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[00:00:07] Welcome, everyone, to our Board of Supervisors meeting of January 13, 2026, and this is our first board meeting of the new year, so let me wish everybody a happy new year. It's good to see everybody back at the dais, and it's also particularly good to have with us our new supervisor, Ratchna Sizemore Heiser from the Braddock District.

[00:00:28] Welcome. It's good to have a full board again and mostly good to make sure Supervisor Bierman doesn't have all that extra space over there to spread out that he had had for the past couple of months.

[00:00:44] Before we begin the meeting, as we always do, we're going to remember a few folks. For those who are able, we're going to rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. and then we will get into our presentations, and I'm going to begin, and I ask for people's patience because I know we have, unfortunately, lost a lot of folks since the last time we met, and I'm going to share a few of those with you this morning, and then I will ask my colleagues to share their own, and I want to start with Brayden Cutler. It's with great sadness that we learned the passing of Brayden Cutler last month after a courageous two-year battle with

[00:01:23] brain cancer. Brayden is the son of Bill Cutler, who I think we all work with at the Virginia Department of Transportation as he's the Northern Virginia District Engineer. Brayden was an

exceptionally impressive individual. He was an Eagle Scout, a graduate of UVA, intern for Senator Tim Kaine, was an elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon, a member of two choirs and serve multiple mission trips to other states to renovate housing for those in need. Braden was an empathetic supporter of multiple causes in our community, was a very young person to see pass,

[00:02:00] and if we could keep our thoughts and prayers with the Cutler family, including a lot of folks at VDOT who knew Braden also and who are just shocked by this news, but if we could keep Bill Cutler and his family in our thoughts and prayers. I would appreciate that. Secondly, Richard David, I'm sorry, Richard Dick Bulova passed away at the age of 87. Many of us know Dick as Chair Bulova's former husband and the father of delegate and now secretary-to-be David Bulova. As David shared, there'll never be a person like his father. Dick was a self-styled mad scientist who loved his work

[00:02:40] as a research physicist at Fort Belvoir's night vision lab. Dick's family have fond memories of him for making his own homemade wine and would invite neighborhood kids to work on that with him in his backyard. He led the 4th of July Kids Bike Parade where he would set off an artillery simulated he'd gotten from his Army Reserve unit that invariably blew a hole in an asphalt road.

[00:03:06] Making news. But in all seriousness, our heart goes out to the entire Bolivar family for the loss of Dick, who I know was close to so many of them. It's also with profound sadness that I mentioned the Vu family.

[00:03:23] Over the holiday break, we learned the tragic passing of Sue Nguyen and her granddaughter, Annie Vu, who lost their lives in a car accident. Sue came to this country from Vietnam at the age of 11 and went on to help care for her grandchildren until her passing.

[00:03:40] Annie was a student at Annandale High School where she was an outstanding student. She once told her AP seminar class that they could always count on her to be hardworking, respectful, and collaborative. And my thoughts, and I know Fairfax County as a whole's thoughts go out to the Vu family, their loved ones, and particularly the Annandale High School community during this incredibly difficult time for so many of those students.

[00:04:06] Next, we did lose two county employees, and I know the board was notified of these over the holidays, Tai Ngan Nguyen from the Department of Family Services and Muhammad Al-Hadi from the Reston Community Center. And our condolences go out to their loved ones and their Fairfax County employees during this difficult time.

[00:04:27] And I want to remind, take this opportunity to remind our employees that may need additional support, that they're encouraged to contact the Employee Assistance Program, which offers confidential counseling resources available through the Department of Human Resources.

[00:04:44] And then lastly, and this is not directly in Fairfax County, but I feel like we need to acknowledge this. I think we all watched on the news the incident that occurred on January 7, 2026, in Minneapolis, where Renee Nicole Good, a 37-year-old mother of three and U.S. citizen, was shot and killed by a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent.

[00:05:08] And we learned later that Renee had been a student. She does have ties to Virginia. She had been a student and a graduate of Old Dominion University. And, you know, this tragedy underscores a lot of things. I know there have been a number of protests around the county, respectful protests, and we appreciate that.

[00:05:28] This is a tough time for all of us to see what happened on the news. And I know I've spent considerable time talking to people in our community about how different what they saw on TV was than the way our first responders operate. And I know we've seen nationally law enforcement officers across the country recognize that the tactics used are not what is taught to law enforcement agents and certainly not what is taught to law enforcement agents in Fairfax County.

[00:05:58] And so this happened in Minneapolis, could happen anywhere, and I am so profoundly proud every single day of the work of the men and women of our police department who operate very differently. But if we could keep Renee and her family in our thoughts and prayers and continue to pray for peaceful, legitimate protests of what people saw on January 7th in our country.

[00:06:23] And with that, I would ask if any of my other colleagues would like to offer condolences. And let me start on this side with Supervisor Jimenez. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I appreciate the words on the VU family. Obviously, a big tragedy for not just the Annandale community, but Fairfax County.

[00:06:41] So thank you for bringing that up. And I'd also like to ask the board to recognize the passing of Mr. Willie Coleman. Willie passed away on December 12, 2025, 10 days after his 77th birthday. Willie was born in Bailey's Crossroads in 1948 and was a graduate of the Fairfax County School System and was a military veteran of more than 20 years.

[00:07:03] He cared deeply for his family, took pride in his community, and believed in doing right by others. This is something we saw firsthand in the steadfast work to rename our local community center into what is now proudly known as the Minnie H. Payton Community Center at Bailey's. I hope that we can honor Willie and his legacy by carrying forward the kindness, integrity, and compassion he showed to others.

[00:07:24] He will be deeply missed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez. Others who would like to be recognized? Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sad to announce that longtime resident Bill Jackson passed away on January 6th.

[00:07:40] He truly left a lasting mark on our community. In 1968, Bill and his wife, of almost 71 years, Mary, were among the first residents to move to the new place of Reston, and he made many contributions to Reston since that time, demonstrating a commitment to equity, inclusion, and community engagement.

[00:08:00] Probably most notably, he was a founding member of the Reston Interfaith Housing Corporation, which eventually became the nonprofit we know today as Cornerstones. Reston Interfaith was founded by six area congregations focusing on addressing the lack of affordable housing, and the group launched its efforts with the development of the 200-acre Laurel Glade Apartments in the early 1970s, which was the first affordable rental housing in the Dulles Corridor.

[00:08:29] Bill and his wife, Mary, were also founding members of the United Christian Parish, where he was ordained as a deacon and served on the church's board. His community contributions also included serving as a Fairfax County Magistrate, a position he held from 1993 until 2010.

[00:08:46] Professionally, Bill worked at the Food and Drug Administration for 36 years, starting his career as an inspector and retiring as Special Assistant to the Associate Commissioner of Compliance at the FDA headquarters. As former State Senator Janet Howe said, and she served with Bill on the Rest and Interfaith Board, Bill was a wonderful human being.

[00:09:06] So I offer my thoughts and prayers to his wife, Mary, and their three sons and nine grandchildren. Bill will be deeply missed, and for those who knew him, a celebration of life will be held this Sunday at UCP at 12.30 p.m. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[00:09:22] Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Supervisor Herity. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm sad to report the passing of Robert Milton Grimes on December 19, 2025. Rob lived a life defined by service to others. For 30 years, he served the Montgomery County Police Department, including many years working as a detective in their major crimes division.

[00:09:44] During his career and after retiring, he was a beloved professor of criminology at George Mason University. In retirement, he continued to teach and also took up an active role to address human trafficking in our region as the investigative team lead for Reston-Base nonprofit Reset 180.

[00:10:01] He recently shared his expertise with this board during the massage ordinance public hearing. He was known for always being willing to help those in need, whether it was a student, a victim, a friend, or family member. He will be deeply missed. I ask we keep his family, his students at GMU, and the Reset 180 team in our thoughts and prayers.

[00:10:21] Thank you, Supervisor Herity. And seeing no one else at this time, if everyone who is able to could rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Please face the flag.

[00:10:57] 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 we are going to begin our presentations this morning with an always fun one, which is to recognize and honor the Fairfax County Public Schools 2025 fall sports teams and individual champions.

[00:11:33] and today we're going to be recognizing fall athletics and activities champions and while there are fewer fall sports we're excited to welcome a few new additions to the lineup which we'll get to in a moment and before we begin the recognitions and this is always the hardest part but I know that a lot of the students who are here are desperate to get back to school quickly and I know that some of you after we come down and take a photo with you some of you will have to leave. And so before we begin the formal presentations, we would like to take a large

[00:12:09] full group photo. And I've been asked by OPA to do it this way, which is that if all of the students and coaches who are here could come down, stand, okay? Tony's telling me to stand. If all of you could stand, we're going to take a selfie-style photo. Is that what you want to do, Tony? What's that? The board will come down in front, and if all the students and coaches who are here could rise, we're going to take a giant group photo, and then we'll begin

[00:12:45] the presentations. Well, that's my favorite. And now, to begin things, we're going to welcome Tom

[00:14:16] Horn, Executive Director for Activities and Athletics, to come forward to the podium to say a few words on behalf of Fairfax County Public Schools. Welcome, Tom. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Supervisors on behalf of Dr. Michelle Reed and the Fairfax County School Board.

[00:14:31] I am honored to be here today. Thank you for the opportunity to do this. To all of our students with us today, congratulations not only on what they have achieved, but what you have learned and how you have grown and how you have contributed to your communities, to the family members with us today.

[00:14:49] And I thank you personally for your encouragement, your many, many sacrifices and the support. We know that you share our pride in the achievements that we all celebrate collectively today. To our coaches that have made it here today, to the enormous sacrifices you make in your own lives to serve our students, the leadership and the modeling that you give to your student athletes every day, your impact matters, coaches.

[00:15:15] I want you to hear that from all of us. To our school administrators, our directors of student activities that are here with us today that provide the support and the structure that allow for these opportunities for our students. Thank you. Your leadership matters tremendously. And today we also celebrate not just the achievements of a state championship, which is enormous, but we also recognize that these are the same students that learned to run on the county trails that we provide, that grew up playing on our playgrounds, that were nurtured in our elementary schools, that built their athletic

[00:15:50] foundations in our community sports programs, and then found a unique opportunity in education-based sports programs led by amazing adults in our school system. I am proud to live and work in a community that invests in our young people and invests in programs that give them an opportunity to grow. I'm also enormously proud of our student-athletes, how they have grown, how they represent themselves, how they represent their schools, and how they represent their communities.

[00:16:19] So today, congratulations to all of our student-athletes for everything you have achieved, but also for everything you have given and everything that you have learned. Thank you for the opportunity to be here. Thank you, Tom. Thank you very much, Tom, and I also want to thank you.

[00:16:39] I know you got a really difficult job with a lot of competing interests, and I, for one, appreciate that. So thank you for all you do. With that, I'm going to read the order in which we're going to call the different groups, and this is a random order. We're going to begin with the Langley High School Field Hockey to be followed by West Springfield High School Girls Volleyball, Lake Braddock Secondary Boys Cross Country, Robinson Secondary Girls Cross Country, Caroline Saperstein from Oakton High School Girls Cross Country, Oakton High School Girls Flag Football, and Chantilly High School Esports League of Legends VHSL Academic Activity Champion.

[00:17:18] And that's the order we will go in. And with that, we're going to start first. I'm going to recognize Supervisor Bierman for the recognition of the Langley High School field hockey team. Seems like a great order to me. Yes.

[00:17:35] Yes. Actually, before Supervisor Bierman reads this, Coach Beth McGoffey and team, if you could all come on down to the podium. Tony is down here to help organize you. And while you are coming down, we'll turn again to Supervisor Behrman.

[00:17:54] Okay. Great. Go, Saxons. I'm going to read a resolution from the Board of Supervisors. Whereas the Langley High School field hockey team achieved a significant milestone by winning the Virginia Class 6 state championship with a 1-0 victory over Madison High School, completing an outstanding 22-1 season.

[00:18:15] And whereas the Saxons captured their first state championship since 2019 by defeating Madison High School for a second time in the postseason, holding the Warhawks scoreless despite 10 penalty corners in the championship match. And whereas the Saxons had a tough postseason, defeating Oakton, Madison, Independence High Schools to reach the state championship again, losing once in the

Liberty District Final to Yorktown High School, they showed resilience and took advantage of a second chance in the regional playoffs.

[00:18:43] And whereas senior goalkeeper Mia Laws anchored a disciplined defensive effort with 15 saves in the title game, and junior Peyton Raufer scored the decisive goal late in the third quarter, securing the championship through teamwork and perseverance. And whereas the team was led by head coach Megan Philly, sorry, excuse me, head coach Morgan Philly, who was named Virginia Class 6 Coach of the Year and helped the program to earn several VHSL Class 6 honors, reflecting both individual achievement and sustained team success, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

[00:19:18] on behalf of all residents, does hereby congratulate the Langley High School field hockey team on its exceptional achievement in winning the Virginia Class 6 state championship. Chair, we'll second that along with Supervisor Patrick. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Beerman.

[00:19:39] I just have to say, as an attorney, I make lots of lawyer jokes up here. So with a goalie like laws, laying down the law every time, and I'm not surprised that you all went 22-1. Congratulations on an incredible achievement.

[00:19:55] That record is off the charts. And many congrats to all of you on your hard work, your perseverance, and also a thank you to all your parents for being around for it. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Bierman. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[00:20:14] Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And at this time, I'd welcome the coach if you'd like to share a few words with us. Welcome. Thank you, Fairfax County, for recognizing this extraordinary group of ladies. Winning a state championship, as you know, is no easy task.

[00:20:33] We were very lucky that this group not only put in the work and effort that it takes to win a state championship, but they believed in each other, and that's what got us to 22 and 1. So thank you. Thank you very much, and I can tell by watching them how good of friends they are with each other, too, because they're having a lot of fun up here, which is great.

[00:20:50] We want you to do that. With that, I think we're ready to take a photo, and if all of you could come forward towards us and face the audience, Supervisor Beerman and I will come down and join you, and if the board could rise.

[00:21:41] And next up, we have the West Springfield High School girls volleyball team,

[00:22:12] and I believe I'm told we have Coach Stephanie Noriega, and as they're coming down at this time, I'd recognize Supervisor Herity for a motion. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have a resolution to move.

[00:22:31] Whereas West Springfield High School Spartans girls volleyball team captured the 2025 Virginia High School League Class 6 state championship in a thrilling five-set victory over Colgan High School at Virginia State University, and whereas after falling behind two sets to none against a highly accomplished opponent, the Spartans demonstrated extraordinary resilience, teamwork, and determination by completing a dramatic reverse sweep to win the match 3-2.

[00:23:01] And whereas junior Malena Kiebert delivered an outstanding performance, providing critical serving runs, dominant net play, and clutch leadership, including serving the final points in the decisive fifth set. And whereas head coach Stephanie Noriega demonstrated exceptional leadership and

mentorship, fostering a culture of perseverance, confidence, and unity that empowered student-athletes to perform at the highest levels under pressure.

[00:23:28] And whereas the Spartans' championship run brought pride to West Springfield High School and Fairfax County, highlighting team effort, disciplined play, and commitment to excellence that inspired students, family, and the community, now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby congratulate the West Springfield High School girls volleyball team on winning the 2025 VHSL Class 6 state championship.

[00:23:57] So moved. And the chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion? Supervisor Herity. I always love talking about Spartans as an alumni, of course, and a booster. But what an incredible story and an incredible comeback. I mean, to be down two sets and to have to sweep three sets, I just can't imagine the amount of pressure that you all were under because every little mistake counts and one more set and you're gone.

[00:24:27] But incredible story, something you'll have with you forever. Stephanie, great job coaching these girls to victory. So thank you all very much. It's a story you guys will have with you for a long, long time. Thank you, Supervisor Herdy. And let me also congratulate all of you.

[00:24:44] With a lot of friends on the Prince William County board, it is wonderful that you beat Colgan. We have a little running rivalry with them, so you girls did wonderful. But in all seriousness, congratulations to all of you, your families, West Springfield High School, and, of course, your coach.

[00:25:03] Couldn't have done this without her. So well done, ladies. With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Coach Noriega, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. We're very honored to be here.

