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[00:00:03] Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our Board of Supervisors meeting of July 30th, 2024. As we begin our meeting, as we always do, with a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, before we rise, for those who are able to. For that, I'm going to ask my colleagues if they have anyone they would like to keep in their thoughts and prayers this morning.

[00:00:25] And I'm just going to start by mentioning that Robin Antonucci passed away April 21st. And I think those on the board who, as my teenagers would say, have been here for a minute, remember Robin very well.

[00:00:43] And I want to acknowledge her daughter, Katie Quinn, who's here in the boardroom with her husband, Adam. Katie is an employee in Fairfax County. And I know that a whole ton of Robin's colleagues and coworkers are here present this morning and also watching this on video.

[00:01:03] as we recognize Robin and her life. For those who did not have the opportunity and pleasure to know Robin, for over 20 years she developed traffic engineering, transportation planning, parking, land development, and community outreach solutions for private real estate firms and public sector clients for Wells and Associates, a name we know very well.

[00:01:28] Her career from transportation planner with the Fairfax County government to Executive Vice President at Wells and Associates has spanned the entire spectrum of the land development entitlement process, including peer review, transportation, demand management, site assessments, and expert testimony before planning boards, elected officials, courts, and numerous citizen groups. She managed Wells Manassas office for over 15 years and has been mainly responsible for nurturing, training, and guiding many of the talented senior people that are currently managing and growing the Manassas office.

[00:02:06] And for those who worked with Robin, you know she was an enormous professional in her field, someone respected by all the various entities who work on land use cases and in the transportation industry, and as I mentioned, really was someone who nurtured, mentored, and guided so many people that we all work with on a daily basis today. And I know having directly worked with her on just countless applications over the years, I can tell you that her trusted voice, her expertise,

[00:02:43] and the way in which she conducted herself made working with her a pleasure and an opportunity for all of us to learn. And I know that her time in Fairfax County government as well, she had that same reputation. And so we want to keep Robin Antonucci, all the folks who knew her, worked with her, and certainly respected her in our thoughts and prayers. I know that her passing on July 1 was a sad moment for all involved, but I also know that Robin had a chance to have

[00:03:19] closure with a lot of folks. I knew some folks who had the great opportunity to go down and visit her shortly before her death and talk to her, and I think all of us can feel better knowing that she no longer is in any pain, even though all of us might be, in thinking about a giant that we lost in the industry and, more important, a friend to all of us. With that, I would recognize any of my other colleagues. I'm going to start on this side, this time Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr.

[00:03:50] chairman I just want to also send my heartfelt condolences to the family for Robin Antonucci had the pleasure of working with her when I was working with then supervisor Connelly and just an amazing professional consummate in her dedication to service and commitment to Fairfax County I was very saddened to learn that she was battling a pretty traumatic disease and illness and I'm just happy to know that she has transitioned in a way and that her

[00:04:28] family was there her friends were there and I just want to let everyone know that she was a special person and really really appreciate her service and commitment to this county thank you thank you supervisor loss supervisor Beerman thank you mr. chairman the community is mourning over the passing of J. David Moses Roja, a longtime McLean resident. He passed away on Friday, July 19th, and leaves behind his wife, Carolyn, and his three beautiful children, Rachel, Alexander, and Theodore.

[00:04:59] David, as his friends all knew him, was born in Montreal in 1973, but grew up in New York City, and he really had a lifetime chock full of adventure. His earliest forays was as a child actor. He was the baby in the Love's Diaper commercials and starred in plays with Penny Marshall and scuba dived all over the world. He was extremely active in McLean's vibrant Jewish community at Temple Road F. Shalom. And he was also actually very active in the fraternal community. He was a member of the Freemasons. It was a highly ranking member in the Grand Lodge of

[00:05:37] Washington, D.C., and Freemasons all across Washington, D.C., Maryland, and right here in Virginia are deeply mourning his loss. Lastly, David will also be remembered for starting his own business with his wife, Carolyn. Together, they work to help professional associations with licensure and assisted many workers in meeting global accreditation standards. The impact that David Roja had in his religious

community, his professional circles, and his fraternal ties will be felt in the weeks and months to come so our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and his children thank you Thank You Supervisor Beerman Supervisor

[00:06:14] Alcorn yeah thank you mr. chairman thank you for your comments on Robin I just want to add something and also Supervisor Lusk you know they're there you know we kind of get lost on a day-to-day basis we we deal with a lot of things we work on a lot of cases we deal with a lot of issues but there really are a few folks who were there for so many years that had such an imprint on the county and who not just were technically so dependable and trusted, but also did so with just, you know,

[00:06:53] a sense of humor and a joy that really, you know, makes doing the kind of work we do worthwhile uh you know when we do it so and robin was one of those people they're probably you know i could count on one hand uh the number of folks that that actually have had that much of an impact technically on uh the land use and transportation work that we do in fairfax county over the last uh few decades so um she'll definitely be missed but she she left her mark and in a lot of different ways, and I know I, for one, am very appreciative of that.

[00:07:33] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have another sad, I guess, mention, which is we had another pedestrian death last week, Jamar Kapar, Kaper, I'm sorry, who, frankly, was crossing the road and was hit later in the evening and in this case was hit by somebody who is believed to have been intoxicated or at least otherwise unable to properly meet our standards for driving.

[00:08:11] I really don't know what else to say. We know that this happens, but we also know that our police have been doing, I think, extraordinary work, particularly in the last year, to try to address some of the DUI and some of the other issues that we've all been facing. But in this case, the tragedy is that he lost his life because somebody chose to drive on the influence.

[00:08:34] And I know we all understand our role here in trying to prevent that and make a difference. But in this case, it wasn't enough. So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Okay. As we wrap up, I'm reminded that I did see a note that there will be a celebration of Robin's life sometime in the spring.

[00:08:57] And so when we get more information about that, we'll make sure that that gets shared with the Board of Supervisors so that we can continue to honor her life, but most importantly, celebrate all of her great accomplishments here in our community. With that, if all are able, could rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:09:17] Let's face the flag.

[00:09:45] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. And this morning we have four presentations, and for each presentation I will announce the proclamation and invite our speaker or representative down to the podium.

[00:10:16] We will then read the proclamation, and after our speaker's remarks, we'll pose for a picture from the dais. And first up, this morning we have a resolution to recognize the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. And this was requested by myself and the entire Board of Supervisors and our speaker today, and he is here.

[00:10:39] I see him now, David Simon, who is chair of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board. And at this time, I am going to recognize Supervisor Beerman to read the resolution. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Whereas on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law, marking a significant milestone in the fight for civil rights and equality for individuals with disabilities, and whereas the ADA established a comprehensive national mandate to eliminate discrimination against people with disabilities

[00:11:14] and ensure full participation in society, including equal access to employment, state and local government services, and public accommodations. And whereas the anniversary of the ADA is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the progress made in advancing civil rights and equality for individuals with disabilities.

[00:11:32] And whereas Fairfax County is committed to fostering an inclusive and accessible place where all individuals, regardless of ability, can lead fulfilling lives and actively participate in their community and whereas the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board collaborates with county agencies and community organizations to provide services and support to residents with disabilities ensuring they have the resources and opportunities to thrive now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all Fairfax County residents does hereby acknowledge and celebrate the anniversary anniversary of the

[00:12:09] Americans with Disabilities Act reaffirming its commitment to promoting accessibility and inclusivity and honoring the valuable contributions of individuals with disabilities to our community. Second that motion with Supervisor Palchuk. Discussion on the motion.

[00:12:24] Supervisor Beerman. I don't think it can be overstated what a landmark act the Americans with Disabilities Act is and the way that it has really changed the lives of so many people and allowed so many people to live independently, to be a part of our community, to feel totally included.

[00:12:52] In some ways, not to wax too poetic, but it's an example of the best of government coming together and people coming together and trying to make sure that our society is taking care of everybody and that everybody has a chance to get ahead.

[00:13:07] If you look at the history of the Americans with Disabilities Act, it's also a tremendous example of a bipartisan success. Tom Harkin of Iowa working with George H.W. Bush. I mean, you know, can't write that story these days, frankly.

[00:13:25] But it's something that's so important. And I remember one of my favorite cases when I was in private practice, I represented the American Council of the Blind on a case about voting.

[00:13:40] And all that these folks wanted to do was be able to vote independently and privately like everybody who can see can vote. That's all they asked for. They didn't ask for anything special. They didn't ask for special treatment. They asked to be a part of our society like everyone else is.

[00:13:56] That's what the Americans with Disabilities Act does. That's why this is so important, and that's why it's worth celebrating today and every day, and that's why we care about it in Fairfax County. So thank you very much for joining. Thank you to all members of the board for joining on this resolution.

[00:14:16] Thank you, Supervisor Bierman. Supervisor Palcic. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Bierman, for bringing this forward with us. This really is a critical moment. There's still a

lot of work to be done, and being an inclusive community for all, including all members of our community with disabilities or who may one day have these disabilities and have our desires.

[00:14:41] For me personally, I had the privilege of growing up in an elementary school that at the time had the deaf and hearing impaired program for the county schools. I remember by the time I graduated, I was like, oh, no one else had this?

[00:14:57] That's crazy. Really helped understand we would have Deaf Week every week where we were integrated and had the school really teach all of us what it meant and what it meant in society to be deaf or hearing impaired. And so to me, the more we really understand and include our communities of all abilities with everyone else in society.

[00:15:23] It really makes it a better place for everyone to live, regardless of age, background, et cetera. And so I'm very delighted about this, and I know we'll be talking about the Disability Voting Rights Act in a little bit.

[00:15:39] It really is, to me, the culmination of when we talk about 1 Fairfax, how we ensure that the physical environment, programmatic environment and everything we do really ensures that there is access and then finally could not be have come forward and have that tension it has in our county knowing how difficult it was to get to the ADA at the federal level without the continued efforts of our advocacy community so thank you for being here thank you for representing all those who aren't here today who continue to ensure that we do more and that we improve our own practices every day. So

[00:16:18] very happy to be doing this and continued with the fight ahead. Thank you, Supervisor Paushek, Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I'm going to add a little bit different perspective, particularly as somebody who is aging and recognizing that as we all get older, we all have more challenges in life regardless. I mean, some of us start with challenges from the very beginning of life whether you have a particular handicapping condition that you then in turn have to overcome but but i think the reality of this act this single act has provided the opportunity

[00:16:57] for us as a society to and individuals to grow older and frankly you know responding to those needs as we get older and still be fully engaged and fully involved and fully able to make a difference whether it's that a handicap sticker that lets you move a little bit closer to where the store is and keeps you from having to walk so far as my 93-year-old mother greatly appreciated, or it's that ramp that allows you to use that walker to get up, or frankly, in so many other ways.

[00:17:28] So again, this is truly one of the most powerful things I think we've done as a society, and it's a pleasure and an honor to recognize that here today. So thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. And let me just remind folks, as has been mentioned before, there is still a lot of work to be done. If you think about this act was put in place in 1990, that wasn't really that long ago. And yet people have been living with disabilities throughout our existence. And for the last 34 years, there's been a federal act in place that guides decisions that are made,

[00:18:03] but in 34 years, we're still not there. And so the important part about recognizing this anniversary is not just focusing on the successes, but the other things that are still left to be done and, you know, I'm proud of the fact that here in Fairfax, not only through our one Fairfax lens, but through the work of so many of our county agencies, we constantly are making improvements, whether it's

accessibility access, whether it's the work of our Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs, library access services. I think of parks like Clement Jontree and

[00:18:38] the Joey Pisano Memorial Fund Spray Park in Franconia that have literally been built to make sure that even our youngest residents do not face some of the access barriers that too many people don't think about on a daily basis. I'm also reminded of what something that Chairman Boulevard used to always say, which is all of us likely will face a disability of some type in our lives. And so this act is not for people with disabilities so much as it is for everyone to recognize that folks need this assistance finally I want to thank all of

[00:19:16] our nonprofit community because not only their advocacy but their daily work with people with disabilities because they are doing what the county could not possibly do which is serve thousands of residents on a daily basis through their programs certainly they're good advocates but the daily programs that they operate across this county really and truly make a difference in the lives of so many people.

[00:19:42] And it's that nonprofit ecosystem working with county government that has brought us so much of the success that we enjoy here in Fairfax County and helps us focus on the future as well. Lastly, as was mentioned, I do want to commend the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board, particularly Mr. Simon, who's here before us, who is the chair, who is recently as last week, as the board will remember attending one of our committee meetings where we are still grappling with ways to improve access to some of our buildings and our parking standards and so the work of the the Disability Services Board is so vital and so

[00:20:22] important to literally every decision we make in the county and so I do want to commend the entire Fairfax Area Disability Services Board as well and thank mr. Simon for joining us today and taking time out of your schedule to be here and to continue to promote this. With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[00:20:42] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. And as I mentioned, our speaker is David Simon, chair of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board. Welcome. The floor is yours. Okay, great. Thank you. I'd like to first thank the chairman and the board of supervisors for this proclamation celebrating the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I'd also like to thank my fellow members of the DSB for their time, energy, and effort. We're extremely fortunate in this county to have, and to have had, a community of dedicated activists that work to

[00:21:18] ensure that people with disabilities are treated fairly and equitably. As this board knows, nearly one in four people live with some form of disability, and that given the privilege of living long enough, everyone in this room may have the opportunity to live with some form of disability. In short, disability rights are rights for everybody, period. The passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990 was a landmark step towards ensuring the equitable inclusion of people with disabilities into their communities, in opportunities, and into all aspects of life.

[00:21:56] The 2008 amendment of the American with Disabilities Act rejected encroachments on these basic protections and further solidified federal law. And by all measures, these acts are among the most important and impactful in the history of the United States. Clearly the work isn't done, but it is in process, and those that are immersed in the field can expand on this ad nauseum. But much of the gap can be summarized as a need for awareness, compassion, education, and enforcement. And none of these are

[00:22:31] easy, or in many cases even obvious, but, excuse me, especially to those not yet in the community. The world as experienced by persons with disability isn't one that I was familiar with during the time of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but I've heard stories, some of which are truly shocking stories. I only became familiar with this worldview about eight years ago by virtue of a spinal cord injury and to say that the

[00:23:08] change in perspective that I experienced was drastic is an understatement and I truly applaud this board and the wider community that support disability rights for having the empathy and vision to share this perspective without doing so based on the shift coming from acquiring or having a disability that's a tough thing to do. So again, thank you for that, as well as for formally recognizing the passage of this landmark legislation. Thank you. Thank you very much, David, and thank you for being here with us

[00:23:45] this morning and again for your great work. And I think we're ready for a photo. If you'd like to come forward, if anyone else is here for this specific resolution, you're welcome to come down

[00:23:56] as well and join us for the photo and if the board could rise. And next, we have a resolution

[00:26:17] to recognize Colonel Joseph Messina, commander of the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, for his years of service. And it's obvious he's here in the auditorium with us, and always great to see you, sir. And if anyone is here with you, they're welcome to come down as well. And I'm going to turn the gavel over to Supervisor Smith so that I can read the following resolution.

