# COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING November 9, 2021

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 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:

Daniel J. Schmitt, Chairman, Brookland District Patricia S. O'Bannon, Vice-Chairman, Tuckahoe District Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

#### Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulkas, County Manager
J. T. (Tom) Tokarz, County Attorney
Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Cari Tretina, Assistant to the County Manager/Chief of Staff
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Benjamen A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Mr. Vithoulkas recognized the 2021 Henrico Christmas Mother, Blanche Moore. Mrs. Moore retired from Henrico County Public Schools in 2015 and joined the Henrico Christmas Mother Program as an annual member. Mrs. Moore stated the program anticipates serving approximately 1,700 families this year.

### **Update on Speed Limit Changes**

Terrell Hughes, Director of Public Works, updated the Board on speed limit changes and traffic calming efforts. Speed limit changes are made in accordance with Henrico County Code Section 22-3. In addition to speed limit changes, Public Works is seeking to reduce accidents by adding appropriate signage and roundabouts and making other structural changes. Mr. Hughes showed slides showing where speed limits have been changed in each district.

### 2022 Bond Referendum Discussion

Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration, presented proposals for a November 2022 bond referendum for approximately \$500 million. He noted that all but one of the items approved in the 2016 referendum are in design or are in progress. The proposed November 2022 projects include schools, public safety, recreation and parks, and drainage projects.

Mr. Nelson asked the reasoning for renovating a school versus replacing a school. Susan Moore, Director of Facilities for Schools, stated that campus style schools are generally replaced while others are renovated. Mr. Nelson stated that building a new school is more cost efficient because the cost of renovations and new schools is roughly the same.

Mr. Hinton reviewed potential firehouse projects, a No Kill Animal shelter, drainage projects, recreation and parks projects, and some road improvements on Kain Road for park improvements. He also discussed the County's past bond referendums, its long-term debt capacity, and its AAA bond ratings.

If the Board wishes to move forward with a referendum, the School Board and Board of Supervisors must pass resolutions and take a number of steps to get a referendum on the ballot.

## Leaf Collection Update

Bentley Chan, Director of Public Utilities, advised the Board that leaf collection has begun. Mr. Chan stated that the County had 7,000 orders last year and currently has 49 orders in the queue.

Mr. Vithoulkas briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors Henrico County, Virginia