[00:25:19] This group of girls behind me really does represent resilience and hard work. came into the season and a lot of people didn't have faith in us we had the season prior we'd had kind of a superstar on our team and I think everyone in the volleyball community thought that we were only winning because we had her and then since she had graduated we were ranked really low everyone thought they were going to beat us this year and our team said no we together as a group are one big group of superstars and the girls believed in it they looked at their banner every day they knew what their goals were they knew they wanted to win a state championship this year

[00:25:57] and even with a few setbacks here and there in the season they use that to build their resolve to say you know when we when we would lose a game we we know what that feels like we don't want that to happen again and as we came into the postseason into the playoffs with a district championship and then a region championship and the difficulty of playing in state quarterfinals state semifinals finals and state finals against teams that were all ranked higher than us to pull off those victories just shows what can be done with hard work good attitudes and a true belief in each

[00:26:33] other so these girls are amazing and they do really represent what high school sports can do for student athletes and the character that it builds in them so very proud of them thank you thank you very much well done with that we are going to take a photo if you all could come forward just like the last group, Supervisor Herity and I will join you, and the board could rise.

[00:28:12] And we next have a resolution recognizing the Lake Braddock Secondary School Boys Cross-Country Championship Team, and we have Coach Jason Switzer with us, as well as the team members, and

while they are assembling, I am going to turn to Supervisor Rachna Sizemore Heiser for a recognition. Whereas, the Lake Braddock Secondary School Boys Cross-Country Team captured the Virginia High School League VHSL Class 6 State Championship at the Outland State

[00:28:50] Meet, finishing first with an outstanding team score of 73 points ahead of West Potomac High School and Patriot High School. And whereas this championship marks the fifth VHSL state team title in Lake Braddock program history, ranking the school eighth all time in the VHSL and second among class six schools, an extraordinary achievement in a highly competitive classification.

[00:29:18] And whereas the team's success was driven by outstanding performances of student-athletes Bradley Rockefeller, Grayson Richards, Matt Walters, Maverick Magruder, Merrick Monka, Noah DeLuke, and Calvin Benson, highlighting a diverse mix of senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman leadership and talent, and whereas this accomplishment reflects the dedication, discipline, and perseverance of the student-athletes, as well as the outstanding leadership and preparation by head coach Jason Switzer and his assistant coaches throughout a demanding season.

[00:29:57] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby congratulate the Lake Braddock Secondary School Boys Cross-Country Team on its remarkable victory in the VHSL Classic State Championships. And the chair will second that motion.

[00:30:15] Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Sizemore Heiser. I'll just say a brief thing. As someone who's run four full marathons, I fully understand the dedication and effort you put in to this championship. And the fact that you have won this championship five times in your history is incredible and a testament to you and your coaching team and to the strength of your program and especially to the dedication of all you student-athletes.

[00:30:41] So congratulations, and go Bruins. Thank you, Supervisor Sizemore-Heiser. And let me also congratulate you. Supervisor Lusk and I are the runners on this board, and we're amateurs. But very well done. I know how much dedication goes into this.

[00:30:59] I have a nephew on the cross-country team at West Potomac that you scored ahead of. So I was watching this one very carefully. and you this team was amazing uh so well done to all of you congratulations uh with that i think we're ready for a vote uh all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and we have uh with us coach switzer who has a wonderful lake braddock tie on uh welcome the floor is yours chairman mckay uh and uh supervisor uh sizemore Heiser, who is a proud, like, Braddock parent.

[00:31:37] Thank you very much for taking the time to recognize our boys here today. About a year ago, these boys came to me and said, we can do it. And we did everything that we could in that year to make that a reality.

[00:31:53] I didn't really believe it all the time, but they did it. They did all the hard work that it took to make that happen. And going into that meet, it was a dogfight between about five schools, West Potomac being one of them. They put up a great fight.

[00:32:10] We were losing this race at about 2.9 miles, and there's 3.1 to go. And our freshman, Matt Walters, who had been our seventh all year, ended up running third for us and saving the day.

[00:32:27] And Manka also had a tremendous race on the day and just goes to show you that it really is a team sport. Even though you're individually doing it, it comes down to being a team and picking up the pieces. And at the end of the race, Matt's mom asked him, like, what got into you today?

[00:32:44] And he said, I don't know, I just figured it was the last race of the season so I'd go as fast as possible. So the inexperience of youth sometimes pays off. So thank you for recognizing these young men and women all here today.

[00:33:00] And it goes to show that they give us hope for everything. And the lessons that they're learning in high school athletics and high school in general are transferable skills that they will use to become leaders such as yourselves. So thank you very much, and I'm very proud of these guys.

[00:33:17] Thank you very much, Coach. And with freshmen like that, we expect to see you back for a couple more years. So well done. With that, we're ready for a photo. If you could come forward, Supervisor Heiser Sizemore and I will join you.

[00:33:35] Sizemore Heiser will join you.

[00:33:38] All right.

[00:35:15] And next up, we have a resolution recognizing the Robinson Secondary School Girls Cross Country team. If you all could come on down along with Coach Nicholas Reed. And while you are coming down, I'm going to recognize Supervisor Sizemore Heiser to read a resolution.

[00:35:38] Thank you. Whereas, the James W. Robinson Secondary School girls cross-country team demonstrated exceptional athletic achievement, teamwork, and sportsmanship by winning the Virginia High School League Class 6 Girls Team State Championship with a first-place team score of 58 points.

[00:35:56] And, whereas, this victory marked Robinson's second consecutive VHSL Class 6 state title, affirming the team standing amongst Virginia's premier high school distance running programs, and whereas the championship was secured through outstanding performances by a disciplined team led by Karina Byrd and Alexandra Byrd, with key scoring contributions from Claire Anderson, Petra Grundl, Ariana Lopez, Madison Coutinho, and Isabel Willard, and whereas the team's success

[00:36:33] was guided by head coach Nicholas Reed, whose leadership, dedication, and mentorship fostered a culture of determination, resilience, and competitive excellence. And whereas the Robinson girls cross-country team's dedication, teamwork, and excellence have brought pride to their school and community, serving as an inspiration to student-athletes across Fairfax County.

[00:36:57] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby congratulate the Robinson Secondary School Girls cross-country team on winning the 2025 VHSL Class 6 state championship for the second consecutive year.

[00:37:14] Congratulations. Second. The chair will second that along with Supervisor Herity. Discussion on the motion. Supervisor Sizemore Heiser. Just briefly, just briefly, I just want to congratulate you all.

[00:37:34] I used to coach cross-country, so I know what it takes to get to coach and get the dedication, But especially in running and the efforts it takes to run, the perseverance, the dedication, every breath feels like it's your last. And every minute your legs feel like jelly and pushing through it is incredible.

[00:37:51] So especially for two years in a row, it really shows your dedication, your strength. So congratulations and go Rams. Thank you very much. Supervisor Herity. Yeah, and congratulations. Back-to-back championships says a lot about a team and a coach.

[00:38:07] And I usually don't pile on, except unless it's West Springfield High School. But since I had the opportunity last week to go out to Robinson for a ceremony where they were celebrating the recognition of two National Guard Cups.

[00:38:26] And it's the first time since these have been awarded since 1990. One is recognized for the team that wins the most state championships in athletics, and then another one for the one that wins the most national championships in academics.

[00:38:42] And for the first time since 1990, a school won both, and that happens to be the Robinson Rams. So congratulations on being a part of something much bigger in terms of two National Guard Cup awards for Robinson. So congratulations on your victories and being part of something even bigger and better for West Springfield High School and Class 16.

[00:39:06] So congratulations. It's hard for me to hold that up. Congratulations. That's Robinson Secondary School. So congratulations to all of you. He's still got West Springfield on his mind, and we're on Robinson.

[00:39:25] But congratulations to both of them. So with that, I think we're ready to vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. And we have Coach Nicholas Reed here with us.

[00:39:41] Welcome. The floor is yours. All right. Thank you very much. So last year, we won the state title. And then I think right after that, I think everybody looked at each other and said, all right, let's run it back. So it was a lot of work throughout, you know, indoor season, outdoor season, into this cross country season for all these kids up here it's a year-round thing um so you know a lot of times it might be easy to get complacent but we came into the season running really well winning multiple invitationals including a great american beating a top six team in the nation with our only loss coming at virginia showcase where we got beat by the number three team in

[00:40:18] the nation we won a district region and state title um it was an awesome season you know a lot memories, along with a lot of school records broken as well. I'm super proud of this girls team. I wouldn't have done it with any of their teams, so let's try to get a third one. How about that?

[00:40:35] So, thank you. Thank you very much. And how many of you girls are seniors? Okay, so we'll see you back here again next year then. Hopefully. Alright, with that, I think we're ready for a photo and if you all could come forward for the photo and if Supervisor Sizemore-Hyzer could join me and the board could rise.

[00:42:09] Next, I would like to have Carolyn Saperstein, our individual cross-country girls champion from Oakton High School. Come on down.

[00:42:25] And Caroline is the VHSL Class 6 girls cross-country individual state champion. Her season started strong and continued that way, including a 17-28 new PR at Great American in October. She followed that performance up with a win at the Concord District Championships and then the Northern Regional Championships at Birk Lake Park in addition to her state title.

[00:42:51] And I do have a certificate of recognition to be presented to Caroline Saperstein for her efforts in winning the Virginia Class 6 Girls Cross Country Championship. And this is signed by myself, Supervisor Palchek, and Supervisor Alcorn.

[00:43:07] And this is a certificate, not a resolution, so it doesn't need a board vote. But we wanted to make sure that we had an opportunity to recognize this extraordinary individual and achievement. Caroline, well done. And with that, I'd welcome your coach, who is here with us, to come forward and say a few words.

[00:43:26] Welcome. Thank you, board, for this recognition for Caroline. Caroline is one of the most remarkable athletes that I've seen in over 20 years of being around the sport. As a freshman, a lot of people who are going to win a state title come in as either varsity-level runners or elite runners.

[00:43:42] Caroline came in as one of the slowest freshmen on the team, and not a knock on Caroline, but she was, you know, time trial freshman year, around eight minutes. She was a 27-minute runner on that same state course that she ran 17 minutes on a month ago, and she just worked really hard.

[00:43:59] Caroline, you know, when you're on the back of the team, you're not getting a lot of accolades or recognition as you run. She was there every day. When her practices her freshman year, not many varsity-level runners showed up. Caroline did. And on one of the coldest days of the year, she was running up this hill. And I knew that she would be something really, really special just because of her great determination and just her personality is very well suited for this sport.

[00:44:23] From that, she ended up going from an eight minute miler to a 10:30 two miler last spring. She got, what is it, Kira D'Amato, who's the former American record holder in the half marathon and the marathon. She got her school record.

[00:44:39] At Berks, she got our team school record running 16-53. And again, is just an outstanding athlete. And beyond that, she's just very humble. It's really funny-- we were talking about this a few minutes ago-- but at district, she had never won a cross-country meet ever at any level.

[00:44:59] And so she didn't know what to do with her hands. So I think she tried to form an O, wasn't sure, but she came through the line. It was pretty awesome. By regional, she got it down to the Oaks and O and did the same thing at States, but it's just really funny when you're winning for the first time right before States, and again, it's just a testament to the fact that she worked really, really hard. She was not the favorite, but she's an incredible person, an incredible runner, and she'll be continuing her efforts next year at William & Mary, so very proud of her.

[00:45:26] That is awesome, Caroline. Do you have any recommendations or hints for us on how we can improve our time? How'd you do it?

[00:45:46] Just keep at it. Well said. Well, congratulations. We are so proud of you, what you've done for Oakton, and we'll be watching you certainly at William & Mary. So congratulations on that as well. And with that, we are ready for a photo.

[00:46:01] And if the two of you could come forward, Supervisor Palchuk, Supervisor Alcorn could join me, and the board could rise.

[00:47:11] And next we have a resolution recognizing Oakton High School girls' flag football team and Coach Bob Barker, Coach Jeff Lewis, and the team. If you all could please come on down. And at this time,

I would recognize Supervisor Palczyk to read a resolution.

[00:47:28] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And before I read the resolution, to me today is pretty exciting seeing so many women, so many girls here today, and that we once again have three women on our board as of today, all of us former school board members. So I know we're super excited to see the work.

[00:47:47] And as our former vice chair, Penny Gross, used to remind us about Title IX sports and girls and women and how far we've come and how much further we have to go. So to me, the fact that we now have official flag football teams in Fairfax County is super exciting.

[00:48:04] Definitely not a thing that existed when I was graduating in 2001. And love to see. I'm very excited that Oakton is this year's winner and this partnership is just incredible. thing for us to witness. So I do have a resolution for you. Whereas through a partnership with the Washington Commanders, Fairfax County Public Schools successfully piloted girls flag football across all high schools in the county beginning last fall, resulting in participation from 775 student athletes. And whereas the Oakton High School girls flag football team distinguished

[00:48:43] itself through outstanding skill, teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship, earning the title of the first ever FCPS Girls Flag Football County Champions, with Chantilly High School finishing as runner-up, and where seniors Kate Robinson, all-area first team, Malia Andrews, honorable mention and Libby McElwee played pivotal roles throughout the season providing leadership and performance essential to the team's success whereas the leadership of head

[00:49:22] coach Tarkin Cameron provided strategic vision no no who's the head coach we have uh Jeff Lewis and Bob Barker yeah coach Bob Barker and coach Jeff Lewis we're gonna have to uh fix this resolution for those people sound awesome all right whereas the coaches provide a strategic vision mentorship and unwavering support fostering a culture of excellence resilience and teamwork throughout this historic season and whereas this flag football continues to grow nationally as a collegiate scholarship sport and is set to debut in the 2028 summer olympic games

[00:49:59] this program has created meaningful new athletic opportunities for female student athletes now Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all residents does hereby congratulate the Oakton High School girls' flag football team on its historic championship.

[00:50:16] And the chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Palchik. I said so much, and I'm just so excited about this and the work you're doing. You have an incredible female principal who I believe is a great leader and helps ensure that we continue to have work for Oakton for all of our girls or all of our female athletes.

[00:50:39] But for me, most importantly, as a mom of a soon-to-be four-year-old, I love that she can be inspired by our female leaders. We're kind of boring up here for the kiddos, but seeing our big kids, our high schoolers, our teenagers really put so much effort, not just in your schoolwork, which I know you all do, but also in your dedication to sports and to your community and to service.

[00:51:05] So thank you for your leadership. Come and visit us. We have a great teen center over at Jim Scott Community Center down the street, and I'm sure it would be wonderful for you to share some of your inspiring stories with our community. as well. So thank you, congrats, and we'll see you here next year. Thank you. Supervisor Palchik, and in your motion, you mentioned the 775 student-athletes that played girls flag football this year. Just amazing, given this was the first year ever, and this will be

something all you girls remember the rest of your lives, but no one else will ever be able to say you were the

[00:51:40] first like you were. So congratulations on that, and thanks for making the bold decision to participate in a whole new endeavor. Some of you may have played this before, some of you not, but testing this in Fairfax County Public Schools this year, boldly coming out and playing and joining the other, you know, 700 plus girls that played is amazing. So well done. With that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And we do have Coach Bob Barker, who's, I don't know

[00:52:18] how we, that's an easily memorable name, and Coach Jeff Lewis, who is here with us. And I know Coach Lewis, you'd like to say a few words. Welcome. Thank you very much. Thank you so much to the Board of Supervisors. It's our privilege to be here, and we thank you very much for this recognition for recognizing these 25 amazing young women and their accomplishment and being the first ever champions of the Fairfax County flag football season, the inaugural season.

[00:52:50] And it was a privilege for me, for Coach Barker, the rest of the coaches. It was really just a privilege to be a part of this team, to be on this journey with these amazing young women. They made us proud every step of the way. Really, on behalf of the whole Oakton High School community, I want to just let it be known that they were exemplary every step of the way.

[00:53:15] Their hard work, perseverance, their positive attitude every step of the way, the high level of sportsmanship that they showed from the first practice, every single game, their interactions with the other teams, with the referees, with the coaches, with one another.

[00:53:35] It was really amazing to be a part of. It was amazing to just witness that. They took that through all the way to the championship game on a freezing cold night. They persevered and implemented the stuff they've been working on all season long, thanks to a lot of awesome plays and techniques they learned from Coach Barker.