[00:26:40] Whereas Colonel Joseph V. Messina, assumed command of Fort Belvoir as garrison commander on August 9, 2022, overseeing a diverse and vital military installation, supporting 150 mission partners across medical, logistical research and development, intelligence, acquisition operations, training, and reserve sectors. And whereas throughout his tenure, which concludes on August 9, 2024, Colonel Messina demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication in enhancing the quality of life and operational readiness at Fort Belvoir. And whereas under Colonel Messina's leadership,

[00:27:17] Fort Belvoir's operations move forward on many fronts, including enhanced communications, increased transparency and engagement, such as quarterly town hall meetings and partner luncheons, fostering stronger relationships with the community. And whereas Colonel Messina championed numerous projects to improve facilities and services, including the revitalization of the historic Officers Club kitchen and expansion of recreational and support services post-COVID-19, ensuring Fort Belleville remains a vibrant and supportive community for all personnel and

[00:27:52] families. And whereas Colonel Messina's commitment to safety, diversity, equity, and inclusion is exemplary, evidenced by his leadership in safety initiatives, support for legal services, and efforts to enhance community relations and awareness, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, does hereby recognize and thank Colonel Joseph V. Messina for his outstanding service, leadership, and contributions as Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander and for his positive impact on the Fairfax County

[00:28:27] community and wishes him well in his future endeavors. I'll second that motion along with Supervisor Luss Stork-Harrity. Any discussion? Yes, thank you, Vice Chair Smith. First, Colonel, it is great to have you here with us this morning.

[00:28:44] This is one of those sad things in a lot of ways for our board because we have some great garrison commanders come through Fort Belvoir over the years, and Colonel Messina certainly is in that

category. And as soon as they're making great things happen and we've built a strong relationship, It seems like they're off to their next adventure, so to speak.

[00:29:07] But, Colonel, it has been great working with you. I think through all the things that we've tackled in your time as garrison commander, and you've certainly been busy. And I always remind our Fairfax County constituents that being the garrison commander is like being the mayor of a small town, where you have to keep a lot of people happy, and you've got a lot of people coming at you with a lot of different ideas, suggestions, demands, maybe some other things, but most importantly, it is a tough, tough job.

[00:29:40] It requires a lot of balance, and what I've most enjoyed about you is your willingness to literally be part of our community, that the gates of Fort Belvoir were never seen as a divider between our community, and your embrace of Fairfax County in general has been exceptional.

[00:30:01] Lastly, I do want to thank your family because I know your job commitment is a 24-7 one, and they too have made a sacrifice and certainly wish you well on your next mission. But I also want to remind people in Fairfax County, when we talk about Fort Belvoir, we're not just talking about a small military base that's a part of Fairfax County.

[00:30:24] We're talking about the biggest employer in Fairfax County. We're talking about a huge economic and social impact on our county. We're talking about way more employees than exist at the Pentagon. And we're talking about massive service agreements with Fort Belvoir, not the least of which is our Fairfax County public schools, which provide educational services to over 1,700 students who reside in the base schools.

[00:30:56] And so we are majorly a part of this community. Colonel Messina has been majorly a part and a major contributor to Fairfax County. And those gates are visual to us, but they certainly are not a barrier in making sure that Fort Belvoir, its staff, its personnel, and all of its families are an important part of Fairfax County.

[00:31:21] Lastly, and I know I said lastly before, but I'm looking up in the audience and I see Janae Lindner and I see Lynn Garvey-Hodge from the Fairfax County History Commission. I do want to thank the base for all of their work in collaboration with our History Commission over some of the initiatives that you've tackled during your time as base commander, Reckoning with our past, making sure we learn from it to always do better, but also helping to assist in the research that was done behind the name Fort Belvoir and the decisions that were made relative to that.

[00:31:55] And so I'm glad the two of you are here from the Fairfax County History Commission also to thank our great Colonel Joseph Messina for your years of service to Fort Belvoir and to Fairfax County. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And it's Supervisor Herity. Yeah, and we're certainly happy it's still Fort Belvoir.

[00:32:13] Um, so I echo pretty much everything the chairman says, well, everything the chairman said, uh, the two years is especially frustrating because just when you start to develop the relationship, boom, it's, uh, off to a new one, but Colonel Stewart's going to have some big shoes to fill. Um, the one thing I'll add is I really appreciate the proactive outreach on the Fort Belvoir North area expansion, because without that, the things would have been going up and we would have been calling you, but you were at the front end, made sure that we were briefed all the way through, and that's the way partnerships work.

[00:32:46] I appreciate all the activities. I get to enjoy the community meetings, but thank you for the years of partnership and my best wishes to you and your family on your next mission. Thank you, sir. Thank you. Supervisor Stork.

[00:33:04] Thank you, Madam Chair. Joe, it's been an awesome ride, and I think one of the best parts of this is the fact that you've been living in the community. I mean, that hasn't always been the case, but I know particularly given that you also reside in the area overall.

[00:33:21] So for you all, to move a few miles is still a lot of work, a lot of effort, and to disrupt your kids' lives to be impacted by that. But more importantly, you've planted your feet on the post, and you've connected the 50,000-plus people that are part of your mayoral ship, I guess it is.

[00:33:43] Sure, and we all know, because I hear some of them in our conversations, we all know that they aren't always happy about some of the things. And we know some of the other parts of that is how do you balance what is truly an incredible difficult challenge that we've all encountered, which is how do you keep the base running in an environment that has huge amounts of need for employees that, frankly, in this environment are difficult to find.

[00:34:09] And I think you've, I know you've been navigating that, and we've all been trying to figure out how to minimize that impact, but it's real, but you've sure done your best to try to reduce that impact on all of us. But the two years is, as we all know, tough, and it's got to be even tougher for you because you, just as you get into connecting and understanding and how to kind of balance some of those issues, you're almost done.

[00:34:34] And in this case, I think, again, you'll be staying in the area for a while, and we appreciate that and always value that. And, again, your wife, Heather, and all the challenges that she's had in her own career and all the challenges kind of balancing those things, you all have done an incredible job of really connecting us and making sure that you are part of the community and the post continues to be part of the community.

[00:35:00] So, again, our deep pleasure and appreciation for all your work, and I look forward, or maybe I can't say I look forward to the change of ceremony, but definitely look forward to acknowledging and thanking you and Heather and your team for all the wonderful work they've done.

[00:35:17] Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chair. I'll start by saying, Kermacena, it's been a delight to get to know you over the past two years. You are a person who puts people first.

[00:35:33] I've seen it not just in words, but in your actions and deeds. And that says a lot about the man. I appreciate so much your engagement in a number of issues in our district as well. You're a person who is very hands-on. And I think whenever we've had an issue and brought it to you, you've been engaged and focused.

[00:35:55] And you've had your team also be engaged and focused. And that's something that I very, very much appreciate. And I'll say I just appreciate your desire to bring the community onto the base, the work that you've done to make it more seamless. We have fences and we have barriers, but there are ways for us to make those permeable.

[00:36:16] And I think you've done that and appreciate the time I got to spend at Oktoberfest. Hundreds and hundreds of people there from the base as well as from the community. And I'll say the food, I didn't really imbibe, but I did see others doing that.

[00:36:32] But just the opportunity to engage and spend time together, I think, has just been amazing. And I know I shouldn't say this, but I've had the opportunity to work with a number of garrison commanders. And you are at the top of the list in terms of your performance and your commitment to this community.

[00:36:54] And I want to thank you for what you've done here in Franconia District, but I also want to thank you for what you've done in Fairfax County. And wish you and your wife all the best, and good luck at the Pentagon. And please don't be a stranger.

[00:37:10] Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chairman. Thank you. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Madam Chair. Well, I hope to attend the Oktoberfest this year, and I hope to imbibe. So I see some folks there. But I just wanted to thank you personally for coming out and joining us in June for the Soldiers of Howery Field Day.

[00:37:30] It was the first time we've had a commander of the base join us, and it meant a lot to the community. But more importantly, it meant a lot to the families of some of the soldiers who lost their lives there, who traveled to be part of the event that you were there.

[00:37:45] So thank you for taking time out of your schedule to do that and agree with everything else that's been said about your leadership. Thank you. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[00:38:01] Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Vice Chair Smith and Colonel Messina. Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, Chairman McKay and all of the supervisors. Thank you for having me here today. Thank you for the proclamation. I did think all those people were here for me. No, just thank you.

[00:38:19] I do want to talk a little bit, just for a couple minutes, if I may. The whole goal, my intent when I took command two years ago was to open up the installation both to the folks on the base living in homes and not coming out and to the communities around us.

[00:38:35] And I think we've done a fantastic job and it's a we. So I'm accepting this proclamation, but the garrison is 950 people that make this happen on a daily basis. And I thank you for your support, not just to those folks that work for the garrison, but for the 225,000 veterans, retirees, and employees of the installations and their families, because that's what we need from you.

[00:39:02] So my asker is that you, one, support Colonel Dave Stewart the same way that you have supported me. And I appreciate all of the supervisors. I will call out Chairman McKay for your direct involvement. Supervisor Herity, thank you for all of your attention to Fort Belvoir, Supervisor Stork, and Supervisor Lusk for all of the times that you've come to the installation and shown your personal involvement.

[00:39:27] We really have tried to open up the gates. Obviously, there are reasons we can't just open up the installation to everybody in the community, but we try to make it as welcoming as possible and as easy as possible. So, if you haven't been on Fort Belvoir, It's the most beautiful installation across the 104 around the world, and I say that with confidence.

[00:39:49] I've been in the Army for 30 years, and this has been simply the most rewarding assignment I've had in those 30 years. So I appreciate this honor today, but really everything that has happened has happened because we have an incredible team, and Colonel Dave Stewart, I think, is going to just take that to the next level.

[00:40:06] So thank you, Chairman, and to all the supervisors. I appreciate it. Thank you very much, Colonel. Well said, and we are grateful. for all you accomplished in your two years, and look forward to continued collaboration with Fort Belvoir, and again, wish you and your family all the best in your next mission.

[00:40:23] With that, I think we're ready for a photo, and if Supervisor Herity, Lusk, and Stork would like to join me, Janae and Lynn, if you want to come down for the photo, you're welcome to join Colonel Messina as well, and if there's anyone else here, they're welcome to come down as well.

[00:40:36] And we next have a resolution to recognize Planning Commissioner Daniel G. Lagana for his service to the commission and his contributions to the Franconia District and Fairfax County.

[00:42:27] And someone who is also very familiar with Fort Belvoir, Dan, if you could come on down. And if anyone is here with you, I see two of your fellow commissioners here. They're welcome to come down and join you as well. And at this time, I am going to recognize Supervisor Lusk for a resolution.

[00:42:45] Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Whereas Daniel G. Lagana has served with distinction as Planning Commissioner for the Franconia District since 2020, bringing exemplary leadership and dedication to his role, including Chair of the Commission's Parks Committee, and whereas Commissioner Lagana has collaborated with Franconia District residents, the development community, county staff, and fellow planning commission members overseeing numerous land use public hearings that have shaped the future of Fairfax County, and whereas

[00:43:20] Commissioner Lagana's tenure included invaluable service on the Manufactured Housing Task Force where he championed a comprehensive engagement process that empowered residents of the county's manufactured housing communities to actively participate in decision-making and policy recommendations, and whereas Commissioner Lugana's efforts in successfully resolving concerns related to the top golf redevelopment proposal underscore his strategic leadership and ability to navigate complex community issues with skill and diplomacy.

[00:43:55] Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the Fairfax County residents, does hereby congratulate and thank Daniel G. Lugana for his outstanding service, leadership, and contributions to the Franconia District and Fairfax County.

[00:44:13] So moved, Mr. Chairman. I'm happy to second that motion along with a lot of other board members. I think you're a fan favorite here. Dan, discussion on the motion. Supervisor Lusk. I appreciate that, Mr. Chairman. So let me start by saying I've had the opportunity to know Dan, I'll say Dan for this purpose here, for over 20 years.

[00:44:34] First, with his service on the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. And I'll admit, I was thrilled when we asked if he would serve as our planning commissioner here in Franconia, that he said yes. Dan, you've been an exceptional, exemplary member of the commission.

[00:44:50] And I've appreciated your focus in making sure that all of our projects in this district were better as a result of your engagement. You were keenly attuned to ensuring that we address the issues as it related to trail, bicycle, and sidewalk connections in every single one of our projects.

[00:45:12] You were a great partner in addressing some of the complex issues that we faced, again, with Topgolf, but as well with the Kingstown Consolidated Facility. What we deal with Villa Park and what we've done with Brandon Avenue have been exceptional.

[00:45:28] So I just want to name a few of the projects that you have your imprint on. And over time, we're going to see these evolve and get developed. Oh, I forgot one of the big ones, the hospital. Nicely done there, and the dirt's already being turned as we speak here.

[00:45:45] Your service on the Manufactured Housing Committee, again, I just want to acknowledge you've made a difference in helping improve the lives of a number of folks. The recommendations and the work that's been done as a result of that is going to be transformative. So I just want to, again, acknowledge that point.

[00:46:03] And then just conclude by saying it's been a pleasure to work with you over all 20 years. But in the last four, roughly four plus, we had a great run and just appreciate all that you've done in support of this community.

[00:46:18] And I just want to say, job well done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Luss. Supervisor Smith. So I've only known Dan since 2015 when he served as my campaign manager the first time I ran for this seat.

[00:46:35] And you're here. Very successful in my mind. You know, it was just so obvious Dan's commitment to the community back then, really getting out into the community and getting to know the community. So I'm really happy that you served as a planning commissioner, and thank you for that.

[00:46:51] And I wish you all the best, Dan. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Dan. So great to see you and Chairman and Candace. It's nice to see my former colleagues on the Planning Commission. Dan and I joined the Planning Commission at the same time as Candace Bennett and Evelyn Spain, and we really came in together and learned from each other, learned how to work together, learned what we needed and what was best for the county and its residents.

[00:47:19] As I got to know Dan, I really realized that his passion, his commitment and knowledge for the county and its residents was just unmatched. You could have asked for a better colleague. Dan, it's fantastic to see you up here. Thank you for all your work, for all the work you do for the county, and I'm very proud to call you a friend.

[00:47:35] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez, Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you. I think for those of us that have served on the Planning Commission, we really appreciate and understand. Now, I was just an at-large guy, so you're the district commissioner.

[00:47:50] That's a lot more work, so I maybe had it a little easier. But, you know, your service does really make a difference. And certainly I know we're all appreciative of the Board of Supervisors what you've done, what the Planning Commission does for the county.

[00:48:10] And thank you for your service. It's a part of life. Once you do it for a while, you'll always remember it and have a lot of good stories, too. Yeah, you will. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn and Candace

Bennett and Phil Nijelski-Eichner were mentioned earlier who are here supporting you.

