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Summary of Actions Taken by the Board on July 28, 2020

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

Jeanetta Lee, Chaplain for the Henrico County Police Division, delivered the invocation.

The Board approved the minutes of the July 14, 2020, Regular and Special Meetings.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Meghan Coates will officially take the reins as the County's Director of Finance on August 1. Ms. Coates joined the Finance Department last year as Deputy Director and most recently has been serving as Acting Director. She was key to the County's efforts to navigate the \$99 million budget shortfall brought on by the sudden economic downturn due to COVID-19, which happened just as Henrico was beginning its budget process for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Ms. Coates helped lead the Herculean task of re-creating the County's operating and capital budgets in a matter of weeks. She will direct a department with more than 160 employees and a budget of \$13.7 million. Before joining the County staff, Ms. Coates held several positions with Chesterfield County after earning her bachelor's degree from Roanoke College and master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. Mr. Vithoukias is looking forward to Ms. Coates' continuing leadership and pointed out she will be the youngest person to have served as the County's Director of Finance.

The County has historically hired student employees for the summer, and it instituted a formal internship program in 2013. Since that time, the County has hosted 491 interns in 25 agencies and provided valuable work experience while also benefitting from the work the interns have performed. In consideration of this year's budget reductions, the County has offered internships for credit rather than for pay this summer. At Mr. Branin's suggestion, this year the County became a founding partner with Cristo Rey, a new high school that opened in August 2019. Cristo Rey is unique because it exclusively serves students and families with limited income and offers a different type of learning experience. Each student takes a full load of college preparatory coursework for four years and participates one day each week in a four-year Corporate Work Study Program to fund their tuition. Upon graduation, the students are college ready and career prepared. The County participated in a draft day to meet and greet four ninth grade students who would be working within the Department of Finance's Treasury Division, the Department of General Services' Controller's Office, the Public Library administration, and the Voter Registration and Elections Office. Mr. Vithoukias recognized Catherine McSorley, Corporate Work Study

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Program Assistant for Cristo Rey, and Cristo Rey student Joshua Hughes, who reflected on his internship in the Department of General Services. Mr. Vithoulikas also recognized Natania Jones, who has been interning since last summer with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Ms. Jones is a rising senior at J.R. Tucker High School and is dually enrolled in the Advanced College Academy at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, where she will satisfy the requirements for both her high school diploma and associate degree in May 2021. She also offered remarks about her internship opportunity and experiences with the County. Mr. Vithoulikas noted that he personally benefitted from internships along the way. He thanked Debbie Lumpkin, the Department of Human Resources' Internship Coordinator, and Yvette George, Director of Human Resources, for their efforts with the internship program. Mr. Vithoulikas congratulated a group of interns who were in the audience and thanked them for their volunteerism with the County this summer.

Mr. Vithoulikas recognized Tony McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety, who provided a COVID-19 update. As of July 27, a total of 53,321 persons have been tested for COVID-19 in the Henrico County Health District according to data from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). VDH has recorded 12,078 new tests in Henrico since July 14, 23 percent of the total number of tests administered so far in Henrico. There have been 3,315 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Henrico, an increase of 476 cases since July 17, and another 56 probable cases are awaiting test results. The number of deaths in Henrico attributable to COVID-19 is 176, an increase of three since July 17. Of this total, 39 cases were from outside long-term care settings. The current seven-day moving average of positive tests is 7.1 percent compared to 5.7 percent on July 14. The number of hospitalizations in Henrico peaked in April, May, and early June, and local hospitals have capacity at this time. Henrico Jail West recently experienced a COVID-19 outbreak resulting in 200 positive tests among 1,323 inmates between July 5 and July 27. Fewer than 10 of the inmates with positive test results showed any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and the two who were hospitalized had pre-existing conditions and tested negative for COVID-19 while in the hospital. All but 16 of the inmates who tested positive have either been cleared of infection or have been released or diverted from the jail and are being monitored by VDH. Of 419 Sheriff's Office staff members who were tested for COVID-19, nine had positive results but experienced minor or no symptoms.

Mr. McDowell further reported that the County's Emergency Operations Center is continuing to manage all orders of cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment for County agencies and schools. A large order was placed on July 17 for Henrico County Public Schools and items from this order have begun to arrive. The County will be receiving 17 tractor trailer loads of hand sanitizer for a total of 78,000 gallons for schools. The County has received 50,000 boxes of cleaning wipes and will also be receiving 18 pallets of cleaning supplies; tens of thousands of paper lunch bags; 1,200 face shields; and additional items. A County team is continuing to monitor national and local trends and is maintaining preparedness efforts should another outbreak occur. A training exercise was conducted earlier in the day with the Department of Health and Social Services with representatives of five long-term care facilities. The Health Department will be offering a flu vaccination exercise with support from the Office of Emergency Management and will prepare for administering COVID-19 vaccinations once the vaccines are available. The County is continuing to evaluate County facilities and operations to ensure they are adhering to safe

and best practices and the Governor's orders. Finally, the County will be conducting a table-top hurricane preparedness exercise on August 5 for all department heads.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Mrs. O'Bannon noted the recent passing of Highland Springs resident Bernice Newell, who was very forceful but very nice in presenting concerns when she spoke during the public comment period at Board meetings. Mr. Nelson also acknowledged Mrs. Newell's passing and pointed out he was on the receiving end of some of the challenges she brought forward to the Board. He remarked that Mrs. Newell was a faithful citizen who shared comments at community meetings as well as Board meetings, was a part of the North Airport Drive Civic Association, and was among those citizens who are involved in the community and who make Henrico a better place. Mr. Nelson stated that the County is going to miss her presence.