[00:54:00] It was really inspirational what they did that night. And then, true to their positive attitude, their demeanor throughout the season, they represented FCPS in an exemplary way with the interview on the local news and everything.

[00:54:19] It was really, really amazing to see them. And like I said, it was great to be a part of that journey. We're super proud of them. The Oakton High School community is so proud of them. Your invitation here today shows that all of Fairfax County is proud of them.

[00:54:37] So thank you again for letting us be here. I want to reiterate what you mentioned about flag football being-- it's an Olympics. It's a D1 sport. It's growing so fast.

[00:54:54] And we're hopeful that you'll help us get VHSL to sanction it as a full-fledged fall sport because the interest is there and it was so much fun. These girls had a great time, and I think it's going to be a great full-time fall sport.

[00:55:14] So hopefully we can get it sanctioned with VHSL. Thank you again for everything. Girls, you rock, and roll Cougs. Thank you. Thank you, Jeff. Thank you, Bob. Well done, girls.

[00:55:34] the first ever. Congratulations. And with that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if all of you could come forward, Supervisor Palchuk, Supervisor Alcorn will join me. And if the board

[00:55:43] could wrap. Great. Next, we have a resolution to recognize the Chantilly High School's Fall [00:57:49] Exports League of Legends VHSL Champions. And if you could come on down along with Coach James Cattola and the team, if you could come on down to the podium. And while you are doing that, I am going to recognize Supervisor Vice Chair Smith to read a resolution.

[00:58:12] Chantilly High School captured the fall eSports championship in League of Legends as part of the Virginia High School League, demonstrating exemplary leadership and competitive skill in scholastic eSports, an emerging sport that combines strategic thinking, collaboration, and technological proficiency.

[00:58:35] And whereas this championship reflects countless hours of preparation, discipline, and teamwork by student competitors Mark Choi, Horan Katak, Brandon Lin, Eric Han, Jong Jin Kim, David Yang, Brian Matos de Azevedo, and Logan Nguyen, whose collective effort and sportsmanship were instrumental to the team's success. And whereas this achievement was further supported by the guidance, mentorship, and leadership of head coach James Ketula, along with dedicated school staff who foster positive student engagement through e-sports, and

[00:59:12] whereas participation in VHSL e-sports promotes valuable academic and life skills, including communication, problem-solving, sportsmanship, and responsible digital citizenship, highlighting FCPS's commitment to educational innovation and student success.

[00:59:29] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby congratulate the Chantilly High School esports team on winning the fall VHL League of Legends esports championship. I so move. And the chair has seconded that motion along with a lot of others. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Smith.

[00:59:50] I want to congratulate you. And when I was reading through the resolution, I'm like, this name Cthulhu is very familiar to me. And Chantilly is such a great community school. And Coach Coutula graduated Chantilly High School with my son, Andrew.

[01:00:06] And I see all these people come back to Chantilly to teach and to work. I want to congratulate you. My understanding is it's the third time you've won the championship. And it's way beyond me to understand e-sports and what you do. But it is life now.

[01:00:23] It is the future. There are great skills there. So congratulations. Congratulations to Chantilly and all the team members. Thank you. Well done. Congratulations. And let me also congratulate you on doing something we don't understand, but that you're experts at, which is fantastic because that is the future.

[01:00:42] And I know how competitive this is. I understand cursory a little bit of it because I have a teenage son who's very interested in this, but he's in middle school. But this is a great achievement. And as you said, Supervisor Smith, a great community in Chantilly High School.

[01:00:58] And we're all proud of your achievements. With that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And as was mentioned, we have Coach Ketula, who is here with us this morning.

[01:01:14] If you'd like to share a few words, welcome. Thank you. I want to thank the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for inviting us to be recognized this morning. Jimmy Ketula, 25 state champion, Tilly

Alpha World's League of Legends. Let me acknowledge some school staff that really helped this be possible.

[01:01:34] Mr. Corpus, Childress, Thayer, and Hughes, they have assisted in helping me grow this program to be a really positive activity for students to be involved in. Mr. Shapiro and the school staff and the activities and tech offices setting up everything four years ago and their continued support to start this up and grow it.

[01:01:55] Especially Mr. Keel, you converted your classroom into our gaming arena for our matches and practices. Thank you. And Ms. Yoon in sub-school one, our team chef, caterer, moral support, our number one fan. Thank you. You all contributed to make this happen.

[01:02:10] Thank you. And I personally want to thank a few important coaches in my life because I wouldn't be a three-time state champion coach without these people. Personally, I want to thank Adam Wells, Mike Wells, and Rodney Colley, my coaching mentors. they took me on as a coach my first year teacher at edison high school baseball they were patient with me helped me do a high standard and they showed me how to build and lead a positive functional competitive high school program that i brought to chantilly and won three state champions with these guys into my first coaches in life and sports my family notably my parents

[01:02:48] frank katula my dad my first coach you taught me how to compete be resilient and be a good teammate and Mary Sue my mom I love you to the 2025 Tilly Alpha Wolves Brandon Mark David Haram Eric Jojen Brian Logan and all the players past and current congratulations come on Jojen thank you for your teamwork dedication and positivity your patience with me as a coach as I still learn the game I'm old too and your respect for each other showed your integrity and character that you're not just elite players but more importantly outstanding people you've truly created a long-lasting legacy

[01:03:24] here for Chantilly and for kids in Virginia looking for an opportunity to compete in a high school activity so many people today are passionate about and through a tough season all the way to the end you demonstrated confidence teamwork resilience and that you are true state champions and we're so proud of you thank you again to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for welcoming and recognizing us today as we bring the title back to Fairfax County the best county in the United States. There you go. There you go. Couldn't have said it better myself, coach. Well done.

[01:04:01] Love all of your comments, particularly that last one. So we are so proud of all of you. And I think we're ready for a photo. And if you gentlemen could come forward and Vice Chair Smith and I

[01:04:12] will join you, the board could rise for a photo. And that completes our recognition of the Fairfax

[01:05:22] County Public Schools Fall 2025 champions. Congratulations to all of our students, coaches, and families and thank you all for joining us today. Let's give them another round of applause and thank you for staying with us all morning. I know you're eager to get back to school but well done and again thank you to all the parents who are here and coaches as well and we'll give

[01:05:49] you a minute to exit the auditorium and then we'll continue on. One thing we're getting better at

[01:06:03] is making sure we think we finally found something and honestly it's okay. We're going to move on

[01:06:58] to our next resolution presentation, and this is a heavy one, but this is a presentation honoring members of the Fairfax County Police Department for their service during the January 6th incident, and we would have a much larger group here, but I know a lot of folks have been called away, but I know that we have Major Hook and others of the Fairfax County Police Department.

[01:07:20] If you could come on down, and I am going to hand the gavel to Vice Chair Smith so that I can read the following resolution. Whereas on January 6, 2021, individuals seeking to halt the constitutional certification of the 2020 presidential election carried out violent attacks at the United States Capitol, placing law enforcement officers in immediate danger as they defended members of Congress and the nation's democratic process. And whereas officers inside and outside the Capitol complex were forced to engage in prolonged physical resistance under chaotic and dangerous

[01:07:55] conditions. And whereas dozens of officers from the Fairfax County Police Department, including members of the Civil Disturbance Unit, promptly mobilized and deployed to Washington, D.C. And whereas Fairfax County police officers spent hours engaged in operations to help secure the Capitol and support fellow law enforcement officers, demonstrating courage, professionalism, discipline, and dedication to public service under extraordinary circumstances. And whereas the events of January 6th had profound and lasting impacts on members of the law enforcement community,

[01:08:31] including county residents who later died from injuries or conditions determined to be related to their service that day. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, expresses its sincere appreciation to the Fairfax County Police Department officers and all who responded to the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, for their service, courage, and commitment to duty.

[01:08:57] I'll second that motion with most of the rest of the board. Discussion on the motion? Yeah, thank you, Vice Chair Smith. And it's been five years since this day. And I think for people across the country, I often hear my parents talk about the day JFK was shot and they knew exactly what they were doing during that moment.

[01:09:18] For a lot of us, we remember exactly what we were doing on September 11th. Now we remember exactly what we were doing on January 6th. I can remember exactly where I was and what I was doing when I got a note about something that was happening at the United States Capitol that I think as Americans we never thought we would see occur.

[01:09:40] I also remember, and I debated doing this resolution because I know there's a heated debate out there, but there's not a heated debate about some well-known facts. And the facts are that a lot of law enforcement officers responded that day, including in our community, and lives were lost.

[01:09:59] And equally important, there's trauma associated with what happened that day with a lot of law enforcement officers. And I know I spoke with Chief Tom Manger extensively about this and the U.S. Capitol Police and what has happened with a number of them since this incident.

[01:10:16] This was a very serious incident, and it's one of those things we can't forget about what happened in a democracy, and we can't forget the people who wore the uniform that day who were defending our democracy, no fault of their own what occurred that day.

[01:10:32] And I know I remember not long after this incident that there was a special segment at the Valor Awards where there was a video produced involving our officers and talking about what happened that day and the profound effect that that's had on them and their careers.

[01:10:50] And I can remember well after I got the note that day, our officers assembling and deploying. And, you know, in this region, being the largest county in Virginia with the most sophisticated and best CDU and police department in the region, a lot of weight was on us that day to do something that nobody could have expected would have occurred.

[01:11:14] And so as we mark this five-year anniversary and we listen to the stories of officers who are still in the profession, officers who retired and will never be the same because of what happened that day, let us not forget the personal sacrifice of all of them, including our own, the work that you do every day.

[01:11:38] And let us also not forget the unique location we have here in the nation's capital and what we are called upon to do as a county. It's extraordinary. It's professional. It's selfless. And this particular incident, we've had a lot of them.

[01:11:55] I mean, CDU does a lot. We know when they're deployed. We know when there's incidents around the county. We know what's even happening right now in a part of the county that requires your attention. But this particular incident, I know, will for a long time be ingrained in the hearts and minds of a lot of people in law enforcement.

[01:12:16] And this motion is about recognizing that, supporting our men and women in law enforcement. And I'm just going to close by saying I mentioned we have the best, most sophisticated department you can imagine. But we also have among the best support systems for officers dealing with mental trauma, mental health, all the things associated with the work that you do.

[01:12:40] And it's so important that we have that. Not just talking about what happened on January 6th, but on Saturday morning, I was on my way out here to the delegation public hearing in this auditorium. And I was coming down the Fairfax County Parkway, and I was three minutes behind the fatal accident that happened Saturday morning on the Fairfax County Parkway.

[01:13:02] And I looked at those vehicles because we were being detoured around through the shopping center. And I saw those vehicles on the parkway, and I saw the condition of the vehicle where the fatality happened. And I can only imagine what the officers responding to that saw and what they dealt with.

[01:13:20] And those are the kind of things that our officers do every day. And that's the reason why we do resolutions like this to support them and why we have support systems in place to help them with the trauma that they deal with on a daily basis. So thank you all for being here today and for everything you do, not just on January 6, 2021, but every day in Fairfax County.

[01:13:41] Thank you. I have Supervisor Stork Behrman, then Lesk. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. And I want to also share and echo the comments of the chairman. This is something that we can never forget. The day that democracy is attacked in the way that it was is one that we, if nothing else, to, I guess, arm ourselves for ensuring that it doesn't happen again and that we don't have a leader who is encouraging this level of violence.

[01:14:13] It's unforgettable to me, but it's also, more importantly, extremely costly to the many of the individuals that were involved with this, not only our law enforcement officers here who just do a

remarkable job every single day for us, but the lives that truly were lost by a Capitol Police officer and others.

[01:14:32] And I specifically wanted to honor and remember one of the Capitol Police officers who lives in the Mount Vernon district. I know there were others who were involved, but this particular officer, Brian Sitnik.

[01:14:47] Officer Sicknick really, truly was traumatized and harmed by the protesters who sprayed tear gas in his face, actually was bear spray in his face, and ultimately that reaction, his body's reaction to all that, and probably the PTSD that comes with that kind of level of violence caused him to lose his life.

[01:15:15] He was assaulted by rioters, including, again, as I mentioned, the pepper spray. But he also suffered two strokes and died the next night. So these impacts are real. They're not just some kind of game that is played. We have institutions.

[01:15:32] We have laws. We have responsibilities to each other to uphold those laws. Clearly, our Favis County Police Force and our system locally and our first responders in general are here to ensure that we honor the rules that we make among ourselves to do the right thing.

[01:15:52] And in this case, Brian Sicknick lost his life doing just that. So I will never forget, and I know his family has never forgotten. And I've had every so often we have interactions with him. But I wanted to make sure that we don't forget and we continue to honor his life and his efforts to protect our democracy.

[01:16:14] It makes all the difference in the world that folks are willing to put their lives on the line to do just that. And you cannot look around the world and see folks who are dying in the thousands trying to get what we have here today. And so, again, my thanks for your service.

[01:16:32] My thanks for all the folks, Capitol Police officers and D.C. police officers and others who put their lives in line to protect what I hold very dear, our democracy and our republic. Thank you. Thank you. I have Supervisor Beerman, Lusk, then Herity. Thank you very much for your service that day and every day to our county and to our community.

[01:16:56] You were pressed into action to defend democracy itself, and you answered the call. It's the most important thing that our country has, the peaceful transfer of power. And there were people who wanted to disrupt that.

[01:17:12] And you answered the call. For that, we owe you a debt of gratitude. And it's very important to understand that we will never forget what you did that day. And we will never forget what happened that day. And the efforts to memory hole that day, the efforts to rewrite history, are despicable.

[01:17:30] They are. The idea that people, that criminals who beat and assault cops are now treated as somehow peaceful and people who try to drive away from them are treated as domestic terrorists in this country is despicable.

[01:17:49] But we do live in a democracy and the people up here were elected by the people of Fairfax County. And we will always remember your heroism that day. We will always remember that when you were called to defend democracy, you did.

[01:18:08] And we will always, always be proud of the work that our police department does to uphold constitutional values, to work with our community, to create the environment where democracy, where government of the people, by the people, for the people does thrive.

[01:18:29] And so it's a bit of a solemn day. What happened on January 26th, sorry, Jeff, what happened on January 6th, 2021 was awful. What happened on January 6th, 2026 was also awful.

[01:18:46] But here in Fairfax County, we honor your bravery, we honor your heroism, and we thank you very much for your service. Thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Lusk and Herity. Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chairman. I'll express my appreciation to the brave members of the Fairfax County Police Department for their courageous service during the violent attack on the Capitol building, which really was, as Supervisor Stork said, an attack on our democracy.

[01:19:14] As a chair of the Public Safety Committee, I had the honor of speaking with several of our members of our police department who responded to the events on that day. And one officer shared a particularly harrowing account of his experience describing the level of fear and concern for his own personal safety.

[01:19:36] He added that he had never felt that level of fear ever before. Let me be clear, this was not a peaceful protest. Members of the Fairfax County Police Department and responding officers from other jurisdictions have experienced lasting physical and mental health impacts from an incident that should have never, ever happened.

[01:20:00] I am, with my colleagues here, greatly appreciative of our men and women in blue who keep Fairfax County the safest jurisdiction of its size in the nation, and your commitment to serving Fairfax County and the National Capital Region is truly admirable. Thank you so very much for your service. Thank you. Supervisor Herity. Yeah, I'll try to be very quick. I mean, this is long, a long overdue recognition, and I want to thank you for what you did that day and what you do every day. You as a group are special because as a group, you step up and have become members of

[01:20:39] the CDU, which basically means you know you're going to go into difficult situations on a regular basis. That's what I think makes you as a group special and worthy of all kinds of recognition. Policing isn't easy. It's become very, very hard. And for a group of people to step up and become members of the CDU is something special. So I thank you for stepping up and being a member of that unit. I thank you for what you did on the 6th. I thank you for what you do every day since.

[01:21:13] And I continue to have your back. Thanks. Supervisor Pelchuk. I just want to add briefly, and I know today is a tough day and there is an incident in my district. We have a lot of gathering spaces. And as someone who recently returned from my birthplace of Argentina, where I was born with the return of democracy and the ability to be able to protest safely, to protect our First Amendment rights, And to ensure that everyone in our county is safe, is respected, and that you do so in collaboration and coordination.

