Summary of Actions Taken by the Board on June 11, 2019

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

Reverend Dr. Theodore T. Brown, Pastor of Quioccasin Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

The Board approved the minutes of the May 28, 2019, Regular Meeting.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS

Virginia Hayden will be retiring from the Police Division on June 14. Mrs. Haden began her employment with the County as a crossing guard on September 2, 1970, when Wilmer Hedrick was the Chief of Police. She has been assigned to several elementary schools over the years. In addition to serving as a crossing guard and working her post, Mrs. Haden performed many activities and helped deliver a wide array of programs to Henrico children. The impact she has had on Henrico children will be felt for years to come, and the County owes her and others like her a debt of gratitude. Mr. Vithoulkas thanked Mrs. Haden for her 48 years of service to the County and for protecting Henrico’s youth and offered her and her husband, William, best wishes on her retirement. Joining Mr. and Mrs. Haden for this recognition were Capt. Mark Banks and Chief Humberto Cardounel from the Police Division.

On May 15, the Department of Public Utilities’ Water Reclamation Facility celebrated 1,000 days of no loss time accidents. Located in the Varina Magisterial District and covering almost 180 acres, this complex industrial facility treats the County’s sewage and discharges clean water back to the James River. This achievement highlights the County’s commitment and dedication to maintaining a safe and healthy work environment for all its employees, volunteers, and contractors who access County property and locations. Mr. Vithoulkas thanked the Department of Public Utilities for this accomplishment. He recognized James Grandstaff, Water Reclamation Facility Division Director; Neal Burns, the division’s Assistant Director; Erica Duncan, the division’s Operations Superintendent; and Bentley Chan, Assistant Director of Public Utilities.

The County has been emphasizing the importance of service to the community and recently authorized as an annual benefit to all employees eight hours of leave that can be used for volunteer service. In keeping with this, a group of County employees had the privilege of helping to clear overgrowth and debris on June 7 at Woodlawn Cemetery. The volunteer
team, including department directors and members of the County Manager’s Office, joined staff from the Division of Recreation and Parks and Department of Public Works for a day of service to one of the area’s oldest and most historic African American cemeteries. Using weed eaters, mowers, and other tools, the volunteers uncovered headstones and removed growth around graves. Mr. Vithoulkas thanked Paula Reid, Director of Human Resources, for coordinating this effort, and thanked Mr. Thornton for taking him to another cemetery many years ago and introducing him to unmanaged, local cemeteries. Mr. Vithoulkas shared a video highlighting the June 7 cleanup that was produced by the Department of Public Relations & Media Services. Mrs. Reid noted how volunteer projects such as this help build teamwork and camaraderie among the County staff.

Mr. Vithoulkas introduced and welcomed Emily Ashley as the County’s new Coordinator of Emergency Management. Ms. Ashley has an extensive background in emergency management, including service as an Emergency Planner for the City of Newport News, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator for the City of Poquoson, and Emergency Management Coordinator for Gloucester County and most recently for Chesterfield County. While serving in Chesterfield, Ms. Ashley led emergency response and recovery operations for such incidents as the 2018 tornado, Tropical Storm Michael, Hurricane Irene, the 2012 derecho, Hurricane Sandy, and the 2015-16 snowstorms. She has a Bachelor of Science in geography with a minor in business administration from Missouri State University and a Master of Public Administration from Old Dominion University. Ms. Ashley is also a certified Virginia Professional Emergency Manager. Fire Chief Alec Oughton joined Ms. Ashley for this introduction.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Nelson mentioned Mrs. O’Bannon was not present for the meeting because she was attending the Godwin High School graduation at the Siegel Center.

Mr. Branin acknowledged the passing of Emily Nuckols, who was a staple in the Three Chopt District along with her husband of 62 years, Norwood. Mr. Nuckols is a longstanding member of the Henrico Historical Society and Historic Preservation Advisory Committee and knowledgeable about everything concerning the Three Chopt District. Mr. Branin extended prayers to Mr. Nuckols and the Nuckols family.

