COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING July 26, 2022

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 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 – via Webex Frank J. Thornton, Vice-Chairman, Fairfield District Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District

Member of the Board Absent:

Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District

Other Officials Present:

W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Andrew R. Newby, County Attorney
Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Steven W. Knockemus, Assistant Director of Public Relations

Mr. Thornton announced that Mrs. O'Bannon was unable to physically attend the meeting in person due to a temporary medical condition. He noted the Board had arranged for Mrs. O'Bannon to be heard by all persons in the meeting room and that a quorum was present in the meeting room.

On motion of Mr. Schmitt and seconded by Mr. Branin, the Board approved Mrs. O'Bannon's electronic participation from her home, in accordance with the Board's electronic participation policy from her home.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Yes: Thornton, Branin, Schmitt

No: None

Absent: Nelson

Intern Recognition

Debbie Lumpkin, Intern Coordinator with the Department of Human Resources, thanked the Board and the Manager for the opportunity to share the success of the County's internship program. Since the program started in 2013, the County has hosted 682 interns in 25 agencies, including 56 students this summer.

Mrs. Lumpkin lauded the Sheriff's Office Basic Summer Academy. The Academy was designed in collaboration with VCU that allows students to earn credit for experiential learning and attain their basic jailor certification. Upon completing the program students are eligible for part-time employment. Since the program has started, 250 students have participated from Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Union University, Virginia State University, Ferrum College, and Hampden-Sydney University. Gabriel Boyd from the 10th Academy shared remarks regarding her experience. Gabriel thanked the Board, the Manager, and the Sheriff's Office for the experience and the opportunity to participate in the program.

Next, Mrs. Lumpkin recognized the Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS) teen job training program. The participants work at childcare facilities, libraries, after school programs, retail stores, and community centers. This year, 22 students participated in the program, and Alane Ratliff thanked the Board and the County Manager for allowing her and other students to participate in the program this summer.

Mrs. Lumpkin next recognized Triya Gangly, who shared remarks on behalf of the summer interns. Triya thanked the Board and the County Manager. She interned with the Department of Human Resources and had the opportunity to work directly with Debbie Lumpkin.

Mrs. Lumpkin stated that, since the beginning of the summer internship program, the County has hired 84 interns into full-time positions with the County and Public Schools. She recognized former intern Alex Sebold, who shared with the Board his intern experience and discussed his career as a Budget Analyst in the Finance Department.

Mrs. Lumpkin concluded by recognizing the County's collaboration with the Cristo Rey school that opened in August 2019. The school serves exclusively students and families of limited income and provides a different type of learning experience with each student taking a full course load of college preparatory coursework for four years and also participates one day each week in a four-year corporate work study program to fund most of their tuition.

Mrs. Lumpkin recognized Catherine McSorley, Director of the Cristo Rey Corporate Work Study Program, Angelica Acosta Vivas, a student who participated in the program in the General District Court, along with her Supervisor, Selina Irving. Angelica thanked the Board and the County Manager and recapped her experience in working in General District Court.

The Board members thanked each participant for sharing their experiences and being future leaders.

Proposed Revisions to the Noise Ordinance to Address Daytime Noise in Residential Areas

Andrew Newby, County Attorney, provided the Board an overview of the proposed revisions to the noise ordinance. The revisions would be introduced on August 9 for a public hearing on September 13. Mr. Newby explained the revisions would prohibit noise from televisions, stereos, musical instruments, and other sound producing devices in residential neighbors when the noise is plainly audible in the dwelling of a neighbor.

Major Johnson with the Police Division provided an overview of how the revisions could help the community. Major Johnson explained in 2021 the Division received 3,296 calls for noise.

Mrs. O'Bannon questioned if this update would address the complaints, she has been receiving from a resident who lives close to the Goochland border and has complained about noise from Goochland. Mr. Newby explained this will not address complaints from surrounding localities.

Mr. Schmitt had several questions in regard to whether the noise ordinance would continue to cover noise from barking dogs, lawn mowers, and gatherings. Mr. Newby explained that the ordinance would continue to cover those noises.

Major Johnson gave examples of complaints about daytime noise and how the current noise ordinance does not address the complaints.

Mr. Branin raised concerns about townhomes and apartment living with families and residents in those communities living so closely. Major Johnson explained those noise complaints are often handled with the apartment management and through HOAs.

Mr. Thornton stated he wants to ensure residents understand the change and are getting information in a timely manner. Mr. Hinton stated our Public Relations Department will be working to ensure updated information is posted quickly.

General Meeting Agenda Overview

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Henrico County, Virginia