[01:21:50] You do that with the state police. You do that with our federal and regional partners. You do that in a way that ensures safety and absolutely the highest practices, I believe, anywhere in the world. So I know if things are going well, we don't hear the work you're doing.

[01:22:09] And I very much personally appreciate that you are there and coordinating and communicating and ensuring that you do things the right way and to continue to ensure that we are all safe and that our First Amendment rights are protected.

[01:22:26] So thank you. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Madam

Vice Chairman. And I know many of us after this incident personally spoke with a lot of the officers involved and thanked them.

[01:22:43] We recognize the department at the Valor Awards. I think everybody should go back and watch that video. What the trigger was for doing today was two things. One, the five-year reunion, and to acknowledge that five years have passed since this event, but it's something that we will never forget.

[01:22:59] And the other trigger personally for me was the despicable wholesale pardoning that just occurred of all the criminals that were involved in attacking police officers. And, you know, that trauma is being relived by so many officers.

[01:23:16] I've read many articles about the ones who were personally attacked and the impact that a wholesale pardon to those individuals have had on them and their family. And that was the other trigger. So it wasn't that we waited a long time to do this. We've been doing it. But five years and the fact that those pardons just happened, we want to reassure our officers that this board feels that was despicable and certainly not upholding the law and law and order that we expect here and the responsibility of those people who were involved, charged, and successfully prosecuted to serve the terms of their sentence for the work that they did on that day.

[01:23:55] And so, again, this today is about recognizing our CDU, our department, and the role you played. But we can't ignore the fact that this affected law enforcement across our country, but most importantly, law enforcement in the DMV area.

[01:24:11] And so with that, I thank my colleagues for their support of this recognition. I thank our department for the work that you do. And with that, I would recognize you, Major, if you'd like to share a few words. Welcome. Chairman McKay and board. Thank you.

[01:24:29] I have some prepared remarks, but I'd like to start off by acknowledging my team. CDU is a team, and I count myself lucky to be amongst them. I'm joined by Master Police Officer Enoch Green, Deputy Chief Wilson Lee, and Captain Chris Crawford.

[01:24:45] CDU, about 50 of us, went to the Capitol at day. On behalf of the Fairfax County Police Department Civil Disturbance Unit, we are honored by this recognition and the proclamation from the Board of Supervisors. January 6th was not something any of us could have fully prepared for.

[01:25:03] But when the call came, some 50 of our officers answered. We didn't go for recognition. We went because it was the right thing to do, to uphold the rule of law, and it's what this profession expects. And we'll be there again if we're ever needed. I'm most proud of how our officers performed that day with professionalism and restraint.

[01:25:23] They represented Fairfax County with integrity and supported our partners when it mattered most. That doesn't happen by accident. It comes from training, leadership, and a culture that takes this responsibility seriously. Just a little editorial, we had recently received brand new gear right before this incident that made a real difference in protecting me personally, the rest of the team, and made us more effective than a lot of our peers.

[01:25:48] This has become the standard in the region, that gear. So thank you for the board's support of making sure we were fully equipped to do our job safely. We're grateful for this recognition, but more importantly, we value the trust and investment the county places in us.

[01:26:04] This proclamation is a reminder of why we continue to do this work and who we serve. Thank you for your continued support. Thank you very much, Major. I just, you know, this is a heavy moment for all of us.

[01:26:23] I think we're reliving the events in our mind, and we can't even imagine sitting here what's going through the minds of all the people who responded that day, including your outstanding unit. So thank you all for being here this morning, and let us make sure that all of us never forget.

[01:26:40] I hope a lot of our county residents are watching this and feel the deep pride that all of us feel in the work that you do. So with that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if you gentlemen could come forward, and I would invite Supervisor Lusk and Supervisor Stork to join me for the photo and if the board could rise.

[01:27:31] Okay, next on our agenda is board organization and appointments of board

[01:28:23] members to various regional and internal boards and committees and selection of vice chair and of course this document that has been circulated well in advance contains all of the appointments. We do not vote on that but I did circulate that to board members so that they know there were some minor adjustments, mostly to accommodate our new Great Braddock District Supervisor, but You all have seen those now for a while, and again, we do not vote on those, but we do vote on the selection of a vice chair for the Board of Supervisors, and at this time I'd recognize Supervisor Stork.

[01:28:59] Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and it is a great honor and pleasure for me to nominate Kathy Smith as our vice chair. I'm happy to second that. I have a feeling it's going to pass based on those seconds. Discussions, Supervisor Stork. Are we allowed to say things about how wonderful it's been to work with her?

[01:29:17] You absolutely are. And Kathy and I go too far back? I don't know about too far. We go way back. And I was just thinking about how many times I've nominated or voted on behalf of her being vice chair.

[01:29:34] On the school board, at times, I was chair, vice chair, but many, many more times, she was vice chair and chair of the school board. And then, in turn, the number of years I've been doing this on the Board of Supervisors, and it is a great honor and a pleasure to work with her. And those of us who interact with board members know that Kathy and I don't always agree on things.

[01:29:54] That's pretty sure. But the respect and her focus and the communication, that's been a core part of how she interacts with all of us. If there's an issue that she is responsible for, you're going to get a call about it. And you're going to get maybe multiple calls about it until you respond, if nothing else.

[01:30:12] But those are the kinds of critical things that make a difference in how the board works together. And frankly, how we get so much done. So it's just an honor and a pleasure to once again vote, to nominate and in turn a vote on her behalf. Thank you.

[01:30:28] Thank you, Supervisor Stork. And let me just add, you know, I'm sitting here thinking back to Vice Chair Gross and Vice Chair Smith, who have both been, at least to me as chairman, outstanding vice chairs. And they share something in common that I think a lot of people don't recognize, which is, you know, a lot of us come here, we show up, we do the work for our districts that we need to do, but a lot of

times there's a ton of background work that's being done to prepare for those things, and those things don't always get recognized.

[01:31:02] They're not, you know, they're not sexy, but they need to happen. And when I think about the work that Kathy does, not only as vice chair, but also the work she does on all the land use issues, a ton of work, A ton of background effort, and as Supervisor Stork said, a ton of communication with her colleagues on things takes a lot of work and doesn't always get the recognition that it deserves because we just show up and the product is there.

[01:31:30] And I know personally how much time and effort she puts into those matters and how much extra time being vice chair takes. And I certainly have been blessed with two vice chairs who I respect and who have done a great job in their position and why I'm so wholeheartedly supportive of this nomination.

[01:31:49] And so with that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. I'm sorry, Kathy. But no, we're delighted to have you serve another year as vice chair.

[01:32:07] So congratulations. And next up, we have appointments to boards, authorities, commissions, and advisory groups. And let me ask if we have a motion to approve them.

[01:32:23] Supervisor Smith. I move approval of the appointments to boards, authorities, and commissions on the document dated January 13, 2025. And I'm happy to second that motion with several others. Let me ask if there's any appointments board members would like to have acted on separately.

[01:32:44] Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the package, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And that takes us to board matters. And as a reminder, these were compiled digitally.

[01:32:59] We'll go alphabetically by district, following myself and Vice Chairman Smith. And I do have, I'm going to hand the gavel to Supervisor Smith because I do have one board matter. and that is I move to approve without objection the proclamation requests listed in this document to be presented inside or outside of the boardroom, and those are National Passenger Safety Week, Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Irish American Heritage Month, the 65th anniversary of the return Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps Day,

[01:33:36] and finally the 50th anniversary of the county's Master Gardener's Program. Without objection, it's so ordered. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. And next up, we have Vice Chairman Smith. No board matters today. No board matters. Thank you very much.

[01:33:52] Next up, we have, let's see, we have Supervisor Sizemore Heiser. Thank you. I don't have any formal board matters today, but I just wanted to mention a couple things. I'll be hosting an open house on February 4th at my office in the Braddock District to welcome and meet the new community members.

[01:34:13] So I'm happy to invite all of you all to attend as well, Wednesday, February 4th, from 4.30 to 6.30. You drop by any time. And I also wanted to introduce a new staff member today. Stephanie Cedric will be joining our office as a Senior Director of Policy and Engagement.

[01:34:29] Stephanie has extensive experience in the Braddock District, having served just recently as the District Director at the Braddock School Board Office and as Chief of Staff to Delegate Dan Helmer. She

also brings significant communications experience from her 20-year career at the Washington Post, where she served as an editor, staff writer, and columnist.

[01:34:48] And many of you may already know Stephanie from her community involvement, including her service on the Fairfax County History Commission and the Advisory Social Services Board. So please join me in welcoming Stephanie Cedric to my office. Thank you.

[01:35:05] Outstanding. All right. Next up, we have Supervisor Bierman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. one board matter, naming of bridge on Route 193 over difficult run for John J. Adams. In 1969, John J. Adams was a founding member of the Georgetown Pike and Potomac River Association, the association that worked to prevent the burling tract from being developed.

[01:35:30] Largely as a result of these preservation efforts, that area became Scott's Run Park, a valuable resource for the whole community. Mr. Adams and the association then focused their work on the preservation of Georgetown Pike. They worked tirelessly with the Board of Supervisors and members of the General Assembly to create the designation of Scenic and Historic Byway for Historic Roads in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[01:35:53] Due in large part to the efforts of Mr. Adams, Georgetown Pike was declared Virginia's first Scenic and Historic Byway in 1974. Even after obtaining this designation, Mr. Adams spent a significant amount of time negotiating with developers, elected officials, and the Virginia Department of Transportation, VDOT, to prevent alterations that would damage the historic integrity of Georgetown Pike.

[01:36:14] Mr. Adams also worked to preserve significant trees on Georgetown Pike wherever possible. Mr. Adams passed away on April 20, 2025. VDOT allows bridges to be named by the Commonwealth Transportation Board at the request of a local jurisdiction, provided the jurisdiction agrees to bear the costs of producing, erecting, and maintaining appropriate signs.

[01:36:34] In order to bring a naming request to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, VDOT requires a formal resolution from the locality. To recognize Mr. Adams for his dedication to and lasting impact on Georgetown Pike, community members have requested that the bridge on Georgetown Pike, Route 193, over a difficult run, be named in his honor.

[01:36:53] Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the previously circulated resolution and direct staff to forward the resolution to the appropriate VDOT office and ask it to submit the resolution to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and request the naming of the bridge on Georgetown Pike, Route 193, over a difficult run, for John J. Adams.

[01:37:14] I'm happy to second that motion. Excellent suggestion. Thank you for bringing this forward. Any further discussion? Supervisor Bierman. I'm not going to read the resolution in full because you all have it, but it mirrors what's in the board matter.

[01:37:30] We wanted to make sure to put the J in the middle of the name as the middle name so nobody would get confused. But this is for John J. Adams, a longtime resident. And I'm looking forward to having this bridge over difficult run renamed.

[01:37:48] Thank you. Absolutely. Thank you, Supervisor Bierman. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Thank you very much. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm excited to share that a Franconia

District resident will be celebrating her 100th birthday on February 2, 2026. Artrell Foster Randolph was born on February 2, 1926, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the daughter of a black man and a white woman.

[01:38:20] She grew up in the segregated South before moving to New York City after graduating from high school at the age of 16 years old. Despite her young age, our trail began working in RCA factory where she was soldering wiring and tubes made for aircraft to aid in the Second World War efforts.

[01:38:40] Our trail moved from Boston to Northern Virginia in September of 1978 and began attending Calvary Road Baptist Church in 1980. Whether it is visiting the homebound, cooking and delivering meals, or sending encouraging cards to our church family, our trail continues to vigorously serve her community, a great-grandmother of 17 and a four-time cancer survivor.

[01:39:10] Our trail's resilience and service is worthy of recognition. With that said, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move without objection. The Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation for the 100th birthday of our trail, Foster Randolph, to be presented either within or outside the boardroom.

[01:39:31] Without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Lusky. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Second, the Springfield Acres Garden Club, SAGC in Central Springfield, has been promoting community beautification, horticultural education, and environmental stewardship since 1955.

[01:39:50] Over the last 70 years, the club has contributed to the Springfield community by landscaping and planting trees in various locations, including the Richard Byrd Library, parks, health complexes, shopping centers, subdivisions, and also along roadways.

[01:40:06] S.A.G.C. has actively supported gardening and horticulture through lectures, workshops, and classes, while also contributing articles on gardening to local newspapers. The club has hosted plant sales, annual flower and garden shows, Christmas bazaars, and other fundraisers and social events to engage the community and support its efforts.

[01:40:28] Its affiliation with the National Capital Garden Club, NCAGC, has brought regional recognition and awards, further enhancing its impact. Beyond horticultural activities, SAGC has provided annual charitable donations and scholarships since its founding.

[01:40:50] Additionally, the club installed and continues to maintain a Blue Star Memorial on Old Keen Mill Road, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move without objection that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation for the 70th anniversary of the Springfield Acres Garden Club to be presented either inside or outside the boardroom.

[01:41:16] And without objection, that is so ordered, Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This would be my last item. And again, today we received our board committee assignments and appointments to regional bodies, and I will recall your appointing me to serve on the Council of Governments, Metropolitan Washington, in 2020, having worked closely with COG for many years and seeing firsthand the dedication that goes into its efforts.

[01:41:44] I want to acknowledge it has been an honor to serve as chair of COG for this past year. In addition to publicly thinking, my regional colleagues, which has begun, I want to take this opportunity to

thank my Fairfax County colleagues on this board and the many county staff participants who have provided support to COG.

[01:42:05] You, Mr. Chairman, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Bierman, specifically for your work, particularly during this year. I'll give just a few examples of COG's involvement and what they were able to launch over the course of this past year.

[01:42:24] The first is the Talent Capital AI Initiative, which is a resource tool to help those who are seeking employment, who lost their employment through federal government service or through contract employment. In addition, and this is where the chairman and Supervisor Behrman and also Supervisor Alcorn were so instrumental, COGS work with the Amada Board to endorse the DMV Moves Plan, which outlines a unified vision and sustainable funding model for the region's transit network.

[01:42:56] So important for us to work through that. And then additionally, I'll note the Transportation Planning Board of COG, which Supervisor Alcorn also served on, and Supervisor Walkinshaw before his departure from this board, so I want to acknowledge him, helped approve Visualize 2050.

[01:43:13] The region's transportation plan includes over \$297 billion in planned projects. So again, COG is the one place that brings together our federal, state, and local officials and partners in the private and nonprofit sectors to work on issues that matter to all who call this region home.

[01:43:34] I look forward to continuing this important work together with my colleagues here and others in the region in 2026. And with that, Mr. Chairman, that concludes my board meeting. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk, and in particular, thank you for mentioning the staff. For all of us who serve on so many of these different regional bodies, there's a tremendous amount of county staff that supports us in those endeavors and is, I can say, is very well respected across the board.

[01:44:02] And I also want to particularly thank our county executive because two of the three things that are mentioned in here There are things that he was directly involved in, and having seen a lot of county executives in the past, they don't necessarily get as directly involved in things at COG as our county executive has, and I do want to acknowledge his work on this because that's outside of the normal responsibilities of the job, but something that has given us great regional recognition, leadership, and support, so thank you.

[01:44:36] And, Mr. Chairman, I apologize. I did not mean to leave the county executive out, and I will say that his work on COG has been noted to me by several of the other jurisdictional colleagues who are a part of COG. So thank you as well for your service.

[01:44:55] Definitely. Thank you very much. And next up is Supervisor Alcorn. No board matters. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Supervisor Jimenez. Not so lucky with me, Mr. Chairman. We've got two board matters and one announcement, so let's get going.

[01:45:13] Mr. Chairman, I have my first board matter is with you, with Supervisor Palchak and Supervisor Sizemore-Heiser. Mr. Chairman, as a requirement of its charter, each year the Environment Quality Advisory Council, or EQUAC, compiles a comprehensive report detailing the state of our environment.

[01:45:32] This report, known as the Annual Report on the Environment, provides insights into various environmental indicators, assesses the effectiveness of current policies, and offers recommendations for

future action to enhance our environmental stewardship. Today, I am pleased to announce that the Environmental Quality Advisory Council has completed the 2025 Annual Report on the Environment.

[01:45:52] This report is a useful tool for understanding the current environmental conditions in our county and guiding our efforts to protect and improve our natural resources. The report covers the topic areas of land use, transportation, water, waste management, parks, ecological resources, and wildlife, climate, and energy, air quality, and a spotlight on Fairfax County Public Schools.