Mr. Thornton announced he gave greetings at a fatherhood conference that was held at Virginia Union University the previous week. He commented on the County’s diligence in sponsoring programs pertaining to fatherhood and noted the County’s Assistant Director of Social Services, Shawn Rozier, received a special fatherhood award. Mr. Thornton extended metaphorical flowers in his greetings to Mr. Rozier, who initiated the County’s fatherhood program 16 years ago. He pointed out 19.7 million children in the United States currently live in homes without fathers.

Thornton commended Mr. Vithoulkas and the County’s upper management for their volunteer work at Greenlawn Cemetery clearing foliage. He recalled taking Mr. Vithoulkas to African American cemeteries to see their level of distress.

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RECOGNITION OF NEWS MEDIA

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

Mr. Nelson recognized Aryan Mittal from Cub Scout Pack 701, sponsored by St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, who was observing the meeting to fulfill an award requirement. Joining him was Pieter Van Saun, Cubmaster for Pack 701.

APPOINTMENT

132-19 Resolution - Nomination of Member - Local Emergency Planning Committee. (Emily A. Ashley)

PUBLIC HEARINGS – REZONING CASES AND PROVISIONAL USE PERMIT

133-19 Monument Hospitality II, LLC: Request to amend proffers accepted with Rezoning cases C-67C-89 and C-34C-98 on Parcel 823-717-5204 located on the west line of Trampton Road, approximately 125’ north of its intersection with Audubon Drive.

134-19 SLA Construction, LLC: Request to conditionally rezone from A-1 Agricultural District to R-3C One Family Residence District (Conditional) part of Parcel 778-766-8307 containing 1.302 acres located on the north line of Francis Road, approximately 80’ east of its intersection with Knotty Drive.

135-19 11934 W. Broad LLC: Request to amend proffers accepted with Rezoning cases C-49C-04, C-43C-05, and C-44C-06 on Parcel 735-763-9381 located on the north line of W. Broad Street (U.S. Route 250), approximately 1800’ west of its intersection with Lauderdale Drive.

136-19 Jonathan Bremer: Request for a Provisional Use Permit under Sections 24-62.2(g), 24-120 and 24-122.1 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to allow the continued operation of an existing farmers’ market with expanded vendor operations on part of Parcels 732-751-4078, -0561 and 731-751-8088 located at the southwest intersection of Gayton Road and Ridgefield Parkway.

137-19 JR Properties: Request to conditionally rezone from B-1 Business District to B-3C Business District (Conditional) Parcel 773-759-9815 containing .55 acres located on the west line of Woodman Road, approximately 165’ north of its intersection with Hungary Road.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - OTHER ITEMS

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139-19 Resolution - Signatory Authority - Quitclaim of Portion of Drainage Easement - Enclave at Bacova - Three Chopt District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia Kibler, a resident of the Three Chopt District, addressed the Board as a supporting member of Preserve Belmont and representative of the LPGA Amateur Golf Association’s Richmond Chapter. She requested that the Board support the continuance of Belmont Golf Course as an eighteen-hole course for use by Henrico citizens and all others who choose to play there. Denise Hayes, a resident of the Brookland District, read Preserve Belmont’s mission statement and asked the Board to consider keeping the historic golf course at Belmont.

GENERAL AGENDA

140-19 Approved Resolution - Signatory Authority - Memorandum of Understanding - Maggie Walker Community Land Trust.

141-19 Approved Resolution - Signatory Authority - Adoption Agreement - Commonwealth of Virginia Voluntary Group Long Term Insurance Program.

142-19 Approved Resolution - Request for Letter of Necessity - Oakleys Lane - Fairfield and Varina Districts.

143-19 Approved Resolution - Approval of Settlement of Worker’s Compensation Claim - Sandra Francis.