Mr. Thornton reflected on his participation in the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963, along with two of his fellow students. Although he had to leave the event following Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, the final speaker that day was 23-year-old John Robert Lewis, whom Dr. King referred to as "the Boy from Troy." Mr. Lewis passed away on July 17. Mr. Thornton recommended two books for those who wish to learn more about Mr. Lewis – *His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope* by Jon Meacham and *Walking With the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement* by John Lewis and Michael D'Orso. Mr. Thornton characterized Mr. Lewis as a stamp on an envelope because of the way he stuck to his beliefs. He remarked that Mr. Lewis transcended race and color while always holding humanity in high esteem and personified what America is all about. Mr. Thornton suggested that Henrico has a heart and is trying to put into place those types of beliefs that were held by Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Schmitt announced he and Mr. Nelson had the opportunity last week to visit the new Henrico YMCA Aquatic Center that will be opening soon in the Fairfield District. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Thornton for his vision for the center, which will make a difference in the County for school-aged children and the public while enhancing the North Laburnum Avenue corridor. Mr. Schmitt encouraged Henrico citizens to check out the facility when it opens. Mr. Nelson echoed Mr. Schmitt's comments and sentiments.

Mr. Nelson saluted the Division of Recreation and Parks for recently opening beautiful new pickleball courts at The Springs Recreation Center, which are already being heavily used. He stated he cannot wait to have more pickleball courts in the Varina District.

RECOGNITION OF NEWS MEDIA

Mr. Branin recognized Chris Suarez from the *Richmond Times Dispatch*.

APPOINTMENT

176-20 Resolution - Appointment of Member - The Cultural Arts Center at Glen
Approved Allen Foundation Board of Directors. (Michael E. Klein)

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

177-20 Resolution - Authorization to Submit Application to the Virginia
Approved Department of Housing and Community Development to Amend the
 Henrico Portion of the City of Richmond North/Henrico County Enterprise
 Zone.

178-20 Resolution - Authorization to Submit Henrico County FY 2020-25
Approved Consolidated Plan and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan, including the
 CDBG, HOME and ESG Program Plans for FY 2020-21; to Execute the
 CDBG, HOME and ESG Agreements for FY 2020-21; and to Execute
 Contracts to Implement the CDBG, HOME and ESG Activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sylvia Renee Forbes, a resident of the City of Richmond and direct descendant of three families buried at Evergreen Cemetery, expressed concerns regarding the maintenance of Evergreen Cemetery and East End Cemetery by their overseer, The Enrichmond Foundation. She specifically referred to the recent removal of memorial items, including American flags and floral arrangements, from gravesites at the two cemeteries. Ms. Forbes asked for the Board to establish transparency and County oversight among the Foundation, families of the deceased, and Friends of East End and to assist with the restoration of work done at the cemeteries by Friends of East End and other volunteer groups. Brian Palmer, a resident of the Fairfield District and member of Friends of East End, elaborated on ongoing maintenance problems encountered at the cemeteries and requested the County's help in compelling the Foundation to be an adequate steward.

GENERAL AGENDA

179-20 Resolution - Signatory Authority - Amendment to Contract - Enterprise Land
Approved Management System.

180-20 Resolution - Approval of Amendment - FY2019 and FY2020 Community
Approved Services Board Performance Contract between Virginia Department of
 Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and Henrico Area Mental
 Health & Developmental Services Board.

181-20 Resolution - Authorization to Seek Re-Certification - Certified Crime
Approved Prevention Community Program.

182-20 Resolution - Signatory Authority - Sixth Amendment to Communications
Approved Tower License Agreement - 3245 Basie Road - Brookland District.

183-20 Resolution - Signatory Authority - Acquisition of Easements - Three Chopt
Approved Road Improvements Project - Gaskins Professional Office Condos East -
 Tuckahoe District.

184-20 Resolution - Signatory Authority - Acquisition of Real Estate and Easements -
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186-20 Resolution - Signatory Authority - Amendment to Engineering Services
Approved Agreement - Upham Brook Trunk Sewer - Brookland and Fairfield Districts.

ADDED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

187-20 Resolution - Expressing Appreciation to Chief Humberto I. Cardounel, Jr.
Approved Mr. Branin presented the resolution to Chief Cardounel, who will retire
 from the County on August 28, 2020, after a successful and distinguished
 32-year career with the Henrico Police Division.