[01:46:15] Our commitment to environmental quality, as evidenced in our countywide strategic plan and updated comprehensive plan, is critical for the health and economic well-being of our community. This insight and recommendations provided by the Environmental Quality Advisory Council in the 2025 Annual Report on the Environment will help us continue to make informed decisions and make meaningful actions to preserve our environment for future generations.

[01:46:42] Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors formally accept the 2025 Annual Report on the Environment from the Environmental Quality Advisory Council. Additionally, I recommend that the board refer to this report to the Environmental Committee for a detailed review and to consider the recommendations outlined by EQUEC.

[01:46:59] I'm happy to second that with a lot of people. If there's no discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Supervisor Jimenez. We're going to keep going.

[01:47:15] Mr. Chairman, this board matter is with you, with Supervisor Paucek and Supervisor Herity. It is the nomination for Economic Opportunity Reserve recipient Philips Program. Mr. Chairman, Philips Program is a longstanding nonprofit with a strong presence in Fairfax County, providing specialized education and career pathways for students and young adults with behavioral health challenges and developmental disabilities.

[01:47:41] Building on this foundation, Philips Program has launched Spring Forward Ventures, a non-profit social enterprise incubator designed to create high-quality, stable jobs for individuals facing barriers to employment. Unlike traditional workhorse programs, Spring Forward Ventures builds businesses around the need of its employees with the goal of long-term sustainability and eventual employee ownership.

[01:48:07] The initiative Spring Forward Ventures currently includes two integrated enterprises based at the Phillips Annandale campus. Spring Forward Feeds, a meal production business preparing approximately 80,000 meals annually for Phillip campuses, keeping food service dollars in the local economy and creating paid apprenticeship opportunities.

[01:48:31] Spring Forward Farms, a plant high-tech indoor hydroponic farming operation capable of producing nearly 300,000 heads of leafy greens annually, using significantly less water and land than conventional agriculture while supplying local and regional markets.

[01:48:49] When fully scaled, these enterprises will employ approximately 40 full-time workers, specifically targeting young adults with behavioral health wellness needs, while also providing paid internships and career explorations for current Phillips students. Spring Forward Adventures advances Fairfax County's goals around economic opportunities, workforce innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth.

[01:49:11] By connecting historically marginalized individuals to good jobs, wraparound supports, and pathway to ownership, the initiative addresses persistent underemployment while strengthening the local economy. Therefore, I would like to evaluate the appropriateness of a contribution to this project to assist with the capital development needed for the program's infrastructure, including the hydroponic farming facilities.

[01:49:34] project has already secured USDA urban agricultural funding and leverages Phillips-owned property, demonstrating both commitment and readiness. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the county executive to prepare an initial project evaluation of a potential investment for the Economic Opportunity Reserve in support of Phillips program and its spring-forward ventures initiative and direct the county executive that no investment from the economic opportunity reserve will be made until the board has approved the use of the funds for

[01:50:08] that purpose. And I'm happy to second that motion. A lot of folks seconded that. Is there any further discussion, Supervisor Jimenez? Supervisor Palcic. Thank you. I just want to thank Supervisor Jimenez for bringing this forward. It was not long ago I had the opportunity to visit the Phillips program to see the incredible work they do. I know that intersection very well from my high school days.

[01:50:32] And not only do I think this is a great initiative for us to consider and review, but it brings not only jobs, but training and the greenhouses that have already been designed and have quite a bit of private and USDA support, I think will be a beautiful addition as we continue to focus on local and urban agriculture and the entirety and the resiliency of our food system.

[01:51:01] and preparation. So hopefully this is deemed to be successful this round. I know that there was a previous round that was not successful, and I appreciate you working with the staff, with Philipson, and with us on bringing this forward. Thank you, Supervisor Palchuk. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, and we look forward to that coming back to us for consideration. Next up is Supervisor Stork. Mr. Chairman, I have just one announcement. Mr. Chairman, I'd also like to announce the addition of Vanessa Simpson

[01:51:39] to the Mason District staff team. So please stand up, Vanessa. Vanessa brings to our office an abundance of professional experience from both Fairfax County and in the private sector. She's a graduate of James Madison University. In addition to her work with the county, she also worked in Senator Jennifer Boyesco's office. As policy director, she will be assisting our office with legislative matters and will be serving Mason residents with transportation, among her other issues. We are eager to have her getting started and look forward to working with her this winter and this upcoming spring. So please welcome Vanessa Simpson. Fantastic. I can't believe I

[01:52:19] almost missed that part. The most important part of the day. So congratulations, Vanessa. with that, I'm done, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. A familiar face, so we're glad for that announcement. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and it is that time of year.

[01:52:38] Once again, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to continue the Mount Vernon tradition established by my predecessor, Jerry Hyland, in 1988, the annual Mount Vernon District Town Meeting. The Town Meeting will be held at Mount Vernon High School. Residents can also join us by streaming on Channel 16 and Facebook.

[01:52:54] Our popular exhibit hall will be filled with county and community service providers with a special 250th or semi-quincentennial experience put together by our 250th commission. Our official program will include an updated look at our annual virtual tour of the district as well as Q&As with local leaders and special recognitions.

[01:53:15] I am pleased that Chairman McKay as well as County Executive Hill and the Mount Vernon District School Board member, Mateo Dunn, will join us to present and answer questions from residents. The program will also feature performances by the Mount Vernon High School String Quartet as well as the Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard.

[01:53:34] I invite all my colleagues and the county residents to join me for this annual community event. Again, it's Saturday before the Super Bowl, February 7th, with the exhibit hall opening at 8.30 a.m. and the program itself beginning at 10 to going to about 12.30. Therefore, Chairman McKay, I ask, with unanimous consent, the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the town meeting on its various communication platforms.

[01:54:00] Without objection, that is so ordered, Supervisor Stork, and no snow or ice or rain, freezing rain that day. So far, we've done well with that. You have. I'm hoping for a similar time. We can remember some years where that wasn't the case. There have been years, yes, sir. So we're on a streak.

[01:54:15] Yes, sir. All right. I have just one more virtual one. I wanted to introduce Abadallah Abadi. If you could stand up. Thank you very much. I am pleased to welcome Abadallah Abadi to the Mount Vernon District team as our transportation, trails, and environment aide.

[01:54:33] A former Mason District resident as well as a resident of Prince William County Occon office and actually worked with the supervisor's office there. He has also served more recently as special advisor in the EPA's Office of Policy. And prior to that, he worked as a policy and research assistant at the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Climate Crisis.

[01:54:56] Evadala was born and raised in Arlington and attended George Mason University, where he received his degree in government and international relations. He's excited to be joining our team and looks forward to working at the local level again, where the government has the most impact on residents.

[01:55:13] Excellent. Welcome. And that's it, Mr. Chairman. All right. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Palcic. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I read my one board matter, as we talked about the new committee assignments today, I very much have enjoyed the work on health and human services and housing, but also very much look forward now to the challenge of taking on the environmental committee.

[01:55:42] It is an area where I think we have done excellent work, and there's quite a bit more to be done, especially the areas where we control this county at a time when federal support is going to be a challenge. I think there's more we can do to help focus on our local resiliency, on our local environment, on our collaboration with our schools, our private sector and agencies, and very much look forward to happy to connect with any of you before we move forward on that.

[01:56:10] I know so many of you have been active in that, and as Supervisors, Heiser and I have discussed, looking forward to making some events like the Climate Action Conference more of a county-wide event. So very much appreciate that and learning from EEOC and all of you and focusing on our very diverse community and how to bring more voices into that conversation.

[01:56:36] So I very much look forward to hopefully filling some big shoes there and continuing to collaborate and support the work of HHS and housing with Supervisor Sizemore Heiser. With that, I did want to read my one board matter, and I'm very excited that we are at that time of year, once again, working on our annual Lunar New Year Open House in the Providence District.

[01:57:05] And if I can just find where my paper has gone to, I will be – thank you, Mr. Chairman. And he will be one of our speakers and attending once again. It was a great event last year. We're hoping to have dragons this year. But here we go. Members of the board, I am thrilled to invite the community to the Providence District Lunar New Year Open House on Thursday, January 22nd from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

[01:57:29] at our office at the Jim Scott Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. You can walk over from the Vienna metro station or take several buses as well. This family-friendly event in partnership with Neighborhood and Community Services will once again honor the cultural heritage of our aging communities and feature cultural performances, Chinese calligraphy class, arts, traditional cuisines, and fortune cards.

[01:57:55] Please join us to welcome the new year, the Year of the Horse, and to learn more about the Providence District Office. You can find more information and register for the event at providencelny.eventbrite.com.

[01:58:13] And I believe we've been in communication, but I move without objection that the Office of Public Affairs and Neighborhood and Community Services helped publicize this event on their appropriate channels. I also invite all my colleagues, and we're excited to have the chairman once again, as well as our community members, especially those of all ages.

[01:58:32] We have events for our seniors and for our little ones to please join us at the Providence District Lunar New Year Open House. I also want to add, I didn't want to share it, next meeting he will officially be here. But one of the reasons we will be working on the environment is having new chief of staff starting next week.

[01:58:52] Many of you know Kyle Stone, currently chair of the Park Authority, former chief of staff in the Braddock office, and has quite a bit of experience at George Mason and the environment. So excited he will be at the open house, and he will be joining our office to take over as our chief of staff starting next week.

[01:59:14] Great. And without objection, that is so ordered, and looking forward to the event. Supervisor Palczyk. That is all, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Palczyk. Supervisor Herity. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have one board matter. High Ridge TEI Equities LLC has filed a rezoning application RZ-2025-SP-00003 on tax map parcels 46-4, double circle 1, 15B, and 56-2, double circle 1, 15C, and 15D to rezone approximately

[01:59:50] 6.02 acres from C3 to PRM to redevelop the site with a multifamily building consisting of 400 multifamily units and up to 5,500 square feet of commercial uses at 1.49 far.

[02:00:08] The applicant proposes a development plan shown with a new multifamily building with significant pedestrian improvements along Fairfax Ridge Road and Waples Mill Road consistent with the comprehensive plan these improvements should help facilitate the future redevelopment of other properties in land unit k at fairfax center the planning commission public hearing is scheduled for february 25th and the applicant has requested an expedited review of the rezoning application and

authorization to start processing a concurrent site plan therefore mr chairman i move the board of supervisors direct the department the director of the department of planning and

[02:00:45] Development and the Director of the Department of Land Development Services to expedite the scheduling of the Board of Supervisors public hearing and to concurrently process the review of the site plan building permits and other plans and permits as may be necessary to implement RZ-2025-SP-00003. This motion shall not be construed as a favorable recommendation by the Board of Supervisors on the proposed applications and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of all applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards in any way.

[02:01:21] So moved. And I will second that motion along with several others. I heard Supervisor Alcorn and Bierman. 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.

[02:01:37] Was that all, Supervisor Herdy? That's it. Excellent. Thank you. We now are going to move on to our administrative items, and there are 12 of them. Let me ask Supervisor Smith if she has a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of Admin Items 1 through 12. And I'm happy to second that.

[02:01:54] Let me ask if there are any items that board members would like to ask questions about or would like to vote on separately. Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of Admin Items 1 through 12, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[02:02:10] Any abstentions? And that motion carries. And that takes us to action items. Action item one is approval of the Board of Supervisors' regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2026 and authorization for the chairman to postpone a scheduled meeting in the event of weather or other hazardous conditions.

[02:02:28] And at this time, I will turn to Vice Chair Smith for a motion. I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. You've heard the motion. I will second that, along with Supervisors Bierman and Palczyk. Any discussion on the motion? Mr. Chairman. Yes, Supervisor Alcorn. Just thank you for, from the draft to the finalizing, moving the committee meetings out of the spring break week.

[02:02:47] Yes. Thank you. Really important. And a good catch. We usually catch that right away. And just, you know, I'm glad you brought that up because it's not for us as much as it is for the staff that have to attend these and may also want to travel while their kids are out of school for spring break.

[02:03:04] So thank you for that. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Action item two is approval of project agreements between the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and Fairfax County for fiscal year 2026 transit assistant grant funds. And at this time, we'll turn to our Transportation Committee Chair, Supervisor Beerman. I move approval of action item number two, consistent with the county executive's recommendation. I'm happy to second that, along with a lot of others uh discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor

[02:03:43] of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries action item number three uh is resolution to support the abandonments and additions associated with the roberts parkway extension routes 6197 651 and 6591 in the braddock district and at this time i turn to to our Braddock District Supervisor, Sizemore-Heiser, for a motion.

[02:04:13] Thank you. I moved the county executive's recommendation to adopt the resolution. 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?

[02:04:29] Any abstentions? That motion carries, and that brings us to the end of our action items. Next on the agenda is closed session, and at this time, Let me ask the county attorney how long we need for closed session. Mr. Chairman, I estimate no more than 30 minutes.

[02:04:45] No more than 30 minutes. And so we will report to closed session at 3 p.m. We do not want to start the annual meeting of the Solid Waste Authority late. Very critical, very critical meeting that we do. And so we are going to report to closed session promptly at 3 o'clock should Supervisor Smith's motion that I'm going to turn to her for in a second.

[02:05:09] be approved. And with that, Vice Chair Smith. Yes, we can do that. Announce. There are some deferrals. There's intense two of them listed, one in the Mount Vernon District. Did you want to mention that, Supervisor Stork? It's listed on our agenda, but why don't we just mention it again in case anyone's watching. We have a deferral on SC 2024-MV00008. It's going to be deferred to February 3rd, 2026, at 3.30 p.m.

[02:05:44] Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Smith. Thank you. SEA 00-Y-004-002, Mount Olive Baptist Church. I have an intention to defer that to February 3rd, 2026, at 3.30 p.m.

[02:06:00] And both of those are scheduled as 3.30 items today that were just announced. Are there any other intents to defer? Okay. Seeing and hearing none, let me now turn to Supervisor Smith for a motion. for closed session 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 2.2-3711 enlisted in the attached agenda for this meeting and in addition legal analysis regarding vdot secondary street acceptance regulations and the federal communication

[02:06:33] commission's notice of proposed rulemaking in wt docket number 25-276 all is permitted by virginia Code section 2.2-3711A8. And the chair will 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, and the board will stand in recess until 3 p.m. when we will

[02:07:00] report for closed session. All right, the board is returning from closed session, and to come out

[02:16:31] of closed session, I'm going to turn to Vice Chairman Smith for a motion. 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 the motion by which closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board of Supervisors during the closed session. Chair, we'll second that motion along with Supervisor Palczyk.

[02:17:01] Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. I know we have two motions coming out of closed session. Let me first recognize Supervisor Smith. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Attorney's Office to work with outside counsel and file reply comments and otherwise participate on behalf of the county in the Federal Communication Commission's rulemaking proceeding in WT Docket No. 25-276.

[02:17:32] The Chair will second that motion, along with Supervisor Palczyk. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. I'm going to hand the gavel to Vice Chairman Smith.

[02:17:47] I do have one motion. I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Attorney's Office to request an opinion from the Virginia Attorney General regarding whether, Under the applicable Virginia Administrative Code provisions, the Virginia Department of Transportation may accept a street into the secondary system of highways based on a formal request from the county's Director of Land Development Services if the governing body has adopted a resolution authorizing the director to make such requests.

[02:18:15] I'll second that motion along with Supervisor Palchuk. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstention? That motion carries, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. Vice Chair Smith. And with that, we're going to move on to our next agenda item, which is the annual meeting of the Fairfax County Solid Waste Authority. And at this time, I am going to turn this meeting over to Vice Chair Smith. Mr. Chairman, I have a number of motions that I'm going to make. I move approval of the slate of officers for the Solid Waste Authority.

[02:18:53] The chair will second that motion. Is there discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Vice Chair Smith. Next will be a motion on the minutes for the last meeting of January 14, 2025.

[02:19:13] I move approval of the minutes from the last meeting. I've heard the motion. It's been seconded by the Chairman and Supervisor Palchuk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[02:19:28] That motion carries. Supervisor Seismorheiser wants to abstain on that, right, was not present last year, so cannot confirm the meetings. Very good. We will mark you as abstained. Thank you. Supervisor Smith. And next, I have a motion on the financial statement of the authority.

