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[00:05:14] to our February 27, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting here in Henrico County. When we get to the public comment time, public comments will be given from the lectern in the back. For everyone who is watching the live stream of tonight's meeting on the county website, you can participate remotely in the public hearing and public comment portion of the meeting.

[00:05:40] To do so, you must go to the Board of Supervisors webpage at henrico.us forward slash supervisors click on guidance for the board of supervisors meeting and then scroll down and click on webex a moderator at that point will let you know when it is um your time to speak i'm going to ask that you stand with us as we recite our pledge of allegiance and be led in prayer uh will clements

[00:06:11] the chaplain for the henrico county police division evening lord god we thank you for this day thank you for this evening lord we thank you for the board of supervisors all of those who serve this county this community Lord God we call on you tonight we pray for your direction

[00:06:46] pray for your blessings Lord God and your guidance Lord upon the topics that are discussed and voted on tonight Lord we pray for your direction have your way Lord we thank you for your goodness and

[00:06:56] your mercy and it's in your name Jesus we pray it amen here we have a request for the approval of the minutes from the February 13th 2024 meetings both the regular and special meetings

[00:07:36] Mr. Chairman, I'll say a motion. Second. All right, motion made by Reverend Cooper, second by Mr. Smith. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion passed. Mr. Manager. Mr. Chairman, members of board and those in attendance, I do have one manager comment this evening, and I'm going to ask Julie and Charity to come forward, and as I do, in celebration of Black History Month, tonight we have invited residents from the Gravel Hill community to join us.

[00:08:07] This is a community whose history dates to the late 18th century and whose story gives us an inspiring example of the power of resilience, perseverance, and faith. To share the story, we've asked Julian Charity, our Director of History, Heritage and Natural Resources for our Recreation and Parks Division, to share it with you this evening. Julian, thank you.

[00:08:34] Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, members of the board. Good evening. Each time I come before you, I'm afforded an opportunity to present another significant but not always widely known history beyond its corner of Henrico County. This evening I bring you the history of the community of Gravel Hill in the Verona Magisterial District. It is significant in that the community originates from one of the oldest free African-American communities in the nation. Robert Pleasance, an abolitionist and planner, freed 78 enslaved people in his possession in 1782 but spent the next 15 years

[00:09:11] trying to convince his fellow family members to do the same. This would result in a 1799 ruling by the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals in favor of Robert Pleasance and the enslaved of the Pleasance family. As a result of that ruling, 185 enslaved were freed immediately, and another 246 would be freed when they turned 30 years of age.

[00:09:33] But this was only the beginning of the story. Robert Pleasance would provide a 350-acre tract of his property called Gravely Hills for use by those formerly enslaved by his family. Upon his death in 1801, Pleasants left the property and a schoolhouse built on the property to them for their use and education.

[00:09:53] Families stemming from the Adkins, the Sykes, the Pleasants, Tylers, Youngs, and Bagby's built a strong community in which everyone remained very close-knit. The community was forced to flee in June of 1862 as the Civil War Battle of Glendale will be fought in Gravel Hill with some of its residents even having been abducted and forced to work for the Confederate forces. In 1866, the community began to return to their land and they surveyed the destruction and they had to begin all over again. A new wood frame school was built on the same site as the

[00:10:31] 1801 school. At the turn of the 20th century, the students at this school would fall under the tutelage of Miss Virginia Randolph and her Henrico plan. In 1931, this school was replaced by a brick structure, famously known as a Rosenwald school, thanks to the funds provided by the Rosenwald Fund. It was one of four Rosenwald schools in Henrico County, of which only three remain.

[00:10:55] This building now serves as one of the anchors of the community as the Gravel Hill Community Center, which is now operated by the Gravel Hill Baptist Church. But that is the past. Black History Month is not only about the past, but it is about the present and the future.

[00:11:13] Gravel Hill's story is also about triumph, determination, resiliency, and community. How often do we get to talk about the history of a community and it still be here? Not just this used to be here, but this is what is still here.