[00:48:29] I'm not sure they agree that the at-large planning commissioners have an easier job than the district ones. I've seen their load, too. None of them have easy jobs, but I do want to thank Dan for his years of service. I kind of feel like Supervisor Lusk in a lot of ways and how long we've known each other and how far we've come.

[00:48:50] And I can remember Dan in his first days at SFDC and the work that he did. And I think what you have before you is a community person, someone who loved the community, loved the work they did at SFDC, served on the board of directors at New Hope Housing and UCM, was embedded with our communities and our nonprofits, Of course, chaired FCDC for a year, which is a difficult task and started back in 2003 to 2009.

[00:49:24] Let us not forget, Dan served in the U.S. Army. So when you think about people who are all in and committed to a community, this resume says it all. And when Supervisor Lusk mentioned that Dan was going to be his planning commissioner, I was elated to hear that because it's not every day that you can find somebody that has the background, the skills, the knowledge in how to collaborate with a community, the whole package.

[00:49:51] And when we appoint planning commissioners, we do appointments to boards, authorities, and commissions. We circulate resumes or bios. And Dan was one of those people that I didn't need to see it because we knew what he had done well before he ever got on the planning commission.

[00:50:06] And serving on the planning commission is just another way that Dan has answered the call to serve our community. Finally, as we mentioned with others, I'd be remiss to not thank your family as well, your wife, for the time away.

[00:50:22] People don't realize how much time it takes to be a planning commissioner during the day, but mostly at night when most families are together spending time together after a full day of work. Our commissioners are here in this auditorium many, many nights and many times late and sometimes into the next morning doing the hard work of making sure that our county is well planned and that our county and our community residents are heard and listened to. And so I do want to thank your family, Dan, for sharing you with us and all of your fellow commissioners for the work that they do and do

[00:51:01] such a good job for us in Fairfax County. And so thank you, Dan, for your service. I know we'll continue to see you around and look forward to seeing that happen. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And Dan, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I appreciate that someone made the podium here appropriately my height. I remember the planning commission, we always kind of wait and the chairman has to move it up and down, but it was ready for me when he got here.

[00:51:38] it's probably on its lowest setting um no i first of all i just uh serving on the planet commission and for the county is a great honor uh it really is and when you have a an opportunity to serve you do you do your job you serve and then you step down and that's kind of you know i don't want to say that's it but you know you look back finally and you try to do the best um that you can but you know i'll be honest when i first when i started and how i prepared as i watched board of supervisors public hearings over and over again on land use in particular and i watched the

[00:52:13] board very closely my whole time as a commissioner and so i'll start off by thanking the board of supervisors actually i know you guys don't get thanked a lot in your jobs but so i'm going to start off by thanking the county leaders because it's not often that leaders do get thanked and you guys deserve it we're very fortunate to have such a thoughtful and engaged board of supervisors here. And we really are. And any issue in any district, every supervisor here does remarkable work. And the thoughtfulness that you, I mean, just sitting in the audience today and listening

[00:52:51] to the comments from Supervisor Behrman about the Americans for Disabilities Act, the chairman's remarks about the commander of Fort Belvoir, you know, it's humbling to be behind the dais. You think you, I sort of viewed myself as knowledgeable and a champion of the community, if you will.

[00:53:12] But let me tell you something, when you sit behind that, it gives you a whole other perspective. And I'll give two examples when I was a planning commissioner. One was, of course, the Manufactured Housing Task Force. I mean, that was COVID. You know, we had to go to the thing where we were, we had to, remember, we had to log in from the various government centers.

[00:53:31] And it kind of hit you slowly than suddenly. And you realize this was a very human moment. where you had residents coming out and testifying at great risk to eviction, frankly. And you were all of a sudden in a position of, frankly, power, and you had to make the right call.

[00:53:50] And those are calls that you on the Board of Supervisors have to make almost on a daily basis. And the second time was actually in the Drainsville District. We had an Agricultural Forestry District renewal, and it was through the Turner Farmhouse Foundation.

[00:54:07] And if you recall, the Turner Farmhouse Foundation, what they basically do is rehab young children who who's had a parent die of suicide. And that kind of that hit me like a lightning bolt when we were sitting here for the public hearing for that.

[00:54:29] And, you know, where I'm going to where I'm going to take this and I don't want to sound too sad here is that a few years ago or last year, actually, I had a very good friend of mine die of suicide. And at the time, right after it happened, Supervisor Smith actually texted me and she goes, well, hey, myself and Supervisor Wachachar are going to do a walk for the prevention of suicide.

[00:54:51] And I hemmed and hawed and I was like, well, I came up with an excuse and I didn't go. But I basically didn't tell you the truth. I just didn't go. And so, but that kind of ate at me for a while. And then I was thinking about my time on the planning commission. I was thinking about how it drew me much closer in a very human way to the county in a way that I didn't appreciate when I first sat on the commission.

[00:55:15] And I was like, and it kind of was just eating at me that I hadn't gone on this walk with you and Supervisor Walkinshaw. So I said, well, you know, I just had my former comrade and friend no longer with us, but he left behind a little girl.

[00:55:35] And so what can I do? So I was thinking of the Turner Farmhouse Foundation raising money to send kids to go through a program. They have a lot of bibliotherapy and so forth to help these kids deal with trauma that they don't quite understand.

[00:55:53] And I was like, I'm going to do something. I'm going to one-up the walk. I'm going to run the Marine Corps Marathon this year. And what I'm going to do is I'm going to raise money for, I think, the

Turner Farmhouse is going to be one of them, foundation. And what we're going to do is I'm going to make up for the fact that I didn't go on a walk with Supervisor Smith and I'm going to and we're going to sort of raise money in a small way to for this to help children who's who've lost a family or suicide.

[00:56:26] But I would have never been drawn to that if it wasn't for the planning commission, you know, and and so that's this is a full circle way of me just saying thank you for the opportunity. because it, um, you know, I mean this, I, I grew up, I think, to be honest with you, I don't, I, it's hard for me to say that I joined the commission when I was 36 years old or 35, grew up, but I did. And watching each and every one of you, each and every one of you, Supervisor Herity, all the way down to Supervisor Jimenez, um, has been, um, has been eyeopening.

[00:57:03] And I just really appreciate, um, the, uh, the work that you do. Secondly, I want to, I want to thank county staff the county staff here your staff members and then the especially planning and zoning they are just incredible and their professionals in these staff reports I mean are something I mean it's impressive to read and I'm just blown away at the professionalism of staff and lastly my fellow commissioners we we had a great we have a great we had a tight-knit group

[00:57:37] um they put up with me um i can honestly say i did not receive one no vote on the planning commission so every single um and um and so i like to think i'd like to think um but that just speaks to the collegiality in our process of working through it more than any any bit of my skill or anything like that all right i'm not trying to so long story short is I just want to say thank you again for the opportunity, and it was an honor.

[00:58:09] Thank you. Thank you very much, Dan. And before we pose for a picture, two announcements. First, my announcement is Supervisor Lusk has agreed to join you in running the Marine Corps. There you go. And secondly, Supervisor Smith wants to reiterate the information about the walk that you mentioned.

[00:58:31] Got it. Mr. Chairman, just for clarification, I have run the Marine Corps Marathon twice. Yeah, I know. I'll note you didn't mention that it was me because that would have been too implausible. Yeah, I want to be believable, Jeremy. Supervisor Smith.

[00:58:49] So, Dan, the next walk is Sunday, September 29. I'm there. Okay. We will look for you. Thank you. And the time, I'm sorry, is it 11 o'clock is check-in, open ceremony 1230, and the walk starts at 1 p.m. I'm there. Make sure you have all the details squared away.

[00:59:05] But in all seriousness, again, thank you, Dan, for your years of service, the contributions you made to the county. And as was said with others this morning, literally so many of the things you worked on are all over the county, and we can see them.

[00:59:21] And so as you drive by the places in this county you made a difference in, in your years at SFDC and on the Planning Commission, I hope you let it sink in that you played a huge leadership role in making those improvements in our community. Thank you. With that, I think we're ready for a photo.

[00:59:38] If you and Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Nijalski-Eichner could come forward, Supervisor Lusk and I will join you on the board will rise.

[01:01:02] And finally, this morning we have a resolution to recognize the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center for being named Fusion Center of the Year. And I know there are folks here with us to

celebrate this moment. And if you're here for that purpose, including Chief Davis, if you could come on down.

[01:01:20] And I am going to turn the gavel to Vice Chair Smith so that I can read the following resolution. Whereas the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center, NVRIC, jointly operated by the Fairfax County Police Department, Virginia State Police and 20 local state and federal agencies exemplify as a collaborative effort to enhancing public safety through intelligence gathering, analysis and dissemination.

[01:01:47] And whereas NVRIC's commitment to combating terrorism and criminal activities in Northern Virginia earned the prestigious Fusion Center of the Year Award from the National Fusion Center Association in recognition of the center's threat assessment and management initiatives.

[01:02:04] And whereas the NVRIC Threat Assessment and Management TAM unit was established in 2022 to integrate law enforcement, mental health providers, and community services to proactively address potential acts of violence.

[01:02:21] And whereas the TAM unit plays an important role in preventing incidents of violence and safeguarding community welfare and has successfully handled approximately 500 tips, leads, and requests for information since August of 2023.

[01:02:37] And whereas NVRIC's innovative approach includes proactive counterintelligence measures and extensive community training programs aimed at raising awareness and facilitating early intervention, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, does hereby congratulate and thank all who support and contribute to the center's work, which enhances public safety, fosters collaboration, and sets a benchmark for excellence in fusion center practices.

[01:03:11] I'll second the motion along with Supervisor Herity and Palchuk. Discussion? Thank you, Vice Chair Smith. Very briefly, Chief Davis, I want to thank you and your entire team and most importantly, congratulate them on this recognition.

[01:03:27] So much of what our police department does in the background is not seen by our residents. And as we often say with 911 calls in particular, but we often say that, you know, the news doesn't report the incidents that don't occur because actions are taken by individuals, including our police department, to raise awareness in the way in which they do to protect public safety.

[01:03:54] And so we read about incidents that do happen. We don't read about all the ones that are prevented due to the proactive work of our public safety agencies. And this is a great example, not only of what our police department does, but also of the important collaboration that exists between law enforcement agencies, particularly in our region, is something that we're tremendously blessed with.

[01:04:18] But I also know that being the size of the Fairfax County Police Department with the sophistication and quality of the personnel that we have, that we have to take the lead on these things and set an example for the region and make sure that we are leaders in public safety and crime prevention.

[01:04:37] And the Fusion Center of the Year Award specifically says, you did that. You are doing that, and you will continue to do it. And I want to take a moment to thank all the men and women who are involved in this work, to celebrate this award with you, Chief Davis, and to share the community's support for your

agency and the agencies involved here, and again, to remind people so much of the work that happens behind the scenes that doesn't get recognized.

[01:05:05] This is a great example of that. So well done, team. Supervisor Pelczyk. Just want to add briefly, I know, number one, so much excellent work that's been there even before your time. But since you joined us and I know brought your knowledge of regional collaboration from the Maryland side to the better side, the Virginia side, we very much appreciate, I call you one of the better data nerds out there.

[01:05:35] You really, truly want to make sure that we take smart policing and smart public safety and community safety to the next level. Everything from working with the community and engaging with the community to engaging with those regional partners and the many, many public safety institutions in our region.

[01:05:55] We know, as the chairman said, that so much is being done to improve what we do and what our excellent men and women in uniform do every single day. So thank you for keeping them and us even safer as we go into difficult times.

[01:06:13] Supervisor Lusk. I just want to echo my colleagues' points and say I very much appreciate the work that you're doing and the agency is doing and all of the team that supports you, Chief Davis. We recognize this focus on real-time reporting and crime and making sure that we're working collaboratively is so important.

[01:06:34] And I know that Fairfax County is a leader in this effort, and I know D.C. is also making some strides, But we do also have our own real-time reporting facilities, and we also have this opportunity to connect cameras and to use technology in a different way.

[01:06:53] And I just appreciate the approach that you're taking to integrate all of those tools to help us do better policing and then also to be preventative and to ensure that our community remains the safest jurisdiction of its size in the nation.

[01:07:08] So commend you for that work, commend the team and all of those who are involved, and thank you for the service. Thank you. Supervisor Herody. Just an incredible national award, obviously, but, you know, the big thing here, I think, is the proactivity, and it's the stuff you don't read about in the paper, not the stuff that you do read about in the paper, because you read about it in the paper, it's too late.

[01:07:33] But this is an award for all the stuff that goes, a lot of the stuff that goes on behind the scenes that stops the bad stuff from happening, that doesn't get the recognition, which is why this is so appropriate. And again, as Supervisor Lutz just said, your approach to technology has been very, across the board, just here, has been very impressive.

[01:07:55] So congratulations on this award, and thank you for all you do to keep our residents safe. Thank you. seeing no further discussion. All those in favor of the motion say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion passes. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Vice Chairman Smith. Chief Davis, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, Chairman. We don't get to walk around very often with a trophy. Yeah, that's nice. Yeah, it's a great spot for it. It's kind of like winning the Super Bowl. When you win this award, the question I have is, what are we going to do next year. So 80 fusion centers in America, we're one of 80. There's two in the Commonwealth

[01:08:35] of Virginia. Without your support, Chairman, and without the support of the Board of Supervisors, without the support of the county executive, deputy county executive, and others who constitute our public safety team, we wouldn't have a Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center. But we do have one, and we're getting better and better all the time. So I'm joined by Amy Lay. She's the director of the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center. She'll say a couple words.

[01:09:01] I'll be brief, I promise. We're also joined by Assistant Chief Brooke Wright. She oversees all criminal investigations on the police department. Fred Chambers is a deputy chief. He's the commander of the Organized Crime Intelligence Bureau, and the NIVRIC falls underneath Deputy Chief Chambers.

[01:09:20] And we're also joined by the people who do this work every day, not only sworn detectives that They're here behind me, but the analysts who make this engine go on a daily basis. And a couple of the remarks point to the proactive nature of intelligence gathering.

[01:09:36] I think in days gone by, intelligence gathering stopped with simple dissemination of intelligence. Now that the same dissemination occurs, but we act on it now. And one of the tools that was afforded to police departments across Virginia back in 2020 was the ability to obtain emergency substantial risk orders for persons who are in mental or behavioral crisis and also happen to possess a firearm.

[01:10:04] And it gives law enforcement the ability to temporarily seize that firearm so that person in crisis doesn't use it to harm and kill people. The very first year we were faced with the ESRO tool, we only did 10 of them. Since then, we're at 310 applications for emergency substantial risk orders, and that has resulted in 609 firearms being seized.