[02:19:46] I move approval of the financial statement for the authority. I'm happy to second that with Supervisor Paucik. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[02:20:01] Supervisor Smith. And now I have a motion to adjourn the meeting. I move the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Fairfax County Solid Waste Authority. Chair, we'll second that along with Supervisor Palchik. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye.

[02:20:17] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you very much, Supervisor Smith. And that was only smooth because of all the staff work that's here. want to thank the staff for their work on this. With that, we are going to move into our public hearings and just a few reminders about public hearings. Individuals wishing to provide testimony have a number of options. They can testify here in person or they can provide testimony by phone or by YouTube video. At the designated point in the public hearing, I'll call for any speakers from the speakers list and they will either come forward or their video will be shown or they will

[02:20:53] be connected by telephone. There will then be an opportunity for anyone else who would like to speak to the matter to come down to the podium in front of me or to call in to 703-324-1020. Speakers

testifying by video must have signed up and submitted their video no later than 9 a.m.

[02:21:13] on the day prior to the public hearing. For public hearing testimony, you're given three minutes to speak as an individual. If you're a spokesperson for a group, you are given five minutes. And I'm going to call our first public hearing, which I understand intends to be deferred, and that is a public hearing on SC2024-MV-00008, Alucine Contech in the Mount Vernon District, and at this time we'll turn to Supervisor Stork for a motion.

[02:21:40] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the hearing for SC2024-MV-00008 to a date certain of February 3, 2026. And the Chair will second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none.

[02:21:56] all those in favor please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries next we have a public hearing on rz 2024-ma-00017 which will be heard concurrently with the public hearing for sca-85-m-101-04 phillips programs in the mason district and at this time could we please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit good afternoon sasha brower with odin feldman Pittleman. I reaffirm the rezoning affidavit dated October 8th, 2025, and the special exception

[02:22:35] amendment affidavit dated October 3rd, 2025. Thank you. Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize staff for a staff presentation. Hi, my name is Ciara Downing from the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant seeks to amend the existing special exception to incorporate additional land area and modify and expand the existing school facilities. The application also proposes to rezone the central part of the campus to the R5 district for expansion of an existing

[02:23:10] private school. The subject property is located on the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Braddock and Backlick Road in the Mason District. The site is developed with a private school for children with behavioral health challenges and disabilities. There is also a previously approved telecommunications facility on site. It is zoned to the R1 and R5 districts and consists of just over 10 acres. The applicant proposes to rezone a portion of parcel 5, parcel 3, and parcel 1 to

[02:23:44] the R5 district. Parcel 42 would remain R1. The applicant also proposes to amend the existing special exception to incorporate additional land area, modify and expand the existing school facilities while also retaining the existing school and telecommunications facility. The proposed site changes include a two-story approximately 17,600 square foot school building expansion in the northeastern portion of the property and a one-story approximately 14,000 square foot greenhouse building with additional kitchen facilities in the center of the property.

[02:24:22] The proposed school addition will accommodate approximately 72 additional students and 70 additional staff members. The greenhouse and kitchen would be accessory uses to the private school. The greenhouse will provide employment and training for approximately 12 individuals.

[02:24:40] The proposed kitchen will employ approximately 12 people per shift with two shifts anticipated once fully operational. The only change proposed to the operations of the existing school is to allow an increase in enrollment from 198 students and 140 employees to 270 students and 210 employees.

[02:25:02] Additional improvements to the sidewalks along Braddock and Backlick roads and to the parking lot landscaping are proposed. Overall, staff finds the proposal to be in conformance with the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinance. Thank you. That concludes my presentation.

[02:25:18] Thank you very much. This time we'd welcome the applicant's presentation. For over 50 years, Philips programs has served the needs of individuals with behavioral health challenges and developmental disabilities through education, family support services, and advocacy.

[02:25:39] Philips focuses on providing social skills, training, counseling, speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, career and technical education, and authentic job opportunities in the community. They have operated a private high school on this site since 1986, and the school has thoughtfully and intentionally evolved since that time.

[02:25:59] We can move on to this proposal. So to continue to advance its mission, Phillips proposes to establish employment, job, and training opportunities with the construction of an indoor agricultural facility and kitchen. Phillips further seeks to consolidate students into a single campus with the construction of the additional school space shown on the screen on the northeastern portion of the site, and that would allow Phillips to relocate the students from its Fairfax location to its Annandale campus.

[02:26:28] As a part of this project, Phillips has committed to upgrade the sidewalk along Backlick Road, construct a shared use path along Braddock Road, and the school has worked throughout this process to minimize impervious surface, enhance site landscaping, upgrade pedestrian facilities, while minimizing the disturbance to operational activities on the site with the existing school.

[02:26:51] So Phillips operates in this community, fills a critical need for the community, and so staff is recommending approval. The Mason District Land Use Committee is recommending approval. The Planning Commission is recommending approval, and we would respectfully request that you approve this application today. Happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much.

[02:27:07] Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff or the applicant? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone here present in the auditorium that wishes to speak on this subject? This is a public hearing.

[02:27:24] Anyone who wishes to speak on this subject? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers. There are no callers. There are no callers. I assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On November 12, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the applications subject to the SEA development conditions dated November 7th, 2025, and the proffers consistent with those dated December 23rd, 2025. Staff concurs with those recommendations. Thank you very much. Any questions from board

[02:28:00] members? Last chance. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Jimenez for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I request that the applicant confirm for the record their agreement to the proffers dated December 23rd, 2025, and the Development conditions dated November 7th, 2025.

[02:28:22] The proffers and the conditions. Great. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve RZ-2024-MA-00017 subject to the proffers consistent with those dated December 23rd, 2025, and move that the Board of Supervisors approve SCA-85-M-101-04 subject to development conditions consistent with those dated November 7, 2025, and move that the Board of Supervisors approve

[02:28:57] the parking reduction request PKS-2024-00028 for the site based on the proximity of bus services to the use and subject to the conditions dated August 12, 2025, contained in Appendix 9 of the staff

report, and further move that the Board of Supervisors approve the waivers and modifications listed in the staff report, which include modification of the transitional screening and barrier requirements in favor of those shown on the GDP-SEA plat and modifications of the peripheral parking lot landscaping requirements along Braddock Road

[02:29:35] in favor of the landscaping shown on the GDP-SEA plat. Second. And it's been seconded by a lot of board members. I was going to ask you to repeat the motion. Thanks. But the chair seconds that, along with a lot of other folks here at the dais, enthusiastically.

[02:29:52] Is there any further discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you all very much. Next, we have a public hearing on SEA-00-Y-004-002, Mount Owl of Baptist Church.

[02:30:17] And I understand this is being deferred. Supervisor Smith. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for SEA-00-Y-004-002 to a date certain of February 3rd, 2026. Chair, we'll second that motion. Is there any discussion? Seeing and 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 public hearing which is a public hearing on se-2024-pr-00039 vip management llc in the

[02:30:55] providence district and could the applicant please reaffirm the affidavit i do reform the application for date august 6 2025 for se 2024 pr rp i'm sorry 00039 thank you very much sir uh are there any disclosures from board members any disclosures seeing and hearing on at this time I would recognize County staff for a presentation thank you mr.

[02:31:25] chairman I'm Savannah Murray with the Department of Planning and Development this afternoon I'll be presenting a special exception request by VIP management LLC at 8704 route 29 the application property is located on route 29 in Cedar Lane the applicant is requesting a special exception to permit an adult daycare center and an existing office building the adult daycare center would provide services for up to 63 participants on the ground floor of the existing building slight modifications

[02:32:00] are proposed to the existing surface parking lot at the front of the building to create an outdoor recreation area for the daycare participants the site is zoned c2 limited office and in the highway corridor overlay, and consists of one parcel that is 36,822 square feet. The comp plan recommendation for this site is office. The applicant proposes the adult daycare will operate from 7 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Monday through Friday. No medical facility or beds would be provided on site. Participants

[02:32:34] would arrive and depart the site via minivans and buses operated by the adult daycare. That concludes my presentation. MR. Thank you very much. At this time, we'd welcome an applicant's presentation. Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

[02:32:51] I'm representative of the VIP management LLC for this application, SE 2024 PR-00039. It was mentioned in the staff meeting, staff report, that this application for the Special for adult daycare center.

[02:33:10] The VIP management LLC had been in the adult daycare for over 10 years, and they already have one center in Annandelle, but due to the demand, they are thinking to expand in the services to this particular building on 8704 Route 29.

[02:33:30] And the adult center center in conformance of session 4102.4.0, and also this application meet the C2 zone industry requirement standard for the Adult Director Center.

[02:33:47] At the end, I want to thank the staff. They have been very helpful during this process with us. Thank you very much. Thank you for that presentation. Are there any questions of staff or the applicant?

[02:34:02] Any questions of staff or the applicant? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. Once again, I have no speakers signed up in advance to speak on this matter. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this subject? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers.

[02:34:20] There are no callers. No callers. Applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On October 22nd, 2025, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of SE 2024 PR00039 subject to the development conditions now dated November 18th, 2025.

[02:34:42] Staff concurs with that recommendation. Thank you very much. Last check. Any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Palchuk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me go ahead and read my motion.

[02:35:01] Mr. Chairman, I request that the applicant confirm for the record their agreement to the development conditions consistent with those dated November 18, 2025. Yes, we are. Thank you very much. I therefore move that the Board of Supervisors approve SE-2024-PR-00039, subject to development conditions dated November 18, 2025.

[02:35:27] You've heard the motion. chair will second that is their discussion on the motion mr chairman this is very briefly first of all also want to thank the staff probably through a couple staffers now who've been working on this the applicant I know it's not always easy to do an application and a new space but I think those of you who know this area well the corner of cedar and 29 quite a connected and busy inner interchange they're about halfway between Dunloring metro Vienna metro with an improved bus line as well and appreciate.

[02:36:02] I know there are some concerns that were heard from one of the residents in the community not understanding, you know, what the impact might be on transportation. So very much appreciate that the drop-offs and pick-ups will be occurring via vans and buses at the front entrance with ADA-compliant process as well as the additional space for recreation outdoors.

[02:36:25] I know that, as we all know, we have an aging population and a very diverse aging population. So I know that all facilities to help support our seniors age in place and their families have some respite and some support to help their seniors and adult daycares much appreciated.

[02:36:44] I don't know if it was shared, but the Healthcare Advisory Board did recommend approval as well as I believe it was unanimous support from the Planning Commission. So I appreciate the work and the final updates on the affidavit. I know that can be a challenge.

[02:37:00] But to that, this is very minor changes to, you know, an older office space that I think is a good use for our community and for our seniors to have exceptional daycare center. And I appreciate that the applicants came to show us the type of facilities that they provide.

[02:37:18] So to that, just want to thank all who have been involved, and we're looking forward to having 63 participants not too far from our office in the heart of the Providence District be active members of our community. So I hope to have my colleagues' support and look forward to having VIP be an excellent place and member of the Providence District.

[02:37:41] Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Thank you. And next, we have a public hearing on RZ 2024-DR-00019, which will be heard concurrently with the public hearing on PCA-79-C-037-010, MCP Dulles Tech Center, LLC, in the Drainingsville District.

[02:38:17] And as soon as they are ready, if we could please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. I'm Brian Winterhalter with DLA Piper. On behalf of the applicant, I reaffirm the affidavit dated November 17, 2025.

[02:38:33] Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Disclosures from board members. Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. My name is Sharon Williams, and I'm with the Department of Planning and Development.

[02:38:52] This application is a rezoning concurrent with the proper condition amendment, which proposes to redevelop the subject site to permit residential development. The 12.14-acre subject property is located at 13600 Dulles Technology Drive at the northern intersection of Dulles Technology Drive and Sunrise Valley Drive within the Dulles Suburban Center.

[02:39:13] The site is currently zoned I-4 and is located within a one-half-mile walk from the Innovation Metro Rail Station. As shown here, this property is currently developed with two office buildings and their associated subject or surface parking. This applicant proposes to rezone the site to the PRM district to permit the construction of a residential community, which consists of 200 townhomes and 244 multifamily units contained in one multifamily building, for a total of 444 dwelling units at a 1.41 FAR and an overall density of 36.57 dwelling units per acre.

[02:39:50] The concurrent PCA is proposed to remove this land area from the prior approval to allow the aforementioned rezoning request. As shown here, the multifamily building is proposed along the northeastern quadrant of the site, while the townhomes are located south of it. The townhomes would be rear-loaded and would contain enough garage space for two cars.

[02:40:08] The townhomes would also be a maximum height of 50 feet. The proposed multifamily building would be five stories with two stories of parking underneath and a maximum height of 85 feet. The multifamily building garage would contain 207 spaces. The site is designed with two main roads, providing access to Dulles Technology Drive and Sunrise Valley Drive, identified as the extension of Sayward Boulevard and Private Street A.

[02:40:31] Sayward Boulevard is proposed as an east-west road along the southern periphery of the site, and Private Street A would be a north-south road. Both of these proposed streets would extend the established street grid as envisioned in the comprehensive plan. And these main roads connect to a system of alleys, which function as primary access for the proposed townhomes and the multifamily garage.

[02:40:52] In addition to these vehicular connections, the applicant's proposing a 10-foot-wide shared-use path that would connect to an existing shared-use path to the north, leading to the metro station along Sunrise Valley Drive, and then along Dulles Technology Drive, an 8-foot-wide sidewalk is proposed.

[02:41:09] Parks and open space are proposed along the western and eastern periphery of the site as a buffer between the proposed residences and Dallas Technology Drive and Sunrise Valley Drive. The ordinance requires 20% open space on site in the PRM district, and this applicant is proposing to provide 25% open space.

[02:41:27] 44,600 square feet of 10-year tree canopy coverage is proposed on site via new tree plantings. The proposed development includes five park spaces throughout the site for a total of 1.5 acres. Three of those park spaces, Park Space A, B, and a linear park work together in concert to create a large park space along Dulles Technology Drive.

[02:41:50] The proposed linear park space extends an approved but largely unbuilt park network within this portion of the Dulles Suburban Center, which will create and continue an urban park network within this land unit. The other two park spaces, Park C and D, function more as internal muse-style parks.

[02:42:05] The entire proposed park network on-site is connected through an internal east-west trail, providing access to the parks from Sunrise Valley Drive and Dulles Technology Drive. And then shown here are the architectural elevations for the proposed unit types, which are included in the CDP and described further in the proffers.

[02:42:24] And this concludes my presentation. Thank you. Thank you very much. At this time, we welcome the applicant's presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And seeing as Ms. Williams showed all of the images that I was prepared to show in my presentation, I will simply summarize by saying we're delighted to be here.

[02:42:42] It's been a very collaborative effort with the county staff and a very good process, we believe. This application represents the redevelopment of underutilized office space in a metro station area. It's currently all surface parking, very little landscaping, essentially no open space. We are, as you heard, proposing to develop a network of park spaces to complement the grid of streets that's already being established in this metro station area.

[02:43:06] Our project will complement that very nicely, also with a mix of multifamily units and townhouses. And these are not all large townhouses. There is a good proportion of smaller townhouses to provide a variety of price points for residents and more housing opportunities in the county.

[02:43:22] We're providing, again, for a road connection, park spaces where in excess of the amount of open space required. We're providing the complement of affordable and workforce housing per county policies. And overall, we think this is a really nice application, and we would be grateful for your support.

[02:43:38] And I want to just note that we certainly appreciate the collaboration of the staff as well as, of course, Mr. O'Donnell and Ms. Williams in particular. So thank you very much. Thank you very much. Are there any questions for staff or the applicant?

[02:43:55] Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this specific matter. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak? This is a

public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers.

[02:44:12] There are no callers. No callers. Applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On December 10, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended the approval of the rezoning and the proffer condition amendment and the requested waivers subject to the execution of proffers dated December 10.

[02:44:29] And then in addition, the Planning Commission also approved the concurrent final development plan. Staff concurs with those recommendations. Thank you very much. Any questions from board members? Last call. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Behrman for a motion.

[02:44:45] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve RZ 2024-DR-00019 and its associated CDP, subject to the proffers dated December 10, 2025, and I move that the Board of Supervisors approve PCA 79-C-037-010.