[00:11:29] We have members of this community here, and they're all representing this rich, illustrious history. So I'd like them to stand now and be recognized so much.

[00:12:01] I would also like to recognize our very own Henrackle County Public Relations for the work that they performed on a documentary for HCTV about the history of Gravel Hill. So thank you so much to the community members for being here. Thank you so much, Mr. Manager, for this time.

[00:12:19] And now we're going to take some pictures. So I'm going to ask if the members of the community would come forward and rap in front of the deists. We would like to take a picture, Ben Shepard in public relations, that we can send to you, but also we want to put out on social media as well.

[00:13:36] Now, before the community leaves, I think we have an individual that wanted to speak.

[00:15:13] Well, he didn't want to speak, but I volunteered him. The pastor of the Gravel Hill Church, I'm going to ask if he doesn't mind coming to give a few words.

[00:15:37] Pastor of the Gravel Hill Baptist Church, I do appreciate the recognition that has been extended our way by the county.

[00:16:00] We have long understood that the history of our community and the history of our church in particular has a particular significance due to the work of Dr. Bill Anderson, who composed the ongoing history of our church.

[00:16:23] And we celebrate the community and the church each year during our church anniversary, but also through the whole year. And so we do thank you and appreciate you for taking the time for this significant recognition during Black History Month.

[00:16:43] And as I teach in our church, we don't just celebrate Black History Month, but Black History is every day of every year. But taking time to have this recognition come from the county where we live and work is certainly a great honor.

[00:17:02] Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, I have no other comments this evening. All right, Mr. Chair. I mean, colleagues, I want to just take this time because I don't want to, if the Gravel Hill family wants to leave, they can.

[00:17:23] I struggled when the manager suggested that we recognize the Gravel Hill community during Black History Month because I don't want anybody to think just because I'm from the community that we're doing it for that reason. but when I walk in and I look at you, you know, it makes me, I'm not going to lie, it makes me emotional. I mean, who would have known, you know, a little boy from Gravel Hill would be sitting up here, and then we'd be recognizing our community. So you're my family. I love you, and our history

[00:18:00] is very significant to the county of Henrico. You know, my mom is here tonight, and so, And pretty much everybody over there is either my blood or married to my family. So, you know, growing up, I didn't understand how significant our community was.

[00:18:22] But now that I'm an adult, I do. So some special people have come out of Gravel Hill. For those of you who don't know, you heard the name Bagby. State Senator Lamont Bagby is also a part of Gravel Hill. Delegate Dolores McQuinn is also connected to Gravel Hill.

[00:18:40] So some of significant African-American leaders have come out of our community. So thank you all. If you want to leave now, we'll give you a minute so that you can get out of here and head on back to the east in the rain.

[00:18:54] As we continue to move forward, are there any comments from my fellow colleagues tonight?

[00:19:40] Mr. Chairman, I have a comment. I just want to take a moment to give metaphorical flowers to one of our own, Ms. Monica Callahan. On Saturdays, several, if not all of us, as board members, county manager, and several staff were able to go out to the Richmond Convention Center for Teen Summit RVA, which is a regional collaboration specifically to provide programming directed by and for our youth in the area, and it's the second iteration of it, and over 600 youth participated.

[00:20:13] I was blown away, as I expected to be, hearing about it by the engagement of the young people. I was actually able to sneak in and crash a session and listen in on some of their comments. It flowed. It was an all-day-long event. It was seamless from start to finish.

[00:20:29] Everybody was raving about it. And I know it's a regional collaboration, Mr. Chairman, but I think those of us in the know know that the real head and leader of that is Ms. Monica Smith-Callahan. so i would ask um to her chagrin if you would please just stand so we can acknowledge the effort on behalf of our youth thank you thank you any other comments all right we did get a chance most of us uh this week or over the course of the past seven days to attend the grand opening of two

[00:21:09] of our um two of our i don't want to say technical ed um schools but what we call the a centers and One at Howland Springs and one at Hermitage. And two incredible schools that we invested millions of dollars in servicing, I think, well over 1,000 students between the two of them.