[01:10:30] And that's not the story, as you all have stated, that makes its way to the news, but those 609 firearms certainly could have done some damage to families and communities. So we're really proud about the proactive nature of what we do. There's always more that can be done, and it will continue to strengthen and grow over time with your support.

[01:10:49] And if you don't mind, I'll ask Director Lay to come up and share a few words. Thank you. It's an honor for the NIVRIC to be recognized as Fusion Center of the Year by Fusion Center leaders and federal partners from across the country. The NIVRIC, as the chief mentioned, is comprised of analyst investigators from 20 local, state, and federal agencies.

[01:11:11] all with a collaborative mission to come together and keep Northern Virginia and the nation safe from terrorism and criminal activity. Last year, we introduced our Threat Assessment and Management Unit to much success to better address potential threats and creating new partnerships.

[01:11:29] Our team has shared its lessons learned and best practices with other fusion centers and agencies from across the country as they, too, stand up similar initiatives. The work that the NIVRIC does day in and day out has undoubtedly prevented tragedy from occurring and stopped criminals from flourishing in our community.

[01:11:48] I'm proud of the work that the team has accomplished, and I look forward to its continued success, and I accept the challenge. So thank you again for recognizing the achievements of the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center. Thank you very much, Director-in-Chief, for your comments.

[01:12:06] And before you come forward for a photo, I'm going to ask Supervisor Lusk, our public safety chair, to join me. If the folks who are here as a part of this team could just raise your hand so that we can recognize you. And we appreciate you all. Just really appreciate all of you and the day-to-day work that you do.

[01:12:26] And we thank you for coming today also to celebrate this moment. And if Director-in-Chief can come forward, Supervisor Lusk and I will join you for the photo and the board will rise.

[01:14:29] Next, we have board appointments to citizens, boards, authorities, commissions, and advisory groups. And let me recognize Supervisor Smith for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of the appointments to boards, authorities, and commissions that are in the final copy dated July 30, 2024.

[01:14:46] For the motion, I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Palchik. Discussion on the motion? Any items that board members have any questions about or would like to vote on separately? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of Admin Items 1 through 5, please say aye.

[01:15:02] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, and that brings us to board matters. And as we have done traditionally, these have been compiled digitally, and we will go alphabetically by district following myself and Vice Chairman Smith.

[01:15:20] And I only have one board matter this morning, and that is to move without objection. the proclamation requests listed in this document, which are a proclamation jointly with Supervisor Palchuk in recognition of Hunger Action Month in September, and a resolution presentation before the Board of Supervisors on September 10th by Cox Charities to its 2024 grant winners.

[01:15:43] Without objection, it is so moved. Thank you, Vice Chair Smith. And next up is Vice Chair Smith. For a change, I have a number of these. First is recognizing BAPS Day. On August 4th, the BAPS Swaminarian Santhus Congregation, which is a Mandir located in Chantilly, will be celebrating 50 years as a community based in service and faith in America.

[01:16:06] The BAPS Bandir is a staple of the Chantilly community and contributes to the well-being and relief of their members and the local community. Therefore, I request that we recognize August 4th, 2024, as BAPS Day across Fairfax County and ask that a resolution be presented outside of the Board.

[01:16:24] So, do you want me to do that as a motion? Why don't we just do that without objection? It is so ordered. Okay, thank you. Supervisor Smith. I am going to have a walk in Eleanor C. Lawrence Park again this year on Saturday, September 7th, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m.

[01:16:45] I invite members of the community to join me for an active two-mile walk through historic Eleanor C. Lawrence Park. We will take advantage of a beautiful summer day, and we'll learn about the park's upcoming events and New Woodlands Stewardship Education Center. The walk will begin and end at the Walney Visitor Center.

[01:17:01] My staff and I are excited to kick off the weekend with a healthy start. It will be a great time for all ages and fitness levels, and we hope to see you there. I appreciate the support of the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs in widely advertising this event without objection. Without objection, it is so ordered.

[01:17:18] Supervisor Smith. Thank you. Centerville Day is coming up again on Saturday, October 19th, and it's sponsored by the Friends of Historic Centerville. The festivities include a parade, live

entertainment, crafters, local businesses, community groups, and food vendors, children's activities, and tours of the historic district.

[01:17:35] The Friends of Historic Centerville is a nonprofit organization, and the proceeds from the event go towards developing Historic Centerville Park, financing educational programs for students from Title I elementary schools, supporting local scouting projects and other charitable causes. The Friends of Historic Centerville enlist the assistance of community volunteers, scouts and students from Ormond Stone Middle School to prepare the grounds for the event, including litter and debris pickup, maintain cleanliness throughout the event and restore the historic area after the event ends.

[01:18:06] Therefore, in the interest of maximizing the benefits from this event, I move that county staff waive the fees for the trash disposal. And I'm happy to second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries supervisor smith um and then i have the motion to approve the zoning ordinance work program mr chairman at the board's july 23 2024 land use policy committee meeting leslie johnson zoning administrator administrator presented the

[01:18:43] proposed fy 2025 to 2026 zoning ordinance work program which represents an updated two-year work program cycle miss johnson highlighted the accomplishments in 2024 she noted that 77 of the 23 items on the work program were completed with either the adoption of an amendment or publication of a report which is truly unprecedented this included completion of major topics such as parking reimagined landscaping and screening and of course data centers which the board i have to change this was supposed to be making a decision on later today and that will be moved to the future

[01:19:21] Also completed was an updated report on ALU HBBs, which discussed possible revisions for future consideration, and of course the readoption of Chapter 112.1 as a result of changes made by the General Assembly, which validated the board's approval of ZMOD, which that is Chapter 112.1, using electronic communication means with respect to Virginia FOIA.

[01:19:43] Ms. Johnson also highlighted the significant progress made on contractors' office and shops and short-term pop-up special events. While the status of the climate action and resiliency initiatives is listed as monitoring, staff is part of an interagency work group that meets regularly on this topic.

[01:20:00] Ms. Johnson also noted that the parking reimagined and landscaping and screening initiatives supported CCAP goals. The work program also includes a Priority II list that is focused on updates to the zoning ordinance that will continue to reflect current and future trends and priorities of the board and community.

[01:20:18] The proposed FY 2025 to 2026 work program has 14 topics, including both new and carryover items. It is anticipated that many of the topics currently under review will be completed over the next two-year cycle. During the work program discussion, the Board asked about adding clarifying language regarding when murals and other public art would not be regulated as a sign in accordance with past interpretations.

[01:20:43] Staff agreed to look at that item as part of the minor editorial revision update. With that, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors endorse the FY 2025-2026 Zoning Ordinance Work Program as presented in the Memorandum to the Board dated July 15, 2024.

[01:21:00] It is my understanding that the FY 2025-2026 Work Program will be posted on the Department of Planning and Development's webpage and circulated by GovDelivery Announcement. I'm happy to second that motion. Is there discussion on the motion? let me just say what many of us said in the committee meeting again which is to commend staff as the board matter does 77% of the 23 items on the work program were completed is a remarkable statistic so just want to recognize staff for their good work on that all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye

[01:21:36] any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and before I move to say I'm I'm sorry, do you have another? I do have an exciting announcement. Supervisor Smith has an announcement. For those of us that live in Chantilly, we knew it was a great place to live.

[01:21:51] I was really afraid you were going to say this before. I know, I'm giving you all the credit. Fortune announced its 50 best places to live for families in 2024. Chantilly was on the list. In fact, Chantilly was number three.

[01:22:07] And they analyzed nearly 200 data categories, such as accessing livability, financial health, resources for aging adults, education, and wellness. And it's the third year Fortune has done this. Attributes of Chantilly that were recognized are that it had a well-being index score of 83, a share care financial index score, which looks at managing economic life to reduce stress and increase security, of 67 out of 100, among the highest on the list.

[01:22:36] Attractions such as the Stephen F. Udvar-Hazy Center were called out, as well as proximity to Dulles International Airport, convenient for family vacations. It's great to be 15 minutes from the airport. Also mentioned are the number of eateries and bistros along Route 50 and the number of breweries in the area, from Ono Brewing to Honor Brewing.

[01:22:55] A big shout-out to the Fairfax County Park Authority, as Eleanor C. Lawrence Park was mentioned, for its 650 acres of trail, streams, and gardens. So, yay, Chantilly. And a shout out to Supervisor Smith, because when I got notified of this last week, it was embargoed.

[01:23:11] And I took the huge risk of sending it to her and letting her know. And she's been holding this in for all this time before she could have the limelight and celebrate this. But it is a major achievement and a great thing for Chantilly and a great thing for Fairfax County.

[01:23:27] So congratulations. Before we move to Supervisor Walkinshaw, the clerk did ask me to clarify that before we started Board Matters, We took two votes that were unanimous. One was to approve the board's authorities and commissions packet that was dated July 30th, 2024.

[01:23:44] And the second was a unanimous vote to approve admin items 1 through 5. And with that, I am going to turn to Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have three board matters. The first is a joint board matter with you and with Supervisor Smith, declaring September Suicide Awareness Month.

[01:24:04] Mr. Chairman, suicide is a significant public health issue that has long-lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, and communities. A number of factors contribute to suicide, and the objective of suicide prevention is to decrease those risk factors and increase resilience-promoting factors.

[01:24:24] The COVID-19 pandemic brought heightened attention to the impacts of increased isolation, stress, and uncertainty on individuals' mental health. Some of the sobering suicide statistics include, in 2022, men died by suicide 3.85 times more than women. In 2022, firearms accounted for 54.64% of all

suicide deaths. In Virginia, suicide is the second leading cause of death among people aged 10 to 24, and the third leading cause of death

[01:24:59] among people aged 15 to 24. Suicide is the 10th leading overall cause of death in Virginia, with an average of 1,202 suicides occurring each year in Virginia. And 58% of communities in Virginia did not have sufficient mental health providers to serve their residents in 2023.

[01:25:21] Each of us can make a difference in suicide prevention, starting with outreach, education, and support that focuses on increasing resiliency. Effective prevention is comprehensive, requiring a combination of efforts that work together to address the different aspects of the problem.

[01:25:38] Organizations like PRS Crisis Link, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and our own Fairfax Falls Church Community Services Board are at the forefront of efforts to shift the focus to suicide prevention. They offer support, encouragement, and resources to promote healing and provide hope.

[01:25:56] During the month of September, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness. To raise awareness every year, September is recognized as Suicide Awareness Month. As part of this effort, Supervisor Smith, Chairman McKay, and I will lead the Fairfax County team at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Sunday, September 29th in Fairfax City, and we invite all who are interested to join us. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection

[01:26:32] that the board proclaim September as Suicide Awareness Month in Fairfax County and invite PRS Crisis Link, AFSP, the CSB, and other partners in suicide prevention to come before the board on September 10th to accept this proclamation. Furthermore, I ask that the Office of Public Affairs help publicize both September as Suicide Awareness Month and AFSP's walk.

[01:26:54] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And Supervisor Smith shared earlier the date and time for the walk, which is September 29th in the city of Fairfax.

[01:27:10] And I hope all my colleagues can join us for that walk. We had great weather last year, not so great the year before. So we are hoping for the best, but it really is a powerful event. And I think it means a lot to the families and community members who are there to see our Fairfax team each and every year supporting them.

[01:27:31] So I'm looking forward to it. And that was without objection, Mr. Chairman. Yes, without objection. It is so ordered. Supervisor Walkinshaw. My next board matter is a joint board matter with you, Mr. Chairman, and with Supervisor Stork regarding enrollment in the Charging Smart Program. In 2019, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the county's enrollment in the Department of Energy's voluntary SolSmart program, which encourages local governments to review their permitting, zoning, and market development activities related to the use of solar energy in the community.

[01:28:02] By following best practices in these areas, localities can earn a gold, silver, or bronze badge indicating how user-friendly the local policies are with respect to installation of solar energy systems. After county staff submitted the SoulSmart application, we are in the gold badge.

[01:28:20] A platinum-level designation was then created in 2023, and staff are reviewing its requirements now. Now the U.S. Department of Energy has created a similar program for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the community called Charging Smart. The program is being piloted in only eight states, including Virginia.

[01:28:40] Charging Smart was explicitly modeled on the success of the SoulSmart program, and Charging Smart also has gold, silver, and bronze levels of designation. The program is focused on helping localities achieve equitable expansion of EVs by reforming policies that currently discourage the adoption of EVs in the community.

[01:28:59] The categories and best practices used to gauge levels of EV readiness include certain requirements for zoning, permitting, fleet operation, coordination with utilities, and equitable access. County staff have reviewed the criteria for this program and believe the county is well-positioned for the silver designation and possibly even gold, which is what I'm going to encourage them to work towards.

[01:29:23] Our participation in an early designation from the USDOE for the Charging Smart Program could help bolster future applications for federal funding for electric vehicles and related infrastructure. Participation in the program is also in alignment with our goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as outlined in CCAP.

[01:29:42] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the county executive or his designee to join the Charging Smart Program and submit an application for designation at the appropriate level. I'm happy to second that motion along with Supervisor Stork. Any discussion on the motion?

[01:29:59] Yes, Supervisor Walkinshaw. I'll just note there's no cost to participate in this program. I actually checked. There isn't even an application fee. So, you know, it's a question of staff devoting a little bit of time to applying. And as I noted, there's a potential for some real benefits for us in terms of future applications for federal funding.

[01:30:20] Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My final board matter is to join the board matter with you and Supervisor Palchuk, declaring September 9th through 13th as Disability Voting Rights Week.

[01:30:41] Mr. Chairman, Rev Up Virginia is a nonpartisan voter education and engagement initiative to increase the influence and participation of people with disabilities at the ballot box. It's part of a national Rev Up campaign that seeks to help effectuate meaningful change in the lives of Virginians with disabilities and their families.

[01:31:01] Every year, the Rev Up campaign coordinates Disability Voting Rights Week to acknowledge the strength of voters with disabilities and educate Americans on the importance of full enfranchisement in the community. RevUp does this through voter registration and engagement events. In Virginia, the number of adults with a disability is 1.9 million, which is equal to 29% of adults.

[01:31:24] And the estimated number of Virginians with disabilities who were eligible to vote in the November 2020 election was 939,000, almost 1 million voters with disabilities who were eligible in 2020, certainly higher today. The national voter turnout for people with disabilities increased by 1.6 points

between the 2018 and 2022 midterm elections, while it decreased for people without disabilities by 1.6 points during that same time period, closing the disability turnout gap that has historically existed.

[01:31:59] It's important to recognize the need for accessible and inclusive voting processes and to ensure that all Virginians can exercise their right to vote without facing unnecessary barriers. This year, Disability Voting Rights Week is September 9th to 13th. RevUp invites advocates and allies to participate in this national initiative to continue to raise awareness and civic participation for people with disabilities.

[01:32:20] This year, they're sponsoring numerous Disability Voting Rights Week events around the Commonwealth, including in Fairfax County at George Mason University on September 12th. Chairman McKay and I participated in that event last year, and our Office of Elections was there giving a really fascinating demonstration of some of the voting equipment we have to help people with disabilities access the ballot and vote.