[02:45:09] I also move that the Board of Supervisors approve a waiver of the 200-square-foot privacy yard for the single-family attached dwelling units in lieu of the community open space. Finally, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve a waiver of the private street-length limitation of 600 feet.

[02:45:25] And the chair will second that along with Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Palchik. Discussion on the motion. Supervisor Beerman. I was tempted to ask some questions just to add to the drama a little bit. But instead, I just wanted to talk about why I really urge my colleagues to all support this application, which I think is excellent.

[02:45:46] First thing, 444 housing units. We need more housing in this county. We have a problem with the affordability of housing in this county. It's a supply and a demand problem. This adds significantly to our supply and does so within about a half mile of a metro station.

[02:46:03] Oftentimes when you talk about development, people say you have to have the infrastructure in place for that development. Well, we do here because we are very close to a metro station. So that's really, really good. Speaking of collaboration between the applicant and the county, we actually ended up with a plan here in the end with more housing on the site than was originally proposed.

[02:46:26] And I think that shows extremely good faith on part of the applicant. And it shows very good work by Billy and Sharon. thank you very much for for your work on this um there are other aspects of this this um uh this application that are great i mean it actually while providing all of that uh all of that necessary housing it still delivers uh 1.5 acres of parkland across five park spaces it fits the urban parks framework it exceeds the 20 open space requirement also in this area it was actually something that that was planned by my predecessor, John Faust,

[02:47:05] knowing that there would be more development in this area near a metro station, that we would ask for an additional \$2,500 per unit in the school contribution in excess of the FCPS formula. That is true here too, again, planning for the future.

[02:47:22] And notably, also in that area, my predecessor received a proffer for an area which one day down the line could be an additional elementary school, six acre plot very close to there. We're meeting the ADU and the WDU policy, 12.8% workforce dwelling units, great. We've got low impact development

and green building standards, great. You all know that I think we need to be prepared for the future when more people will be driving electric vehicles. 10% of spaces in the multifamily building will be EV ready and we'll have townhomes that are

[02:47:56] EV ready if people want it. These are all, I think, really, really excellent aspects of this application. I couldn't be more excited about it. Again, I almost asked some questions just to add some drama, but I just was very, very happy for this, and I really, really urge the rest of my colleagues to support it unanimously. Thank you. Thank you very much, Supervisor Bierman, and I concur with everything you said. And just to demonstrate, Jimmy was so excited about this application, he was telling me about it last week. So I can personally attest to how excited he is

[02:48:33] about this, which is wonderful to see. And the lack of speakers is not an indicator of a lack of work that went into this, but really a display of good work that was put into this application to get to this point. So I want to thank, as Supervisor Bierman did, the applicant, for all their cooperation to get us here. With that, if there's no further discussion, Supervisor Behrman, do you want to add something? The last thing is I know that the application is only the, in some ways, the start of the process. Again, very much kudos to our staff. I'm very happy with the work that

[02:49:09] you did on this application, and I hope that we can also see the next phase of the application, site plan, work with land development services, go smoothly as well so that we can break ground on this sooner rather than later. That's a charge to everybody involved that we want to see this move as quickly and expeditiously as possible.

[02:49:27] Well said. With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Thank you all very much. Hooray. Next, we have a public hearing on a proposal to vacate and abandon a portion of Lockett Avenue in the Providence District.

[02:49:47] And I'm going to give staff a moment to get situated, and as soon as they're ready, we would recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board.

[02:50:14] My name is Jeffrey Edmondson from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, and I'm here to present a proposal to vacate and abandon a portion of Lockett Avenue in the Providence District. The applicants, Ali Hanif and Nazrin Shah, are requesting that a portion of Lockett Avenue would be vacated under 15-2-2272 of the Virginia Code and abandoned under 33-2-909 of the Virginia Code. The applicants will be trying to build a house on the adjacent lot to the subject vacation area. Their lot is encumbered by a floodplain and resource protection area. This vacation proposal will allow the applicants to reduce their building plan's encroachment into the

[02:50:52] floodplain and RPA. The subject portion of Lockett Avenue is unbuilt and outside of the travelway. Subject portion, the subject vacation area was dedicated for public street purposes by deed of dedication from 1978 and a deed from 1892.

[02:51:11] The subject portion of Lockett Avenue is not in the VTOT system of highways, and no other owners on the subdivision plat would be harmed by the vacation. And that ends my presentation. Thank you very much. You did say a deed from 1892, right? Correct.

[02:51:26] Okay. Thank you. Are there any questions of staff? Any further questions of staff, I should say? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing, and I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter.

[02:51:42] Is there anyone here present in the auditorium that would like to speak on this subject? Anyone who would like to testify, this is a public hearing. Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. Any closing comments and a recommendation from county staff? Staff recommends board adoption of the attached order and ordinance.

[02:52:01] Thank you. Thank you. Last check, questions from the board? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Palchuk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you so much to all the staff who worked on it, including Mr. – sorry, Mr. Edmondson.

[02:52:18] Chairman, the applicants, Alif Heneff and Nazrin Shah, are requesting the vacation abandonment of a portion of Luckett Avenue. The subject portion of Luckett Avenue, as you've seen, is not improved and is beyond the pedestrian and the vehicular travelways. This vacation abandonment would bring the applicant's property boundary closer in line to their neighbors while also allowing the development of a house, and especially, as was mentioned, with reduced impact on the RPA and the floodplain.

[02:52:46] So definitely, I think a win for the applicant, for the community, for the environment here. As was mentioned, a deed from 1892. We do have some older areas in Providence District whose deeds often require quite a bit of research in the record.

[02:53:06] So therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the order of abandonment, found an attachment three, and the vacation of the ordinance of the subject right away, found an attachment four. And the chair will second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye.

[02:53:23] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And next, we have a public hearing on a proposal to vacate a portion of a 20-foot-wide alley in the Mount Vernon District. And as soon as staff's ready, we would welcome a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:53:42] Afternoon again. My name is Jeffrey Edmondson with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. I'm here to present a proposal to vacate a portion of a 20-foot-wide alley in the Bellhaven area of the Mount Vernon District. The applicant, 1401 Bellhaven LLC, is requesting that a portion of a 20-foot-wide alley be vacated under 152-2272 of the Virginia Code.

[02:54:05] The applicant is seeking this request to resolve a code compliance issue that was identified with their pizzeria business. The applicant maintains a vegetable garden and a shed that have encroached into the right-of-way. The 20-foot-wide portion of alley was dedicated as part of the subdivision one of New Alexandria on the plat dated October 21st, 1892.

[02:54:26] The subject portion of the alley was never constructed and is not in the VDOT system. No other owners of lots shown on the subdivision plat would be damaged by the proposed vacation. And that ends my presentation. Thank you very much.

[02:54:41] Are there any questions of staff? Any questions? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this subject? Anyone present who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one.

[02:54:59] Let me ask if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from staff. Staff recommends board adoption of the proposed ordinance of vacation. Thank you very much. Last check for questions from the board. Seeing and hearing none.

[02:55:15] At this time, I will close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Stork for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And this is quite old, and as in really everything in so much of the New Alexandria area and this Bellhaven area has lots and lots of property.

[02:55:32] And a lot of it's in a floodplain, too, so there's a lot of pieces to this, but this portion is not. But if you've ever been to the Haven restaurant, you'll know behind there is the area that we're talking about. With that, the applicant at 1401 Bellhaven LLC is requesting the vacation of an unbuilt portion of an alley in the New Alexandria subdivision.

[02:55:56] The subject portion of alleyway currently abuts the applicant's parcels, and the vacation would allow for continued use of the area for vegetable gardens and storage. Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt Attachment 3, the ordinance of vacation of the subject right away.

[02:56:11] And the chair will second that motion along with Supervisor Palczyk. 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. Thank you very much.

[02:56:28] Next up, we have a public hearing to extend a lease of county-owned property at 4618 West Ox Road to Republic Services of Virginia, LLC, in the Springfield District. And as soon as staff is ready, we would welcome a staff presentation.

[02:56:52] Welcome. Welcome. Eric Forbes, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. We do not have a presentation for this particular extension of the lease at our facility at West Docks Road.

[02:57:14] Okay. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I do have one speaker who has signed up in advance to testify in this matter, and that is Jack DeBell, the General Manager of Republic Services of Virginia.

[02:57:31] If you could come on down. Is there anyone after Mr. DeBell present who would like to testify on this matter? Anyone else? Yes, please come up to the podium. Welcome. Mr. DeBell will be our first speaker. Jack DeBell, General Manager for Republic Services in Northern Virginia.

[02:57:49] Just was here if there were any questions or comments that came up about it. We appreciate the county's partnership and appreciate everyone's consideration for it. Thank you. Thank you very much. Record fast testimony. Is there anyone else here present who would like to testify?

[02:58:05] Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. Any closing comments or recommendation from county staff? Eric Forbes, Deputy Director of Public Works. We recommend approval of the county executive's recommendation for approval.

[02:58:21] Thank you very much. Last check, questions from board members? Share the term of the lease real quick. The term of the lease. This is an extension for one more year that carries us through January 31 of next year.

[02:58:37] So the key will be what we do with this next year for the boards. Okay. Any other questions? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion? Let's see.

[02:58:53] I did ask you to make a motion. Let me let you make the motion first. Okay. Mr. Chairman, I move the board approve the county executive's recommendation to extend the lease with Republic Services of Virginia LLC for county-owned property at 4618 West Ox Road in Springfield District and authorized staff to execute a lease extension on the terms in general form discussed today.

[02:59:16] And the chair will second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Just real quick again. This is the space at the top of the landfill that we've been leasing to Republic for a lot of years that a lot of people don't know about. But anyway, it's a good thing for us. All right.

[02:59:33] Mutually beneficial. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you. Thank you for joining us. Next, we have a public hearing.

[02:59:50] Let's see, our final public hearing before public comments, a public hearing to consider an ordinance expanding the Cedar Residential Permit Parking District, District 35, in the Providence District. And as soon as they are ready, we would welcome a staff presentation.

[03:00:05] good afternoon chairman mckay and members of the board beverly duran wagner with the department of transportation this is a public hearing to consider expanding district 35 this year residential parking permit parking district excuse me to include acorn circle from cedar lane to the cul-de-sac inclusive as shown on attachment to residents along acorn circle have requested expansion of the cedar rppd to protect residents from

[03:00:44] unreasonable burdens to access their property caused by parking of non-resident vehicles. FCDOT performed a parking study during hours of peak demand and found at least 75% of the total number of on-street parking spaces were occupied, and at least 50% of all parked vehicles were not registered to residents of the petitioning block. Thank you very much for that. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none. This is a public hearing. I do have one speaker who has signed up in advance to

[03:01:21] testify on this matter, Mr. Richard McNally. Is he here? Mr. McNally is here. Is there anyone else here who would like to testify on this matter? Okay. If you could come on up to the podium, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, sir. Good afternoon, everyone. My purpose for speaking today is I'm a resident of Acorn Circle. I support the proposal. My wife and I have lived there since 1998. We raised our son there. In fact, the last time I was in this room, he was getting an award as a volunteer EMT for Fairfax County, so that's how I knew how to get in this room.

[03:01:51] Just to add a little perspective on the situation we have, Acorn Circle is a cul-de-sac. It is a narrow road. My house was built in 1961. I think it was one of the first ones on that street. The road itself, when we have 20 cars or so parked on both sides of the street end to end, create a very narrow channel in the center, which is barely wide enough for the one car I drive. I drive a normal-sized sedan, a larger sedan than a normal-sized one.

[03:02:19] That being the case, and in fact there's no sidewalks because of the edge of the road, pedestrians and cars have to navigate that narrow channel in order to walk, bicycle, run, or do anything else. It is not uncommon for me driving on that street to come into proximity with a pedestrian using it. Alternatively, when I walk on that street, walking our dogs, or running, it is also similarly common for me

to come in proximity with a vehicle. Additionally, because of the way the cars are parked, 20 long, and there's a slight curve to the road, you actually can't see more than five or six cars in front of you because of

[03:02:53] the curve. So you can't see who's coming. We are really seeking this because of that risk to pedestrians. I'll say cars as well. Nobody wants to be in an accident with a pedestrian, but technically the pedestrians are the ones at risk here that we are concerned about. We also have concerns that even when cars come nose-to-nose, because 20 cars are parked, the only gaps are at the driveways. So it's very anxious for me driving a car to try to look ahead and prepare for that driveway that I can get into if somebody's coming. We've had incidents with, my wife, between two trucks coming nose-to-nose, two trucks having to argue, the drivers arguing about who was

[03:03:30] going to back up, not because they were being obstinate, because they were concerned if they backed up, they would sideswipe one of the cars, and they were debating that. I think the police had to come and settle that dispute. The bottom line is that because of the narrowness created and the age of the street and the danger to pedestrians, that's why we're seeking this parking restriction that we have to end that.

[03:03:51] There are other issues other neighbors have had. We have a lot of kids in the street. They worry about their kids walking. I get that. There's quality of life issues people have mentioned. Full use of the street. We wonder if a full-size fire engine could get down that street. We haven't had that issue, which is good for us.

[03:04:08] But primarily, it's the safety of the pedestrians we're focused on and making sure that we do not have an incident with a vehicle on pedestrian. And that's what I have to say. Great. Thank you. Thank you very much for your testimony. Is there anyone else here present that would like to speak on this matter? This is a public hearing.

[03:04:24] Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if there are any callers. There are no callers. No callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from staff. Based on the fulfillment of all requirements set forth in Fairfax County Code, Staff recommends approval of the Cedar RPPD expansion as proposed.

[03:04:42] Thank you very much. Let me ask if there are any further questions from the board. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Palchuk for a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that the board adopt an amendment to Appendix G of Fairfax County Code to expand the Cedar Residential Permit Parking District, District 35, to include Acorn Circle from Cedar Lane to the cul-de-sac inclusive.

[03:05:08] And I will second that motion. Chairman will second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Supervisor Palchuk. Chairman, thank you. I just want to give a few comments and context. First of all, thank the staff. I think we've been working with Henry on this probably the six years I've been in this role.

[03:05:24] I want to thank Mr. McNally and the residents, I believe, in 2019. I first heard about this when I went door knocking to Acorn Circle. I want to thank Mr. Ann Wagner and all who have worked on this. I did ask for a little bit of history, because I walked up myself and saw the concerns, the safety concerns.

[03:05:43] It was April 2001 that this was first studied. So over 25 years ago, Acorn Circle did not meet the study requirements. Bowling Green Drive, just next door, did become the CEDAR RPPD, and it has been formally studied five times since then with other complaints.

[03:06:04] And we have worked with the police, with FCDOT, with VDOT to try to improve the safety concerns here. This year was the first time that the Acorn Circle did meet the requirements. It is a little bit tricky with so few homes.

[03:06:22] But as was mentioned, just seeing how tight it is in the community. I did want to mention that while there is insufficient information to determine the overall equity impact, I know that there's a concern about this larger community.

[03:06:39] And the equity impact we did receive from staff does mention that helping to foster trust among neighbors, the ability to work together. And I know Supervisor Alcorn and I have looked at this. We know many areas, especially in our very more urban areas, have challenges with parking.

[03:07:01] So we have worked with the staff and with the police department. I have it here. They have put together a bilingual flyer with signs that will be posted. The cars will get warnings. Here it is as the flyer with the signage and warnings, letting people know that this is coming.

[03:07:22] This isn't trying to be an attack on the cars or the drivers. It really is trying to improve the situation and hope that they can find alternative locations for the parking in the neighborhood and in the commercial areas that will not have this negative impact that has been there for 25 years now to the neighbors.

[03:07:46] So I very much appreciate the work on this. Six years of my time, but I know many more years of the residents' time. And I appreciate that we were able to and staff was able to help find a resolution to this. So I do hope that my colleagues will help support the expansion of the parking district and that this will help relieve some of the safety concerns that have been mentioned by many of the neighbors.

