland District representatives Norma Jean Beaken and Sandra Wilkinson; Fairfield District representative Brain Montgomery; Tuckahoe District representatives Jim Barrett, Linda Leigh, and Kendall Tyree; Varina District representatives Bland Goddin, Aileen Rivera (Vice Chairperson), and Pris Woods. Also participating were Bentley Chan, Assistant Director of Public Utilities, and Jon Clary, Solid Waste Division Director for the Department of Public Utilities.

**APPOINTMENTS**

81-19  Resolution – Appointment of Member – Board of Building Code Appeals.  
Approved  (William Edward Goode, Jr.)

82-19  Resolution - Appointment of Member - Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee.  
Approved  (John R. Dantzler)

83-19  Resolution - Appointment of Member - Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services Board.  
Approved  (C. Diane Mosby)

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

84-19  Resolution - Signatory Authority - Exchange of Real Property - 2300 Westwood Avenue - Brookland District.  
Approved

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert E. Mitchell, Jr., a resident of the Brookland District and Founder and President of the Cabal Fang Temple, Inc., requested the Board’s assistance in determining whether his organization is violating the County’s zoning ordinance by offering free martial arts training classes at the West End Manor Civic Association’s community building. He asked that the County assist Cable Fang Temple in finding a public facility where the classes can be held if the organization is not allowed to continue using this facility. Also, Mr. Mitchell informed the Board his organization would like to be involved in the revitalization of the community building and the association.

Lauren Leggett, a resident of the Brookland District, voiced concerns regarding the degradation of waterways in the Westbourne subdivision and Libbie Mill area near Jordan’s Branch. She asked what her neighborhood can do to assist the County in resolving this problem, which is causing flooding on her property.

Jean Nedrow, Coalitions Director for Convention of States and a resident of the Tuckahoe District, asked for the Board’s endorsement of a nationwide effort to call a convention under

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Article V of the United States Constitution that will impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of Congress. She also asked for an opportunity for representatives of the Convention of States project to make a presentation to the Board on this initiative.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

85-19 **Approved**
Introduction of Ordinance - To Amend and Reordain the Following Sections of the Code of the County of Henrico Titled:

20-414 “Enumerated; amount of license tax”
20-416 “Scientific research and development services”
20-446 “Enumerated; amount of license tax”
20-475 “Enumerated; amount of tax”
20-506 “Tax on owners and operators”
20-507 “Tax on promoters generally”
20-509 “Tax on promoters of athletic contests or races”
20-531 “Levy of tax; amount”
20-559 “Amount of tax”
20-560 “Speculative builders”
20-600 “Hotels”
20-601 “Restaurants, soda fountains and similar businesses”
20-624 “Small loan companies”
20-625 “Persons other than small loan companies lending money for purchase of chattels secured by liens; purchasers of conditional sales contracts”
20-626 “Other moneylenders”
20-627 “Persons making first mortgage loans or purchasing mortgage notes”
20-648 “Amount of tax”
20-650 “Commission merchants”
20-691 “License required; tax basis”
20-692 “Amount of tax”
20-793 “Term defined; amount of tax”
20-818 “Amount of tax on persons furnishing water”
20-819 “Amount of tax on persons furnishing heat, light and power, and gas”

and

20-821 “Amount of tax for telephone and telegraph businesses”

to Raise the Threshold and Deduction for Business License Taxes from $300,000 to $400,000.

86-19 **Approved**
Resolution - Award of Annual Contract for Subsurface Utility Designating and Locating Services.

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