[01:32:45] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection that the board proclaim September 9th to 13th Disabilities Voting Rights Week in Fairfax County. I further move that the board recognize Helena Berger and Susan Lydic, co-chairs of Rev Up Virginia, by inviting them to appear for presentation and recognition at a location outside the boardroom.

[01:33:04] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Walkinshaw. That's it. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw. Next is Supervisor Bierman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One board matter regarding the Corballos water treatment plant effluent discharge.

[01:33:22] Every five years, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, DEQ, reviews Fairfax Water Authority's permit for the Corballos Water Treatment Plant in Herndon to discharge effluents. This permit review includes the opportunity for public comment.

[01:33:38] In recent weeks, residents living near the Corballos Water Treatment Plant have been impacted by a strong odor due to increased algae levels in the Potomac River water that is treated at the plant. The increased algae has resulted in higher levels of organic matter removed during the water treatment process and discharged through a state-permitted outfall into a tributary of Sugarland Run.

[01:34:01] In addition to the odor, this increase in organic matter may have negative impacts on aquatic life. Fairfax Water has ensured safe drinking water throughout this incident, and the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, DPWES, staff have been monitoring the situation, sharing information with Fairfax Water Authority, and exploring potential solutions to avoid a recurrence of the odor and impacts to Sugar Land Run.

[01:34:29] While algae levels in the Potomac River are returning to more normal levels, this situation may recur in the future date due to change rainfall patterns related to climate change. Therefore, I move that the board direct DPWES staff to one, review the Fairfax Water Virginia pollutant discharge elimination system permit and submit comments to the Virginia DEQ if they identify opportunities for improvements to the permit that would better ensure the water quality of Sugar Land Run is protected and the discharge odors do not adversely impact local residents in future algae spikes in the Potomac.

[01:35:07] And two, continue coordinating with Fairfax Water Authority to identify ways this situation may be avoided in the future, including potentially having this effluent discharged into the county's sanitary sewer system. You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that. Is there a discussion on the motion?

[01:35:24] Just briefly, this board matter was brought in collaboration with DPWES. this is not a great situation. It's a pretty awful situation right now. But we want to make sure that we are being proactive to try and prevent this situation in the future. And hopefully, the algae bloom will go down soon. Supervisor Walkinshaw was giving me a hard time saying this never happened when John Faust was around. But the point is, if it continues to happen, and we want to be better prepared in the future.

[01:36:04] And so that's why we brought this board matter working with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. Thank you very much, Supervisor Beerman, for that explanation. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[01:36:20] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, Supervisor Beerman. That's all I have for today. Thank you. Thank you very much, Supervisor Beerman. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one board matter and then one announcement in regard to background.

[01:36:37] In April of 2023, site-specific plan amendment SSPA 2023-4-9S Inova Springfield Center Drive was authorized as part of the 2023 comprehensive plan amendment work plan.

[01:36:54] Staff was to consider this plan amendment as part of the Springfield Transit Station Area Community Business Center, tsa slash cbc study in july of 2023 the board authorized this plan amendment separately from the larger springfield tsa cbc study to consider residential and or a continuing care facility for tax map parcel 90-4 double circle 1 11c recently the nominator requested a delay in the processing of the plan amendment deferring the review will allow staff to prioritize other items

[01:37:29] in the Franconia District and work on the proposal in the future or as part of the Springfield TSA CBC study. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors reprioritize SSPA 2023-4-9S Inova Springfield Center Drive by moving it from the Tier 1 to the Tier 3 on the 2023 Conference of Plan Amendment Work Program. This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on this proposal by the board and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provision of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards.

[01:38:06] This action in no way prejudices the substantive review of the proposal. You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[01:38:22] Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Luss. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And very quickly, I'd like to take a moment to introduce our second summer intern for this year, Chloe Krizak. So if Chloe could stand up behind me, that would be great. Chloe is a proud West Potomac High School alumna, class of 2020, and a recent graduate of Ithaca College, class of 2024, where she majored in legal studies.

[01:38:46] Mr. Bierman, legal studies. Her academic achievements, coupled with her unique perspectives on politics, thanks to her father, Paul Krizak, our local delegate, have instilled in her a deep understanding and passion for public service. Chloe has been shadowing various staff members and has been contributing to our weekly newsletter and providing introductory speeches for our weekly Franconia District Nights concert series.

[01:39:10] So we are excited to have Chloe join us in the office for the summer and appreciate her willingness to serve our community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, and thank you, Chloe. Next up, we have Supervisor Alcorn.

[01:39:28] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one board matter. This is a joint board matter with yourself, Supervisor Bierman, and Supervisor Polchek. It's recognition of the 50th anniversary of the W&OD Trail. I won't read the entire thing.

[01:39:43] I think we're all very familiar and very appreciative of the trail, but it is noteworthy that we do have the 50th anniversary coming up. September 7th is actually the date that they're going to celebrate the 50th anniversary. And just recently, earlier this month, we did get a pedestrian bridge for the W&OD over Wheelie Avenue in the Reston area.

[01:40:09] That's a big, big improvement for safety, and I'm very pleased that's open ribbon-cutting to follow later this fall. So with all that, Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion, and maybe it looks like it without objection.

[01:40:25] Mr. Chairman, we would ask that without objection that a resolution be prepared to celebrate the WNOD trail's 50th anniversary to be presented out of the boardroom in conjunction with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Wheelie Avenue Bridge planned for later this fall.

[01:40:41] Further, I ask that the Fairfax County Department of Transportation coordinate this ribbon-cutting ceremony with Nova Parks, regional elected officials, and appropriate community stakeholders, including bicycling and running advocacy organizations. And without objection, that is so ordered.

[01:40:57] Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's it. All right. Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have three board matters today. The first is a joint board matter with yourself and Supervisor Palchek.

[01:41:15] This is Mr. Chairman. Fairfax County is blessed with a vibrant, talented Hispanic community, and we're excited to celebrate this community during Hispanic Heritage Month. This period runs from September 15th to October 15th and has a rich history in the Hispanic community, holding several dates of independence for countries including Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua.

[01:41:39] The first National Hispanic Heritage Month was proclaimed by President George H.W. Bush in 1989, and each president since has proclaimed it annually. As a proud Hispanic American sitting on this board, I'm thrilled that Mason District is currently planning an event to celebrate the month alongside both Supervisor Palchuk and in your office, Mr. Chairman. Therefore, I move that a proclamation be prepared and presented in the boardroom during our September 24th meeting to designate September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month. And you've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that along with

[01:42:14] Supervisor Palchuk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, Sleepy Hollow Preschool was founded by a group of local parents in 1949 and has been a parent-governed cooperative preschool with exceptional teachers ever since. Originally meeting at the member's family's homes, Sleepy Hollow Preschool then transitioned to its own school building. Over the years, the school has been housed in various

[01:42:51] locations around Annandale, such as St. Albans Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church of Annandale, and for the last decade, John Calvin Presbyterian Church. It has always offered a non-sectarian preschool experience for all children in the backgrounds. The school and its staff have won

various awards, including Best of Annandale Award Preschool in 2019 and Virginia Cooperative Preschool Council's annual award for outstanding service. Therefore, without objection, I move that a resolution be prepared and presented outside the boardroom to recognize Sleepy Hollow Preschool's 75th year of excellence in education. And without objection, that is so ordered.

[01:43:30] Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is my final board matter of the day. Mr. Chairman, Constitution Day or Citizens Day is a federal, American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. A little-known part of this observance also recognizes the countless people who became U.S. citizens, a process that requires time and immense effort.

[01:43:56] Goodwin House's resident tutors have helped 130 staff members take the steps needed to become U.S. citizens through their citizen tutoring program. This program is the subject of an incredibly impactful mini-documentary called The Test that I highly recommend. This type of collaboration between Goodwin House's residents and employees is a great example of the diversity that makes Fairfax County so special. Therefore, I move that a resolution be prepared and presented outside the boardroom, recognizing Goodwin House citizenship tutors, as well as the 130 staff members who

[01:44:32] they have helped over the years. Second. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Jimenez.

[01:44:49] Thank you very much. Next up is Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first item I have is election signs at Fairfax County Magisterial District Governmental Centers. Each election season our county facilities, early voting locations, especially Magisterial Government Centers face a significant challenge with the overwhelming presence of campaign signs leading to significant clutter and sometimes unsafe conditions for residents who have to navigate signs from their cars to our buildings. While efforts have been made to establish guidelines through PM04-17

[01:45:23] specifying permissible sign placement and duration at our magisterial district offices, greater clarity, community education, consistency, and effective enforcement, especially, are needed to ensure compliance. As the county executive has advised me over the past year, there is no county agency responsible for educating the public on these guidelines and ensuring compliance through enforcement and timely removal of signs as per the policy or the procedural memorandum initiated by the Department of Cable and Consumer Services

[01:45:58] and approved by the county executive in February of 2023. Therefore, I propose that the Board of Supervisors with unanimous consent direct the county executive take the following actions by September 1st, 2024. Provide information and education on PM 014-17 to community members, users of county facilities, and individuals responsible for placing signage on county property. And two, create and distribute a specific protocol and designate a specific county department in contact with responsibility for regular enforcement of these regulations at

[01:46:33] all county locations, with particular emphasis during election seasons. And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor question? Yes, Supervisor Alcorn. Question. Yeah. Thank you. I just want to make sure if the protocol comes back that it accounts for, you know, variations that we have across our district offices and satellite government centers. I mean, for example, I guess one question I have.

[01:47:03] My predecessor used to require that election signs come down every night. She didn't want him up overnight. That hasn't bothered me, so we've kept him up. I guess my question for the county executive, will the protocol be that specific, and how would this work? Those are all good questions, and I'm going to try to figure that out. As I've stated before, there are guidelines with election signs. We try to follow them as best as we can, and we're going to have to work with the county attorney's office to see what we can

[01:47:39] do. Okay, thank you. And just one other thing I'd point out, too, because there are also election-related signs. Like, for example, you know, the satellite early voting happens at the North County Governmental Center, but not on Election Day. And so, you know, our elections folks have to put signs up there saying, don't vote here, go to the, you know, go to your polling place, regular polling place. So I would want to, I mean, there's a lot of detail here. I would want to make sure if there's any standard protocol that it doesn't you know yeah so thank you mr.

[01:48:15] chairman my hope would be on this and reading it i guess it's not specific enough to that point but but my hope is that this is being treated as a request for information that before information would be distributed that it would come forward to the board and that you know we'd be able to see it beforehand including what the protocol is and how the county internally is going to handle this and so i i think i'm hoping that's in the spirit of what was offered supervisor stork is that these are requests to the county executive to develop these things but before implementation they would be coming back to the board yeah i maybe i should have spoke to it but i want to

[01:48:53] read them read it first but the kind of executive i have had been having conversations for more than a year about how do we do this and last year in particular was a sensitive year because we were all up for office, for election, and so there's all different kinds of signs, where the signs go, if there should be signs, and the challenge is, you know, obviously making sure that we're treating everybody content neutrally the same, and so this is just really a plea, because I've been working and focused on trying to get something that would guide all of us, and maybe most importantly, would have consistent enforcement, so nobody can, you know, complain

[01:49:33] or be upset that somehow we did something here but didn't do it there. So it is – I'm more than happy to have it come back. To me, it's really a matter of – it's a 44-page procedural document in here, but it doesn't really ever identify how that will be enforced.

[01:49:48] So the key is the document is fairly extensive and describes where science can be and all that, but it doesn't ever identify who's to enforce it. And I think that's probably how the key part of this can be addressed. And I think it should come back, and if we have any questions, obviously we can share that with the county.

[01:50:05] Yeah, I think that's important because we don't want to think about all the ones here today because we don't have the document in front of us. We don't have the benefit of the county attorney and others' review of this. And so I'm treating this as a request for information to come back to the board with some strategies on these issues prior to September 1, 2024, so that the board can see these and, you know, if we're agreeable to them or have any comments about them, we have an opportunity to do that before the early voting starts so that there's clarity on this issue.

[01:50:39] And so maybe we are going to decide this here. Supervisor Palczyk. I just want to thank Supervisor Sirk for bringing this forward. Being in a community center, it is always very confusing and an

additional burden on staff, And they often think we are the ones who are behind the policy and come to our office, and it should not be that way.

[01:51:03] So I very much appreciate this, and especially understanding, making it a little bit easier for the staff who have to oversee all of the activities at these variety of locations, how they should act and who they should turn to if there are questions. That, to me, is very important. Thank you.

[01:51:20] Supervisor Herity. Yeah, I was just going to echo the point on the flexibility, Because I think the policy requires the signs to come down every night, and I get the Springfield Democrats and the Springfield Republicans to agree. They stay up. They agree on tent locations. We've got to be careful that we leave flexibility in here just for reality.

[01:51:42] Yeah, and I don't think anyone's trying to restrict that. I think what we're looking for is guidance. And I think the real thing here is when these signs are placed in an area that makes it difficult for people to get by, number one. And number two, when they're left up for a long time after the election activities are completed.

[01:52:00] And I think those are our real targets here. What we're trying to get clarity on is how we fix those problems when they arise and how we make it clear who's responsible for doing that. Okay, so without objection, that is so ordered, and we will hear back by September 1.

[01:52:19] Supervisor Stork. Maybe gotten more acclimated to and used to, but I'm hoping to invite more of you here And, Mr. M., you've been there on the ride several times. I appreciate that. But this is the ninth annual Tour de Mount Vernon.

[01:52:36] It's that time of year. We have a Tour de Mount Vernon community bike ride will be held on Saturday, October 19th, beginning, ending at the Workhouse Arts Center this year. We alternate north and south. This year our TDMV ride will kick off at 8.30 a.m.

[01:52:51] So you can bring your kids this year, yes, and register for the youth and family ride kicking off at 9 o'clock a.m. The Tour to Mount Vernon takes riders on a fun ride through the many Potomac Banks historic, ecological, and cultural sites in the southern and central parts of the Mount Vernon District with route options of 40 miles or 20 miles or youth-wide of just 3 miles.

[01:53:11] So, yes, everybody can ride. The TDMV riders will roll past Mason Neck State Park, Gunston Hall, Pohick Bay Regional Park, Fort Belvoir, the National Museum of the U.S. Army, the Jerry Connolly Cross County Trail, the Lorton Police Station, and Animal Shelter, and end with music, famous La Prima catering, sweet potato chili, beverages, and fun.

[01:53:34] Thank you, sir. The youth and family ride will loop through the Laurel Hill Central Green, which is really nearby, and include a bike rodeo with bike safety vendors, a bike parade, and hands-on activities. Register early for the TDMV ride by August 31 and receive an early bird special discounted rate and be guaranteed a pair of Tour to Mount Vernon socks.