[03:08:09] Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, I will be supporting this motion. As Supervisor Palchuk mentioned, there are issues in the community. There are clearly some safety issues here. The main problem is we have folks in an apartment complex across Cedar Lane that are parking on this side of cedar lane and then walking back and and there is a shortage of parking in that apartment complex this is in the hunter mill district the apartment complex and the town of vienna as well and i have spoken with the mayor and several town council members about the situation and i'm hopeful

[03:08:49] it's not easy but i'm hopeful that we'll be able to find some additional parking options either relating to the shopping center that's next door or possibly even school property that's close by. But I do appreciate Supervisor Palachuk working on this, and I will be supporting the motion.

[03:09:08] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. And I'm very familiar with this location and will definitely be supporting this as well. And I know this has been a long time coming, so thank you to both of you, namely Supervisor Palachuk, but also Supervisor Alcorn and staff for your work on this.

[03:09:27] And lastly, to the community. I know there's a number of folks up here today supporting our speaker. We appreciate you coming out as well. With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[03:09:42] And that motion carries. Thank you very much. And with that, we're going to move on to public comment. And just as a reminder for public comment, before we start, and I turn to our speakers, I do want to take an opportunity to remind folks about the rules and guidelines. The board will hear public

comment on any issue except issues under litigation, issues that have been scheduled for another 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 their remarks. A maximum of 10 speakers may

[03:10:20] address the board during any public comment period, and speakers may address the board once, during a six-month period. Disrupted behavior will not be tolerated. If a disruption occurs, I will call for a recess. The board will exit, and we will request security address the disruption that's occurring before resuming the meeting. With that, I am going to call on our first speaker, and that is Larry Good. Is Larry Good here? Ah, that's right. He is on the phone. Mr. Good, can you hear me okay? I can hear you fine. Thank you. Welcome. The floor is yours.

[03:10:52] I am providing comments today on behalf of the Mantua Citizens Association, which represents the community's 7,000 residents. I appear today to ask the board to support state legislation that will empower Virginia counties to implement safety measures for pedestrians and bikers.

[03:11:16] Mantua residents have identified safety concerns for children walking to school and for pedestrians and bicyclists accessing our county trails. We saw the crosswalk banning Prince William Drive at Horner Court, less than two blocks from Menteau Elementary School.

[03:11:33] VDOT indicated that is not allowed because there is no sidewalk on one side of the street. School children and their parents already walk where there is no sidewalk because they have no choice if they want to walk to school. On another issue, many neighbors want speed humps to slow traffic when streets require speed.

[03:11:55] But other neighbors object to the speed humps. Speed humps are the only practical ongoing traffic calming measure allowed by VDOT. VDOT said speed feedback signs don't work to slow drivers after a week or two.

[03:12:12] Yet I've noticed the town of Vienna has long-standing speed feedback signs. The person in charge of transportation for Vienna told me, yeah, they lose some effectiveness over time, but overall they still work well to reduce speeds.

[03:12:27] On another topic, VDOT rejected the neighborhood's request for a stop sign on Barkley Drive where it crosses the popular Cross County Trail. Because there is no road intersection and a trailing cars driver would not expect the car in front to stop.

[03:12:46] Current signage and recent law changes require drivers to yield to anyone crossing the street on the trail. A stop sign should be just as safe or safer. The City of Falls Church placed stop signs on Little Falls, North Oak, and North Spring Streets where they crossed the WNOD Trail with no negative results.

[03:13:09] In each instance described above, VDOT cites state and or federal guidelines that do not allow common sense solutions. So we have developed a legislative proposal that Delegate Holly Sebold intends to introduce in the Virginia General Assembly that would provide an exception to following state and federal guidelines where traffic safety is not served by current rules.

[03:13:35] The MCA strongly recommends that the board support the legislative proposal that Delegate Sebold will introduce. If the board wants the county to have greater local control and coordination of traffic safety measures, this is an excellent opportunity to pursue that goal.

[03:13:54] Thank you for the time. Thank you very much, Mr. Goode, for your advocacy and your testimony. And our second speaker is Robert Rigby, who submitted video testimony. Good evening, friends.

[03:14:12] My name is Robert Rigby. I'm a resident of Fairfax County and a long-time teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools. I'm speaking tonight for FCPS Pride about how best to protect and welcome LGBTQ students, staff, and families in Fairfax County.

[03:14:30] I will proudly remind you that Fairfax County earned a score of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign scale of municipalities that are welcoming to LGBTQ plus people. achieving that score is no small feat the BOS Mr. Hill and our county employees are to be commended that score of 100 and what it represents brings families and employees to live and work here both on the county side and on the school side while Fairfax government and FCPS have said

[03:15:06] that all people are welcome here the current U.S. government is trying to say the opposite The Federal Department of Education is forcing or trying to force our schools to put out a metaphorical sign that says trans people are not welcome.

[03:15:24] Such a sign on our schools would be disastrous. It would say that SCPS and By Connection Fairfax County have yielded to exclusionary mandates and is collaborating with this effort to force people out. You know as well as I do that the school board will not yield on that.

[03:15:44] But already our funds are being withheld. What happens if the courts allow this withdrawal of money to continue simply because we include all kids? Then the ball is handed to you, and your actions and words matter all the more.

[03:16:03] Supporting transgender people is a popular thing here, and defending our county from federal overreach certainly is. The people of Fairfax County overwhelmingly want you to stand with our students and families. both verbally and practically your chance to uphold your chance to uphold this is to fund the schools or at least make a commitment that you will do so i know there's been back and forth about collective bargaining working together unions contracts all of that regardless of the details the big picture is that our students our families need a clear and practical commitment

[03:16:43] from you. This includes open statements and the practicalities of budgets. I as an adult can easily withstand or readily withstand this dehumanization from our government. I'm not sure if trans kids can, at least with any sense of wholeness intact. You have to stand up with them.

[03:17:04] Please do so. Thank you. Thank you very much, Robert. And our third speaker is Lily Parker. And following Lily Parker, if you can be ready to testify, is Alexander Burke, Mary Pratt, Richard Hauer, and Peter Moorman.

[03:17:22] Welcome, Ms. Parker. The floor is yours. Yes, thank you very much. My name is Lily Parker. I live at 7309 Delaney Drive for 60 years. And I'm here today especially because I was blocked intentionally and willfully barred from participating in the decisions by the task force of four close friends who just moved into our community recently.

[03:17:54] This was all by the design. The task force violated the policy, rules, and regulations of FCDOT. Their established procedure was not met, and thus the current process should be invalidated and canceled.

[03:18:11] Fairfax County introduced, introduced, prepared flyers for distribution to the entirety of the designated ballot homes, which I have the right to receive.

[03:18:27] However, the task force withheld flyers and manipulated the list of addresses provided by the FC DOT for their own proposal goal. This is all planned ahead of time because I'm against the speed bump because I will have more flood.

[03:18:48] I'll go into that. The first time I ever heard was nine weeks ago. This secret meeting is going on almost two years. And this was alerted me by the neighbors, sent me the letter, criticized their virtual tour, the meetings, two virtual meetings I missed.

[03:19:09] And first time I went to see the supervisor's office in Durangeville District was the day before the election day, November 3. So I'm moving very fast to block the ballot vote. And so I haven't heard anything since last Friday.

[03:19:29] And I think the supervisor's office is talking to the four task forces. But I've been trying to get the information out of the task force, but they stopped for, since they didn't respond to me since November 19th.

[03:19:47] So the reason I'm against this speed bump is that this task force, one of the members was a continuous, my next door neighbor, higher ground, continuously draining, destroyed the VDAT, asphalt sections.

[03:20:04] It's in the VDAT record, the record. It's in the state of Virginia's record. There are some faults in the Fairfax County records, continuously underground pipes, underground in their property, two-acre lot. And some of the pipes are about 10 inches wide and then drain down to straight to down to my property.

[03:20:26] Now I'm a little two, three feet lower ground. And it's about the two-acre lot into any drive. So I have a driveway and bank, they're making huge pond, water pond, every rain.

[03:20:41] And then the driveway embankment is eroding every rain. So that's why I'm opposing. The split bump is right in front of the next door neighbor, which is the head of the task force. This is by what he wants to do, collect the water vertically, water runs to the low ground.

[03:21:03] We don't have the ditch, we don't have anything. We have some near the Boards Hill Road. But there is nothing straight down to the private property. And then down below is a county easement.

[03:21:19] This neighbor destroyed the county easement two years ago. County restored it with the taxpayer's money. V-DOT destruction also new pavement was done two years ago. We have a beautiful, most recent smooth asphalt driveway by V-DOT now.

[03:21:39] Thank you. And then a fair share of the stormwater run-ups. I am receiving 80% every day, every rain. But if they put the speed bump vertically and water down to the next-door neighbor and then down to my place, I will receive more than 100%.

[03:21:57] Thank you, Mrs. Parker. Mrs. Parker, your time expired a while ago. So I need to stop you because your time expired. I wanted to say 2028, Old Dominion Drive and Bolt Hill Road project, we will have the Delaney Drive east side, we will have the traffic lights.

[03:22:17] Okay. That's where the speed table is going to be. First, the speed table is going to be installed. Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Parker. I have to cut you off because I had to be fair to everyone. There's other

people waiting to speak. Thank you for your testimony. We appreciate it. I was moving very fast and I decided to. I appreciate you.

[03:22:33] Thank you. We got your testimony. Thank you very much, and Supervisor Behrman and I will continue to be in conversation. So thank you for coming today. Our next speaker is Alexander Burke, to be followed by Mary Pratt, Richard Hauer, and Peter Moorman.

[03:22:50] And if I called your name, there are seats right down here closer. If you want to come on down so that when it's your time to testify, we can make that easy. You're welcome to come down to these seats right down here on the floor. There's three of them in the front.

[03:23:07] Welcome, Mr. Burke. Yes. Good afternoon. My name is Alexander Burke. I have been living at the Herney and Harbor House for the past six years. Well, okay. We would like to very much so to bring in security cameras for the Harbor House at all for simple.

[03:23:32] We need help. We need cameras with the technology there, too. And it would be the cameras would be used for the purpose. We had three parking lots. We have four buildings. Each four buildings have a front door, a courtyard, and the two fire escape doors or two to have cameras that are tall.

[03:24:00] Well, it gets right on to this in here. In the past six years, Bill 910 is right on the bike trail. Less than 50 feet away. There has been three rapes, temps were on the bike trail.

[03:24:17] Last summer, less than a block away, the Herndon police and Fairfax County, there was a bomb fact rate was going on. They found the chemicals to make a bomb.

[03:24:36] This is more reason. We are a senior citizen, self-living people. It is run by Fairfax. Connie, please take it in separation because we have better technology, for example, AI.

[03:24:56] We do things with cameras. We can, what was five or ten years ago, could not be done, can be done today, will be the tech knowledge. Let us please, please, Fairfax County, you are the landowners of the Herman Harbour House.

[03:25:15] We are talking to the landowners here tonight. Please help us. Mr. Chairman, will you please take a requisition to talk to all of you supervisors here? And this is what I have to say tonight. Thank you.

[03:25:31] Thank you very much, Alexander. Thank you for your advocacy and thank you for your patience. I know you've been here for a while and we appreciate that. Our next speaker is Mary Pratt here. Mary Pratt is not here. Richard Hauer.

[03:25:47] Richard Hauer, who is president of the Friends of Northern Virginia Indoor Track. Welcome. Thank you. My name is Rick Hauer, and for the past three years, I've headed up Friends of Northern Virginia Indoor Track, an advocacy group working to address a long unmet need in Fairfax County and Northern Virginia overall, an indoor track facility available for use by the schools and community and for sports tourism.

[03:26:18] We maintain detailed ongoing information at our website on current and past indoor track facility efforts in Northern Virginia and the DMV area, as well as financing information, demand data, et cetera. We're well aware of the budget challenges facing you at this time, as well as in prior years, So we're advocating for consideration of alternative approaches to funding that would minimize stress on county finances.

[03:26:47] Other jurisdictions around the U.S. have successfully completed new indoor track facility projects in recent years. While facing similar budgetary and other challenges, we list examples of some of these alternative funding approaches on our website.

[03:27:03] We believe that Fairfax County and Northern Virginia can be just as innovative as these other jurisdictions. As we understand it, the board is also interested in alternative approaches to new sports facilities and that this is part of the reason you're contemplating a public recreational facilities authority or similar entity as proposed by the Sports Tourism Task Force.

[03:27:29] We encourage this effort. Some additional informational points to consider. Number one, running sports have the highest participation among all sports in Northern Virginia's 62 high schools. And nationwide, running sports are the number one participation sport for high school girls.

[03:27:51] Outside of the schools, there are approximately 100 local youth clubs with track and field programs. These clubs are listed on our website. Among adult participation sports, I think we're all aware of the number of county residents seen out running and the huge participation in local running events.

[03:28:11] Number two, the following is an example of sports tourism possibilities. The new Alachua County Sports and Events Center in Florida last year held the semi-annual World Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships, attracting nearly 4,000 competitors, plus family and other sport personnel from 99 countries.

[03:28:33] Note that this new facility has a portable indoor track, meaning the track is disassembled and stored after the indoor track season. allowing the facility to be utilized as a general event center for expositions, conventions, graduations, et cetera, or for other sports, such as pickleball, and thus generate additional revenue for the other eight months of the year outside of indoor track season.

[03:29:01] This is an example of an innovative approach that Fairfax County may also want to consider. Thank you. Thank you very much for your advocacy. We appreciate it. There are forerunners on this board, and we recognized a bunch of our high school competitors this morning, so your timing is perfect.

[03:29:17] Thank you. Our next speaker is Peter Moorman, and Peter is our last speaker who has signed up to participate in public comment. Welcome. Members of the board, and more importantly, the voters of Fairfax, the definition of tyranny is a government that exerts oppressive power over its populace.

[03:29:36] One of the founding principles of our democratic republic is government of the people, by the people, and for the people. We reject tyrannical policies that flagrantly violate the will of the voters. The motto of our commonwealth is sic semper tyrannis, thus always to tyrants, ever reminding us that the people cannot be ignored.

[03:29:55] Last year, the Board of County Supervisors of Fairfax County violated the will of the people by implementing a meals tax that went into effect January 1st of this year. The board tried twice to put the tax question to referendum, and in both instances, the voters overwhelmingly rejected the idea of a meal's tax in Fairfax.

[03:30:13] If the board is certain that a meal's tax is the answer, then they have the duty to inform the voters and put it to referendum again. Ignoring the voters because it's inconvenient meets the very definition of tyranny. Thomas Jefferson wrote to William Charles Jarvis on this very topic in 1820, where he said, I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society, but the people themselves.

[03:30:35] And if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power. In 2020, the Virginia General Assembly and Senate passed Senate Bill 588, which took away the rights of voters to have a say in whether a Meals Tax was implemented.

[03:30:56] The Meals Tax, in its current implementation, would not be possible without the passage of Senate Bill 588. The following delegates and senators representing Fairfax County voted to approve the tyrannical decision to take away the rights from the voters of the Commonwealth. Delegate Belova, Delegate Delaney, Delegate Helmer, Delegate Keem, Delegate Krizak, Delegate Levine, Delegate Lopez, Delegate Murphy, Delegate Plum, Delegate Samira, Delegate Sickles, Delegate Simon, Delegate Sullivan, Delegate Tran, Senator Boyesco, Senator Peterson, Senator Saslaw, Senator Cervell, Senator Marsden, Senator Chafin, Senator Barker.

[03:31:33] The only delegates and senators elected in 2019 to represent Fairfax County that didn't vote for the bill to take away rights from the voters are the ones that didn't vote on the bill at all. Abraham Lincoln offers an opinion on this topic. No man is good enough to govern another man without the other's consent.

[03:31:50] The projected revenue for the meals tax is approximately \$65 million for fiscal year 2026. The projected population for Fairfax County, based on the county's own 2024 demographics report, using linear regression, is 1,211,918 persons. In other words, the meals tax is projected to generate \$53.63 per person living in the county.

[03:32:12] The board has an obligation to do the hard work of finding revenue sources that do not violate the very principles of our great nation. There are many other options, including real estate taxes, property taxes, license fees, and more. Terry Clower, director of the Center of Regional Analysis at George Mason University, points out the meal taxes are punitive by nature, and as a result, will choose to dine out less. I ask that the board can reconsider the meals tax and find another way to generate the needed revenue. Thank you. Thank you for your testimony, and that brings us to the end of our board meeting of January 13th, 2026. And if there's no further discussion, our board is adjourned.



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