[01:53:55] This event continues to grow with the help of our partners, and these are crucial. Fab, Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling. Additional information and registration protocols portal can be found by visiting the Mount Vernon District website. I also want to thank NCS, who's been very involved with helping to do the youth ride.

[01:54:12] So therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask with the unanimous consent that the board direct the Office of Public Affairs to publicize the 2024 to Mount Vernon. Without objection, it is so ordered. Supervisor Alcorn and I will sign up for the 40-mile long route loop and are looking forward to it.

[01:54:30] Supervisor Stork. Thank you. This next item is a joint matter with yourself and Supervisor Bierman. As county supervisors, we recognize the critical role which community input plays in shaping policies that impact our residents and believe that this role should extend to the impacts of airplane noise and pollution as well.

[01:54:50] Recent overtures by the FAA, such as including grassroots and local community groups in the FAA noise policy review, are commendable steps in the right direction. However, more can be done to ensure that the voices of those directly impacted by aviation activities are heard and considered at all levels of the policymaking process.

[01:55:10] Specifically, the FAA should include representatives from grassroots and local communities impacted by airport noise and pollution within the FAA advisory committees and fully implement the community engagement provisions as part of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024. Per regulations, the FAA administrator has purview over community composition and specifies the scopes of who and what is included as part of the community engagement.

[01:55:34] For far too long, community composition and community engagement has been weighted too heavily in favor of members within the aviation industry. Recently, a community letter addressed as Secretary Pete Buttigieg from over 91 local and grassroots community organizations outlines many of these comments and more.

[01:55:51] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we move that the county executive direct county staff to write a similar letter to Secretary Pete Buttigieg, emphasizing the importance of local community representation and advocating for enhanced community engagement with communities most affected by airplane noise. I'm happy to second that motion.

[01:56:07] Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Stork. That's it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Palczyk.

[01:56:24] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have just one written board matter and then one announcement. This is a board matter on Graham Center application SC-2024-PR-00006. Members of the board, as you may know, following their purchase of the Graham Center Shopping Center, the Virginia Hospital Center has applied for a special exception SC-2024-PR-00006 to permit the redevelopment of the center.

[01:56:57] The special exception would permit the 2.427-acre plaza located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Graham Road and Arlington Boulevard, Tax Map 50-3-1212, to be replaced with a new freestanding emergency department and urgent care center, as well as accompanying office spaces for medical use.

[01:57:19] A public hearing is scheduled before the Planning Commission on September 11, 2024. To maintain its development and construction schedule, Virginia Hospital Center has requested concurrent processing of a site plan with its recently submitted special exception application SE-2024-PR-00006, as well as an expedited Board of Supervisors public hearing date.

[01:57:45] In order to ensure this proposal meets the needs of this, one of our underserved communities, Virginia Hospital Center, their representatives have undertaken steps to facilitate and conduct proper outreach and engagement this included a recent live meeting with huge turnout i will say by neighborhood and community services the community center and facilities with fairfax county public schools to inform and receive feedback from residents and businesses regarding the pending application i therefore move that the board direct staff to authorize the filing of a site plan and direct

[01:58:21] land development services to accept the site plan for concurrent and expedited processing with the pending processing of the special exception application se-2024-pr-00006 fairfax county tax map 50-3 1212 in addition i move that the board direct staff to schedule a hearing for SC-2024-PR-00006 before the board on September 24, 2024, or the earliest available date in October. This motion does not relieve the applicant from complying with all regulations,

[01:58:58] ordinances, or adopted standards, and will not prejudice this board's consideration of the application. I'm happy to second that motion, and just for clarity, you said tax map page 50-3, double circle 1212 yes I just want to make sure that okay very good that's what I seconded any discussion on the motion supervisor pal thank you appreciate this is very much a project that has a lot of need but I do want to mention that the date may change based on their coming before the h cab so there is some flexibility and we have been working with staff on this excellent

[01:59:38] Thank you very much. Supervisor Palchek, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Palchek. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to mention there's a lot of talk about walking today, and I know both Supervisor Bierman had his walk with the Tyson's Community Alliance.

[01:59:59] I think Supervisor Alcorn's, not enough coffee this morning, was delayed due to weather. While I am suffering with a meniscus injury, I will be there and walk as far as I safely can tomorrow morning for a Tyson's walk, a beautiful circular path from 9 to 11 a.m. before the extreme heat hits in.

[02:00:26] So I invite all of you in the community to join us. If you have not seen the maps, I highly recommend the Tyson's Getting Around Guide posted on the Tyson's Community Alliance. They've created some wonderful, four wonderful routes.

[02:00:44] We walked the green one earlier, and we will be doing one of the circular ones tomorrow, meeting at the plaza at Tyson's Corner Center. And so please recommend you joining us. We're looking forward to it, and I know there will be a second version of the walk-bike roll in the fall through the Community Alliance.

[02:01:05] And this is all through grants that they have received from the state. So very much looking forward to that and to walking and rolling as much as we are able. And to that, that's all my board matters for today. Thank you, Supervisor Palchuk, Supervisor Herity. Yes, Mr. Chairman, no board matters.

[02:01:23] Thank you, Supervisor Herity. And we're going to move on to our county executive items. We love our administrative items so much that we're going to vote on them again. And so I'm going to move approval of admin items 1 through 5.

[02:01:39] Second. Okay, I move approval of admin items 1 through 5. Second. Let's start over. I'm going to – let me recognize – let me make this easy on everyone.

[02:01:54] And I'm going to recognize Supervisor Smith to make a motion on Admin Items 1 through 5. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of Admin Items 1 through 5. Second. Supervisor Beerman, Supervisor Paucek, and I will second. If there's no discussion, all those in favor of Admin Items 1 through 5, please say aye.

[02:02:12] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries and brings us to action items. Action item number one is approval of a Board of Supervisors draft regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2025. Supervisor Smith.

[02:02:27] I move approval of action item one. You've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action item one, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action item number two is approval of plain language explanations for the 2024 bond referenda for transportation and public safety facilities.

[02:02:52] Supervisor Smith. I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. Second. We've heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Is there any discussion? Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would note that we do have a referendum for WMATA facilities coming up.

[02:03:11] And I have talked with the county staff about this. In the plain language, it doesn't make clear that this is basically the capital commitment that was made a decade or almost a decade ago. I guess not quite. But in 2018, this is not related to the current discussions that are underway to try to find a sustainable funding for capital and operating.

[02:03:36] But that information is going to be made available in some of the other information provided by the county on this. So I just want to make sure anybody's watching that this is not fixing Metro's capital problems that is under discussion right now.

[02:03:53] But basically, this is implementing the fix for the capital side that was come together as a region that came together as a region back in 2018. And just to be clear, we're obligated to pay this as part of our agreement with Metro as a compact payer and is unrelated to the long-term issues that we're working on to sustain Metro in the future.

[02:04:18] So, appreciate that clarity. Any other discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action item number three is approval of a resolution to authorize the extension of time to issue general obligation bonds for human services and community development facilities.

[02:04:41] Supervisor Smith. I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. Second. Heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Palchuk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action three, please say aye.

[02:04:58] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action item number four. Approval and authorization to execute a project administration agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation for implementation of the route 7 widening project route 123 to I-495 in the Providence District Supervisor Palchuk. Yes, thank you. Mr. Chairman. I am happy to move Recommendation move approval of the county executive's recommendation. You've heard the motions been seconded by

[02:05:33] Supervisor Beerman chair of our transportation committee supervise discussion on the motion supervisor Patrick Yes, if I may and just want to thank the staff who worked on this I see Noel and Greg

Severson are here. Thank you all for this do want to clarify it is in both the equity impacted in the description This is widening in order to help advance our bus rapid transit project It is not for additional car lanes. It is to have an improvement for the first phase of the BRT project that will go all

[02:06:05] the way to Alexandria, as well as to be able to provide the accessible pathways and access, pedestrian access to this project. And so I hope I got that correct. I see Noelle maybe shaking your head at me and will allow smart scale funds as well as a variety of matching funds from the Tyson's transportation and developer contribution so really exciting piece and that was called a road widening it

[02:06:40] really is for multimodal thank you for that description supervisor Palachuk if there's no further discussion all those in favor of action four please say aye aye aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions 30 abstain and that motion carries with supervisor herity abstaining uh action item number five is approval of the fy 2024 and fy 2025 community services performance contract amendment between the fairfax falls church community services board and the virginia department of behavioral health and developmental services and to accept fy 2025

[02:07:18] funding Supervisor Palchik do that. Yes, mr. Chairman. I move approval of the county executives recommendation I've heard the motion has been multiply seconded any discussion on the motion Seeing and hearing none all those in favor of action 5. Please say aye Any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and that takes us to Consideration items, which we have two.

[02:07:46] Consideration item one is adoption of resolutions memorializing establishment of the Council for Economic Opportunity and dissolution of the Economic Advisory Commission and approval of operating procedures for and adding a non-voting advisory seat on the Council of Economic Opportunity.

[02:08:04] Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I will move the recommendation of the county executive. You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of consideration item one, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[02:08:27] Consideration item number two is approval of amendments to the Affordable Housing Advisory Council, AHAC, Charter, and Bylaws, Supervisor Palchik. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I move approval of consideration item two per the county executives. You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that. Is there any discussion on the motion?

[02:08:47] Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of consideration, item two, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Thank you, and thank you to our staff who were here ready. And before we discuss closed session, I do want to just make folks aware of something that has happened that's unfortunate.

[02:09:11] We have learned as of yesterday that legislation went into effect on July 1 that changed the advertising requirements for public hearings. Unfortunately, due to staff error, the advertisements for public hearings held on July 16th and for those scheduled for today, July 30th, did not meet these new requirements.

[02:09:30] Therefore, the public hearings for today must be rescheduled to September 10th, and the public hearings held on July 16th will need to be held again, also on September 10th. This includes the public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment on data centers that was held on July 16th and was scheduled for final decision today.

[02:09:48] In regard to data centers, as part of its deferral action on July 16th, the Board of Supervisors directed that any application received after July 16th would be subject to the new regulations. That remains unchanged with this need to re-hear the Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

[02:10:07] All testimony received on July 16th will be included in the public record for the respective public hearings, so there is no need for individuals to retestify, although they are allowed to. The board will take testimony again on September 10th for all public hearings held on July 16th, and for those who testified previously again are welcome to retestify, but it is not necessary as we have their testimony on record from July 16th. Applicants whose public hearings were affected should coordinate with their respective staff person to determine how the staff in the

[02:10:41] county can assist them. The county executive has assured me that he has commenced a complete review of the county's public hearing advertising processes, so this type of significant clerical error never happens again. And I want to make sure people hear that so they understand why the public hearings for July 16th will be re-heard, and again, why the public hearings for this afternoon will not be heard. I do want to clarify that public comment today, and we do have 10 speakers signed up for public comment at 430, is still able to be held as it doesn't have the same

[02:11:17] advertising requirements. And so we are going to discuss closed session in a moment and the timeline for closed session, but did want to reiterate one, how this affects the zoning ordinance amendment for data centers and applicants who come in now. As the motion was made on July 16th will be treated under the new ordinance that the board is set to adopt at our meeting on September 10th. And most importantly, I do believe that staff has gone through the process of notifying as many people as possible, including any people who were signed

[02:11:52] up to speak this afternoon, so that hopefully nobody makes an unnecessary trip out here to testify, but that again, we will have an opportunity to hear from them on September 10th. Then finally, we've looked ahead at the September 10th date, and as of now, before this happened, there were no public hearings scheduled.

[02:12:11] And so that's why we're able to add the public hearings again from July 16th and the public hearings for this afternoon to the September 10th date. And so this is a really unfortunate circumstance. I'm not happy at all about it.

[02:12:26] In fact, I'm angry about it, and we'll get to the bottom of what happened with the staff clerical error. And I just want to make that statement for clarification. Are there questions or comments on that? Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do. There are a couple of public hearings. We've got public comment, but there's also an elections polling place. Is that going to be held this afternoon or I am told that no public hearings can be held. I'll ask the county attorney to clarify.

[02:12:54] I will clarify that. The item that you're referring to, Supervisor Alcorn, a deferral is not... That could be a problem. No, sir. Actually, we work through that with staff.

[02:13:11] Okay. And so I'm on this list of items. I'm not seeing any that create any insurmountable problems in terms of a deferral. Okay. And if I could just ask, the other non-land-use one that I see is in Hunter Mill, and it's the RPPD, Residential Permit Parking District, that's definitely being deferred?

[02:13:31] Yes, it's my understanding that all the afternoon hearings are being deferred due to the same clerical error that was described. Okay. And to be clear, it's not the board's intent to defer any of these, but

we are being required to because of this clerical error.

[02:13:46] And so I don't want there to be any gray area. The question that was asked is could any of these be held? The answer I was given yesterday was none of these could be heard today except for public comment And unless I'm hearing otherwise, I just want to be clear. That's the answer. I was given yesterday That's the answer. We were just given now Supervisor Harry Thank you, mr. Chairman. I I do share your disappointment and anger My question is is more there are a lot of people that are Counting on the decisions that were made on the 16th and that we're going to be made today

[02:14:23] and it cost them a lot of money to wait is there a possibility of us adding a board date where we could advertise these and get them done and especially the election one is the one I was looking at as well Supervisor Alcorn is that a possibility and I know August is typically a recess month but could we meet again in a couple of weeks and actually get these out of the way so people don't have to wait well let me be clear they've been we've we've been given clearance that these can all be held again on September 10th I do not

[02:15:00] want to call and as my prerogative as chairman to call a special meeting I do not want to call a special meeting in the dead of August when no one's paying attention and have somebody come forward and complain that the board acted on items out of order during a recess without a lot of notice when we normally historically have never done that. And so I have major transparency concerns with doing that. So the first question that I asked yesterday, are there any of these items that need to be addressed before September 10th? And the answer that I got was none of these needed to be acted on before

[02:15:36] September 10th, despite our anger in the fact that these were, many of them acted on July 16th, and despite our anger that any of the ones today we could not act on. But I was given clarification that from a timeline standpoint September 10th presented no issues for the board and if I could miss and let me just make sure that we spent a lot of time on this yesterday I don't know why there's so much confusion did miss tear did you have something to add to that no sir I was just conferring

[02:16:13] with staff on the elections item and what I previously said was absolutely correct okay supervisor Harity and I share your concern with the doing it in the dead of summer. I'm just, to me, it's the impact on our customers and residents that bother me the most. But thank you. I have absolutely the same concern. And fortunately, from that July 16th date, there were not a lot of actions. Typically, we would have had a lot of public hearings and certainly not a lot of land use actions that would present a problem. But I have also made it clear to county staff that they need to do what they need to do to make whole any of the expenses

[02:16:52] associated with any of the public hearings and the applicants that are associated with them at county expense, because a county clerical error should not be punishing any of our customers or any of our other county agencies that really wanted to have these items completed.

[02:17:09] Any other questions on this? Supervisor Al. Yeah, so will we need to make motions on each of these items this afternoon? Do we need to come back at 3.30, basically, to defer?

[02:17:28] I'm sorry, excuse me. So you have public comment scheduled for 4.30, and you have several at 3.30, several at 4, and several at 4.30. You don't need to come back on the dais right at 3.30 to make that motion for deferral because you could always take it up later than you said.

[02:17:50] You can't do it now, but you could do it after each of the respective times that's listed on the agenda. Okay, I'll defer to the chairman. Well, I have no motions to that effect, so somebody's got to get their act in order here. I mean, this makes me very angry because we spent a lot of time talking about this issue when it was discovered yesterday.

[02:18:10] If we need to make motions, my preference would be to make them at 3.30, because if somebody comes here for a 3.30 public hearing and we need to make a motion, we need to make that at 3.30. Do we have to make a motion to defer all of these, and do we have to make any motions associated with the actions that were taken on July 16th today before we begin public comment?

[02:18:33] Mr. Chairman, I believe the better practice would be to go ahead and make a motion to defer on each of the public hearings. you will be of course we will be re-advertising a hearing in each of these matters for September for the September board meeting so it's not technically required that you defer them because we will be advertising them but I do think in terms of trend the transparency that you're promoting that it that these motions for deferral be done and we will make sure that each respective board member has those motions if they don't have them already I'm sure they don't

[02:19:12] have them already I don't know what's been going on here so in light of that the board will have to report back at 3:30 and I would suggest that we get our act together and we get motions to board members who are affected by this they should have already had them I know this was discovered late in the day yesterday but this is ridiculous that we're in this position even having this conversation now I was given a statement I read it making sure we notified people making sure we did the proper things if individual motions have to be made on all of these this afternoon then I would suggest those motions need to

[02:19:48] be to those board members ASAP and it will mean we are going to reconvene here at 3:30 because we had advertised a public hearing for 3:30 and the event someone gets here at 3:30 they need to understand that that has been deferred and see that deferral happen.

[02:20:04] Supervisor Smith. You know, knowing this was going to happen, I left all my motions at home, but I have them electronically. So when staff had provided my initial motions, there was a deferral motion, but it didn't reference anything with dates. And so I'm thinking that staff is going to update and provide us all new deferral motions.

[02:20:26] Everyone has to get a new motion because those motions are no longer pertinent. So everyone who had a case on July 16th or has a case today will get a new motion. Supervisor Beerman. Just to be clear, we have to come back at 3.30 and then come back at 4.00 again?

[02:20:45] Well, public comment is 4.30. Well, there are some hearings that are— Yes, well, once we come back at 3.30, we'll go through each of the hearings. We'll call them, we'll defer them, and then we'll be likely pretty close to the 4.30. Okay. Yeah, my point was simply it looks like we have a 3.30 time and then a 4 o'clock time.

[02:21:04] And, you know, I'm sure you could call on everyone on this dais and we'd all scream and yell about how angry we are. So I'll just add that, too. Sorry. Thanks. So I'm going to suggest we get very exacting direction from staff as to how to do this when we reconvene at 3.30.

[02:21:21] And that we get that to the individual board members, as I mentioned earlier, as soon as possible. both with regard to anything that has to be done from the January 16th date and with regard to

what has to happen this afternoon on the items that are being called on because they've been advertised this afternoon and then being deferred by motion.

[02:21:42] Any other questions on this? Okay, so let me ask how long we need for closed session. Mr. Chairman, I estimate approximately 90 minutes. 90 minutes, so that takes us to 2 o'clock, and so should this motion be approved?

[02:22:00] The board will reconvene at 2 o'clock in closed session and then at 3:30 for the public hearings and the deferrals Let me recognize folks We're not done here. Let me recognize Supervisor Smith for a motion. Thank you. Mr. Chairman I move that the Board of Supervisors recess and go into closed session for discussion and consideration of matters enumerated in Virginia code section 2.2 - 11 and listed in the attached agenda for this meeting and in addition one as permitted by

[02:22:34] virginia code sections 2.2-3711 a 7 and 8 ns reston versus board of supervisors fairfax county circuit court case number cl-2019-15831 number two is permitted by virginia code sections 2.2-3711 8 and 19 proposed memorandum of understanding between the fairfax county police department and the federal bureau of investigation regarding the joint terrorism task force number three is permitted by virginia code section 2.2-3711 a8 legal framework regarding liability

[02:23:11] for flood flood claims number four is permitted by virginia code section 2.2-3711 a3 potential acquisition of real property in the Hunter Mill District where open discussion would adversely affect bargaining position or negotiating strategy. Heard the motion. I'm happy to second that along with Supervisor Palchuk. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[02:23:40] The board will recess for lunch and report back to closed session at 2 p.m. Welcome back. Our board

[02:36:17] is just now coming out of closed session of our July 30th, 2024 meeting, and I first am going to turn to Supervisor Smith for a motion to bring us out of closed session. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements by virtue of Virginia Code section 2.2-3711, and only such public business matters as were identified in motion by which closed session was convened were heard discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors during the closed session. Happy to second that motion along with Supervisor Palchuk. Is there any discussion on the

[02:36:55] motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion please say aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Motions coming out of closed session. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll do two quick motions. The first, Mr. Chairman, I move the Board of Supervisors authorize the chief of police to sign the joint terrorism task force agreement between the county and the federal bureau of investigation you've heard the motion it's been seconded by supervisor harridy uh any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye

[02:37:31] aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries supervisor lost thank you mr chairman i move the board of supervisors deny the settlement demand of ryan hayes and sean green according to the terms and conditions outlined by the county attorney in closed session.

[02:37:47] You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Herity. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, and let me verify. I believe that there's one more motion.

[02:38:04] Yes, Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors give the County Attorney Settlement Authority an NS Reston LLC versus Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, et al. Case number CL-2019-15381 in Fairfax County Circuit Court, according to the terms and conditions outlined by the county attorney in closed session.

[02:38:25] I'm happy to second that motion. Is there a discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? Herity abstains. Supervisor Herity abstains, and that is approved 9-0-1.

[02:38:41] Okay, moving on with the agenda, I do want to first make a statement about the public hearings today. Following that, I am going to turn to Supervisor Smith for some motions, and then we will begin calling the cases this afternoon.

[02:38:57] First, as I announced earlier before closed session, legislation that went into effect on July 1, state legislation that went into effect on July 1, changed the advertising requirements for public hearings. Unfortunately, due to a staff error, the advertisements for public hearings held on July 16th and for those scheduled for today, July 30th, did not meet these new requirements.

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[02:40:40] And I want to reiterate that everything that I just said does not pertain to public comment. So we will have public comment today. If you're here for public comment, we still will have public comment. With that being said, I am now going to recognize Supervisor Smith for the motion on the cases from July 16th.

[02:41:00] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the clerk to the board to advertise a public hearing to be held on September 10, 2024, for the following matters, which were originally the subject of a public hearing scheduled for July 16, 2024.

[02:41:17] SE 2024-HM-00004, ST Wheelie, LLC. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Uniform Retirement Systems Ordinances. Proposed Plan Amendment 2023-CW-1CP, For Sale Workforce Dwelling Unit Policy and Program, and proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding data centers.

[02:41:44] And I'm happy to second that motion. Is there discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstention? And that motion carries, and that brings us to our first, what was to be our first advertised case today, which is, let me pull it in front of me, decision only on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment regarding data center.

[02:42:13] Supervisor Smith. Mr. Chairman, due to a clerical error with the legal advertisement for the July 16, 2024 public hearing on the data center zoning ordinance amendment, I move to defer consideration of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment for data centers for a public hearing on a date certain of september 10 2024 any testimony that was provided at the public hearing on july 16 2024 will be included as part of the record for board consideration but all persons are invited to

[02:42:49] testify on september 10. i further move that as previously requested staff provide language for appendix one of the zoning ordinance for the board's consideration that would allow site plans that were approved or accepted for review on or before july 16 2024 to be reviewed under the current zoning ordinance provisions site plans accepted for review after july 16th would be subject to any new regulations adopted by the board you've heard the motion it's been seconded by supervisor palchek is there any discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion seeing and

[02:43:25] hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and that brings us to our next uh public hearing uh and let me uh which is a public hearing on sea 98-m-009-03 most reverend michael f burbridge cap bishop of the catholic Diocese of the Arlington Diocese and its successors in office in the Mason District, Supervisor Jimenez. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for

[02:44:05] SEA-98-M-009-03 to a date certain of September 10, 2024. Second. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[02:44:24] That motion carries and that brings us to our next, let's see, I'm waiting for my screen to come up here. Supervisor Smith, why don't you call the, ah, there we go.

[02:44:43] Public hearing on SC 2023-MA-00014, Reena Abu Talib, Zena Shalaya, and Annandale Children's Academy, LLC, to permit a child care center located on approximately 32,519 square feet of land in the Mason District. Supervisor Jimenez. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for SC2023-MA-00014 to a date certain of October 8, 2024 at 3.30 p.m.

[02:45:20] You've heard the motion and multiple seconds. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries and brings us to our next 330 item, which is a public hearing on SE 2023-HM-00028, Kidsdom, Montessori, Inc., and Imran A. Mufti in the Hunter Mill District, Supervisor Alcorn.

[02:45:54] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for SE 2023-HM-00028 to September 10th, 2024. You've heard the motion and the multiple seconds. Is there any discussion on the motion?

[02:46:10] Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? that motion carries and brings us to a public hearing on rz 2023-su-00017 concurrent with pca 78-s-063-14 pulte home company llc in the sully district supervisor smith mr chairman i move that that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for RZ 2023-SU-00017

[02:46:44] and PCA-78-S-063-14 to a date certain of September 10, 2024. Second. You've heard the motion, and Supervisor Palchuk seconds the motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[02:47:03] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Next, we have a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Fairfax County Code Section 84.1-6-3, increasing taxicab rates.

[02:47:20] Supervisor Smith, do we have a motion? Yes, I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Fairfax County Code Section 84.1-6-3, increasing taxicab rates from today to a date certain of September 10, 2024.

[02:47:37] You've heard the motion in the multiple seconds. Is there discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. We are now on our second 4 o'clock item, public hearing on AF 2024-SP-00001, AR98-S-001-03, beerly local agricultural and forestal district renewal in the springfield district supervisor

[02:48:10] harry yes mr chairman i move the board of supervisors defer the public hearings for af-2024-sp-00001 to a date certain of september 10 2024 so moved i heard the motion it's been multiply seconded any discussion on the motion supervisor pouchek i just want to confirm it is a singular public hearing correct correct all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any

[02:48:43] abstentions that motion carries uh next is a public hearing on af 2023-sp-00007 ar 2016-sp-001-01 dire local agricultural and forestal district renewal in the springfield district supervisor

[02:49:03] Mr. Harrity. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I move the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for AF-2023-SP-00007 to a date certain of September 10, 2024. So moved. Second. You've heard the motion and the multiple seconds. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[02:49:30] And our last 4 o'clock item is a public hearing on proposed plan amendment SSPA 2023-3-1FCA, Fairlake Study Phase 1, located north of Interstate 66 between West Ocks Road and Stringfellow Road in the Springfield District.

[02:49:47] Supervisor Herity. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I move the Board of Supervisors to defer the public hearing for plan amendment SSPA 2023-3-1FC double circle A.

[02:50:04] I think it's just A. Yeah, just A. To a date certain of September 10, 2024. You've heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[02:50:18] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And it is now 4-14. Our next advertised public hearings are three of them at 4-30. So the board will take a very short 15-minute recess. We'll return at 4-30 and again with the intention of deferring the first two 4-30 items and then commencing with the 10 speakers who have signed up for public comment. So the board will recess and resume the meeting in 16 minutes.

[02:50:49] Okay, the board is back after a short recess, and I am going to call our first 4.30 public hearing,

[03:07:13] which is a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance expanding the Madison Residential Permit Parking District, District 11 in the Hunter Mill District. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance expanding the Madison Residential Permit Parking District, District 11, to a date certain of September 10, 2024.

[03:07:36] Second. You've heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, and our next public hearing is also a 430 item, which is a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend and re-adopt Fairfax County Code Section 7-2-13 and 7-3-2 to correct a Scrivener's error in Clause 2 of an ordinance adopted on March 19, 2024, to rename a polling place in the Providence District and to rename a voter satellite office

[03:08:15] in the Providence and Springfield District. Supervisor Palchuk. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors remove from today's agenda a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend and re-adopt Fairfax County Code Sections 7-2-13 and 7-3-2 to correct a Scrivener's error in Clause 2 of an ordinance adopted on March 19, 2024, to rename a polling place in the Providence District, and to rename a voter satellite office.

[03:08:45] This item will be resubmitted and heard at a later date to be determined by the Office of Election Staff. Second. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[03:09:02] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries and finally brings us to public comment, our last 430 item. And before we move into public comment, I want to restate some of the rules. I remind people the rules of public comment in Fairfax County.

[03:09:20] The board will hear public comment on any issue except issues under litigation, issues that have been scheduled for a public hearing before the board, and personnel matters and or comments regarding specific individuals. Speakers must register in advance, and each speaker is given three minutes for his or her remarks.

[03:09:38] A maximum of 10 speakers may address the board during any public comment period, and speakers may address the board once during a six-month period. In accordance with county policy, signs no larger than 3 feet by 8 feet are allowed in the board auditorium, provided they do not obstruct the view of any attendee in the auditorium.

[03:09:59] Disrupted behavior will not be tolerated. If a disruption occurs, I will call a recess. The board will exit and will request security address the disruption before resuming the meeting. I will now call on our first speaker who has signed up for public comment on our speakers list, and that is Donna Jacobson.

[03:10:16] Is Donna Jacobson here? And if I call your name, please make sure you're down here close to the podium and ready to testify. After Donna Jacobson will be Ann Gruner and Jason Morgan. If I've called your name, please make sure you're ready to testify when it's your turn.

[03:10:34] And welcome, Ms. Jacobson. Hello, my name is Donna Jacobson, and I represent Lafayette Village Community Association.

[03:10:52] I would like to comment on whether there should be a referendum for a casino in Fairfax County. There are numerous arguments against the casino, but the residents in my community are more concerned about the related social issues. Many of them work in Tyson's Corner and are not looking forward to the extra traffic and congestion.

[03:11:14] As they rightly state, other casinos, such as MGM and National Harbor, are placed outside of high-density areas and do not interfere as much with day-to-day activities. A casino in Fairfax County is also a bad move from an economic perspective.

[03:11:35] As for providing employment opportunities, most casino positions are low-paying ones with little chance of advancement. According to Zip Recruiter, as of June 2024, the average pay for casino jobs in Virginia was approximately $35,000 per year.

[03:11:57] According to Bristol Associates, there are only a handful of higher paid positions in each casino, and these positions require special skills plus several years of experience. There is also a question of the adequacy of wages and protections for both the casino workers and the non-gaming workers.

[03:12:20] Currently, Senator Marsden's draft legislation does not contain a requirement to guarantee that these workers are paid union wages. Also, Senator Marsden has stated that since there was a JLARC study completed in 2019, there would not be another one on this issue.

[03:12:43] I strongly believe that if a referendum for a casino is to be considered, then an updated JLARC study needs to be completed. We need to have current objective assessment of whether a casino in Fairfax County would truly produce a net increase in economic growth.

[03:13:03] Finally, Senator Marsden has also stated that he would not pursue Senate Bill 675 unless the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors were at least neutral on the issue. He stated that the board has spoken out against the process, but not against the casino itself.

[03:13:24] Therefore, I urge the Board of Supervisors to listen to the arguments which are being raised by your constituents and then let Senator Marsden know that you are against a casino in Fairfax County. In the case of a referendum for a casino in Fairfax County, silence from the Board of Directors on this issue is equivalent to an endorsement.

[03:13:48] Thank you for your time and attention. Thank you very much. Speaker number two is Ann Gruner, to be followed by Jason Morgan and Connor Harrison. Welcome. Good afternoon. My name is Ann Gruner. I'm a long-term resident of McLean, a retired CIA officer and senior executive.

[03:14:08] Today I'm discussing problem gambling. The American Psychological Association officially designates problem gambling as an addictive disorder like drugs and alcoholism.

[03:14:25] Those addictions, you need more and more to be satisfied, and you go through withdrawal when you try to quit. And like drug addiction, it actually rewires your neural networks. It suppresses your prefrontal cortex activity, which means you have diminished judgment, inhibition, and self-control.

[03:14:51] But unlike drug addiction, there is no physical manifestation of your problem, so it's very easy to hide. And other psychological factors come into play here, such as, I just need one big win to make myself whole and to repay the money I've stolen from my friends, family, and workplace.

[03:15:12] Studies have shown that the most vulnerable to this addiction are the people with low incomes, and also boys and young men. The APA estimates that 5% of your adolescents and young adults are going

to develop a gambling disorder.

[03:15:28] Industry knows this, and they target the young. And most of their profits come from the heavy users. And, of course, there is a strong link between gambling and suicide. The studies show 30% of those diagnosed with this problem have considered suicide, and 15% have actually tried it.

[03:15:48] 90% of those with the problem do not seek treatment. Now, our neighbor Maryland has a gambling addiction rate of 9%, higher than the national average of 5%, and their General Assembly admits there are hundreds of thousands of residents in Maryland that have a gambling disorder.

[03:16:08] They spend $4 million to $5 million a year on treatment, but it's not enough. For that level of treatment, Massachusetts spends $10 million a year. Now, in Virginia, our calls to our problem gambling hotline have increased 143% in just the last few years.

[03:16:27] Finally, I would be remiss not to mention that compulsive and excessive gambling causes people to lose their security clearance or not to be able to get one in the first place, including a large agency just down the road from Tyson's.

[03:16:45] And by the way, there are other locations around, too, trust me. A casino within easy walking and driving distance, arguably, of literally thousands of people with security clearances, literally, arguably, represents a national security concern.

[03:17:06] In sum, raising revenue by creating or exacerbating known public health hazards and creating a national security concern is unconscionable, especially when the state just collected a $1 billion more revenue than projected.

[03:17:26] It will be a problem for all of us in northern Virginia and the federal government, not just one district. Thank you, Ann. I need you to wrap up. Your time expired a while ago. On behalf of your constituents, please do the right thing and reject categorically the proposal.

[03:17:42] Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Our next speaker is Jason Morgan, to be followed by Connor Harrison and Nicholas Ferlazzo. If you are here, please be ready to testify. Welcome, Mr. Morgan. Honorable Supervisors, I won't completely dispel the foul, formidable fog of falsehoods and irritating, irrational irrelevancies meals tax opponents have spread, I will only dispel one pernicious myth.

[03:18:16] The false claim that a meals tax would hurt lower-income households the most. If the Fairfax County budget were cut to the bone, decimating the quality and availability of public services we all enjoy, especially those in lower-income households who can't always afford private market alternatives, the county would still need some tax revenue most of which would come from real estate taxes and lower income households help pay those taxes even those who rent pay them because when real

[03:18:51] estate real estate taxes go up so do rents unlike a meals tax 30 percent of which would be paid by visitors Fairfax County residents and businesses ultimately pay all our real estate taxes and it cost lower income households twice as much, twice as much to help fund the county through real estate taxes as it would cost them if the county raised those funds through a meals tax. Refusing to adopt

[03:19:24] a meals tax literally means sticking it to lower income households. Now I provided analysis that supports this finding. It's not complicated. You can look through it carefully and see if it's good or bad, it is nonetheless more sophisticated and accurate than the simplistic analysis generated by biased Meals

Techs opponents. Please do not unquestioningly accept polemical claims that lower income households would be hit hardest by Meals Techs, even if it supports your position or comes from campaign donors with deep pockets. Do not allow Meals

[03:20:04] Techs opponents to dissemble or obfuscate the core issues. Impartial analysis shows that adopting a meals tax and reducing Fairfax County's unhealthy dependency on real estate taxes would make the tax burden more fair for lower income households. Sadly, too many selfish, ideologically driven individuals and single-minded organizations don't want to admit to anyone, especially themselves, that their lobbying hurts lower income households.

[03:20:36] So go ahead, churn out flimsy excuses and sound bites if you can't stomach voting for a meals tax. But don't pretend you oppose a meals tax out of concern for lower income households. With a meals tax, every penny paid by a lower income household is matched by 62 pennies paid by other taxpayers.

[03:21:01] But with the real estate tax, that matches only 29. So that's a two for one deal. Please don't deny lower income households this awesome deal. and then falsely claim you did it for their benefit. You all know better. Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your service.

[03:21:19] And thank you for the little bit of extra time. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Morgan. Speaker number four is Connor Harrison. Is Connor Harrison present? Speaker number five, Nicholas Ferlazzo, to be followed by Tariq Hadid and Motaz Salim.

[03:21:36] If I called your name, please be ready to testify. Welcome, Mr. Ferlazzo. There are often once-in-a-generation moments, chances to stand for what is right and to be judged by those who come after, who will interpret the course of events with no deference to the present discourse.

[03:21:59] From abolition to the Holocaust to civil rights to South African apartheid, each of these times there were those who stood on the side of oppression and even more who stood silently in between them and justice, seemingly inept and powerless, but in truth simply cowardly or compromised.

[03:22:17] We stand in one of these moments today at the culmination of 75 years of the displacement and destruction of the Palestinian people, widely acknowledged by both the international community and most human rights organizations as an apartheid and occupation.

[03:22:34] It is only here in the halls of power of the United States where support for Israel remains unwavering. This support is represented locally by the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. This is why we as citizens of the United States and in Fairfax County have a special obligation to stand against this, for we are all, to some extent, responsible.

[03:22:58] But some have greater responsibility than others, vested in them by the public, and some have their meetings and votes recorded for posterity. 20, 30, 40 years from now, when they ask why you acted how you did, will you lie, say you had no power?

[03:23:16] Will you evade as you have evaded us, most of you refusing to even meet with us? Will you even believe these excuses yourself? Will you talk about the nuances of the situation? That nuance is being eroded day by day. Last week, the Israeli parliament overwhelmingly voted against the two-state solution, spitting in the face of all international consensus, including the official position of the United States.

[03:23:43] Just yesterday, soldiers of the so-called Defense Force broke into a prison and sexually assaulted a Palestinian detainee in the latest example of systemic sexual violence inflicted on Palestinian

hostages. And violent mobs battle on the streets of Israel to defend the perpetrators.

[03:24:03] This is not and has never been a question of two warring interests, but an all-accompassing system of oppression and violence of the kind which has appeared again and again in the pages of history, one which has disproportionately dispossessed Palestinians of their land and lives.

[03:24:21] Do what is right for this county, yourselves, and the people of Palestine in support not only a formal motion in support of ceasefire, but a full divestment from the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. Failure to do so will damn you in the eyes of your electorate and in the eyes of posterity whose judgment will be harsh and absolute.

[03:24:42] Thank you very much. Speaker number six, Tariq Hadid, to be followed by Motaz Salim and Michael Zollner. If I called your name, please be down here close so that when it's your turn to testify, you'll be ready.

[03:25:00] Welcome, Mr. Hadid. Hi. Thank you for having me. My name is Dr. Tariq Haddad. I'm a cardiologist at Fairfax County. I'm also a Palestinian-American. I grew up in Gaza, and I have hundreds of family members who live there. I'm here to speak today to ask you to consider a ceasefire resolution.

[03:25:18] I've had over 130 of my family members killed in Gaza, including physicians, pharmacists, lawyers, engineers, dozens and dozens of children. Too many to speak about in three minutes, but I'm just going to tell you a couple of them.

[03:25:36] In late October, 10 of my family members, three generations, all killed, including my cousin Jimad Farah, his cousin Tawfiq, his son, I apologize, is a physician. His pregnant wife, Dana, two of their daughters, as well as Jimad's brother, Asam, his wife, three of their daughters, including Tuqa, whose wedding day was the day she was killed.

[03:25:59] Another day in late October, 16 of my family members were killed. All three generations, one member, one branch of my family, my cousins Hatim and Aziz Al-Farra, including seven of their children, and only one child.

[03:26:19] One child, Hamza, out of that entire 16 members of the family survived one day. He woke up with an amputation in the hospital, and to find out every one of his siblings, his parents, his uncle, his aunt, and his grandparents have all been killed, complete orphan. In early November, my cousin Hany, who's an interior decorator, his sister Huda and Wafat, who were teachers, all were killed.

[03:26:43] Hany survived initially with a minor leg wound and then bled to death a day later because every hospital near him had been destroyed. The stories go on and on. I don't have enough to tell in three minutes.

[03:26:59] A baby saw one of my cousin's children, 20 days old. His father, nine of his siblings had all been killed, and he was in a tent in a shelter where the Israelis had told him to go in the middle of December. And that 20-day-old child died of hypothermia as an orphan.

[03:27:16] The people who survived have had a worse fate, worse than death. Hundreds of my family have been displaced. Nearly all of them, every single one of them's homes has been destroyed. The home I grew up in has been destroyed. My cousin Hiba wanted to tell a story that she asked me to recount to you where one day during Ramadan she was told she had to leave with 20 minutes notice or her home would be bombed.

[03:27:38] She had to take her in-laws who were handicapped and every one of her kids 20 miles to 3 in the morning. And this is a story she wanted me to tell you. On the road, soldiers forced us to walk single file, occasionally putting someone, even children, out of line and taking them behind a hill after we heard gunshots.

[03:27:54] My eight-year-old Yahia begged me to go with the myth of soldiers, told him to go behind the hill. It was one of the worst moments of my life. I wished a missile would fall on us to relieve us from the horror. I gathered whatever little strength I had and fabricated a lie, telling me that the army was summoning people to give them water rather than killing them.

[03:28:16] Every one of my family members has told me they've gone 24 hours without food routinely. Many of them eat animal feed just to survive. and I wanted to finish with one note, another message from one of my cousins, specifically to you all. She said, we hear the news mourn for the moment, then return to our tragedy, searching for water and food. But the knowledge that even if we survive the onslaught, our futures, our hopes, and our communities now lie in ruin, lingers all around us. So many of our homes, our jobs, our friends, our neighbors, our belongings, our schools, our businesses are all gone.

[03:28:50] Displacement and destruction has left us with trauma, grief, and humiliation. Above all, there's a pervasive sense of abandonment from the international community. It pains us to see so many cousins killed by bombs and starvation, while the world seems indifferent.

[03:29:07] It's as if we're not human, and we have no rights, not even the right to life. Thank you, Mr. Reinhardt. Board of Supervisors, I apologize about going over. I ask you to consider the ceasefire resolution and understand that this is not taking sides. This is to recognize that all life matters.

[03:29:23] All the people who got killed on October 7th, all the hostages, all the tens of thousands of Palestinians in jails right now held without trial, all the 35,000 to 40,000 Palestinians have been killed, they all matter. Thank you, sir. And your human rights and your values and our values as part of our county citizens matter.

[03:29:43] I've got to cut you off in fairness to all the other speakers. Thank you for your testimony. Speaker number seven is Motaz Salim. Is Motaz Salim here? Motaz Salim. You may not, unfortunately. Michael Zollner. Michael Zollner here.

[03:30:06] Michael Zollner. Leslie Sarapu. Ah, I'm sorry, his video testimony. Great. Speaker number nine is video testimony. If we could play the video. Hi, I'm Leslie Sarapu. My family's lived in the Dunlory Woods neighborhood in the Providence District for almost 15 years. I'm touching base today to implore the board of supervisors to fight to keep a casino out of Tysons. My family

[03:30:44] loves our proximity to Tysons and I've been really excited about the Tysons redevelopment plan to transform Tysons into a green walkable urban environment. I love that I can drop my teenagers off at the borough to explore while I get across route 7 to go pick up super chicken for dinner.

[03:31:03] I adamantly oppose a casino opening in Tyson's, which I think is antithetical to the goals of the Tyson's redevelopment plan. It's well documented. Research shows that casinos significantly add to traffic, decrease home values, and increase crime.

[03:31:22] All of these factors lower the appeal for people considering moving to Tyson's. And I want Tysons to be a community where people live and are invested, not just a traffic-y area that people are

commuting in and out of.

[03:31:38] Further, the Urban Institute recently reported that casinos just aren't the windfall for state and local budgets the way that some politicians are claiming. So if we're serious about making Tysons a healthy, vibrant community, there's just no room for a casino from my perspective.

[03:31:59] I'm looking to the Board of Supervisors to publicly denounce casino efforts so that outside interests aren't hijacking Tysons for their own financial gain at the expense of the people who actually live here. So thank you for your time and your careful consideration on this matter.

[03:32:17] Thank you. Speaker number 10 is Sarah Cotton. Is Sarah Cotton here? Okay, let me double check and make sure we do not have Connor Harrison, speaker number four. speaker number seven, Motaz Salim, or speaker number eight, Michael Zollner. Last call for those three speakers. I do not see any of them here. And unfortunately, every once in a while, this happens where people sign up and they do not attend our public comment. I wish that I could

[03:32:54] allow others to speak in their place. I know I was asked to, but again, I will just reiterate the board's rules for public comment. Speakers must register in advance, and each speaker is given three minutes for their remarks. A maximum of 10 speakers may address the board during any public comment period, and speakers may address the board once during a six-month period.

[03:33:15] And that is a county policy that I cannot break. But I do want to thank all those who attended today to support the speakers. We see you, and we appreciate you coming out to make your voices heard here. And with that, our board meeting of July 30th, 2024, is adjourned.



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