[00:21:34] And all five of us were at least at one of them and some of us at both. And so we are thankful and excited about our leadership at Henrico County Public Schools and want to continue to do whatever we can to support them.

[00:21:55] All right, we do have Mr. Linden German from VPM here with us tonight. Thank you, sir, for joining us. Where are you at, Linden? Thank you for being with us. And I'm certain that some of your colleagues are watching online, and so we appreciate you.

[00:22:14] Mr. Manager. Mr. Chairman, we do have one proclamation this evening, and that would recognize March 2nd through the 10th as Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Championship Week, And it encourages all to attend and join and celebrate this exciting event.

[00:22:31] I'm going to ask our chairman, Mr. Tyrone Nelson, to present the proclamation to the following individuals. And they are Debbie Richardson, Senior Associate Commissioner. Megan Bertovich, Atlantic 10 Director of Administration and Basketball Operations.

[00:22:49] And they are joined by Jack Berry, CEO, Catherine O'Donnell, and the rest of the group from our Sports and Entertainment Authority. If you guys would just come on up and wrap around and be part of it, please. We do have a proclamation. I think you're good right here. Just come on around so we can see you.

[00:23:15] Just come stand right here. There you go. Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Championship Week, March 2nd through 10th, 2022. Whereas Henrico County recognizes the importance of promoting and celebrating significant sporting events that contribute to the cultural and economic vitality of our community, and whereas the Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Championship is a prestigious tournament showcasing the talent and dedication of student-athletes from various universities across the 810 Atlantic 10 Conference.

[00:23:51] And whereas the Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Championship fosters community engagement, encourages sportsmanship, and enhances the sports and entertainment industry in Henrico County, and whereas the hosting of such events generates economic benefits for our local businesses, hotels, and restaurants, contributing to the growth and prosperity of our community, and whereas the Board of Supervisors seeks to convey gratitude for the partnership, support, and collaboration provided by its tournament partners, the Atlantic 10 Conference in Richmond region tourism and whereas the Board of Supervisors

[00:24:27] wishes to express its support for the Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Championship and its commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community now therefore be it proclaimed that the Henrico County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 2 through 10 2024 as Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Championship Week in Rico County, and we will celebrate Virginia and Commonwealth University as its Women's Basketball Championship champions.

[00:24:59] Oh, that's not, I'm sorry, that's not on the project. I don't know what came over me, Dan. Be it further proclaimed that the board encourages all residents, businesses, and community organizations to join in celebrating this exciting event, supporting the participating teams, and enjoying the positive impact it brings to the community.

[00:25:19] I'm signed by myself, Chair Tanya Brackett, clerk, February 27th, 2024. We'd like to say thank you to the Board of Supervisors and certainly to all of Henrico County, but specifically to the Sports and Entertainment Authority and also to Richmond Region Tourism.

[00:25:55] We've been partners in this area before. It's been a great, great experience. And to support you, there are 20-plus wins already. And we also have another school, University of Richmond, that is also 20-plus wins, so for the local group with that.

[00:26:18] But again, we do thank you. You guys are great teammates, and I will say that we have nine of our 15 teams that are locked in a tie, so this is a really big week. So lots of excitement, and thank you all. We greatly appreciate it, and we look forward to being great teammates.

[00:26:37] Thank you. Colleagues, now we move into our public hearing process or proceed public hearing items on our agenda.

[00:27:06] I'm going to ask that the last item, which is an ordinance to prohibit firearms, ammunition, and components in certain public buildings and facilities. We have many people in the audience for that specific item. We also have received and read many written comments about the ordinance.

[00:27:25] Staff estimates that we have received approximately 500 emails from all over the country. The clerk has also included those comments in the record for this meeting. My suggestion, colleagues, is that we consider that ordinance first.

[00:27:42] Do any of my colleagues object? All right, seeing no objections, here's how we're going to proceed to keep the meeting moving in an orderly fashion tonight. One, public comment on each public hearing item will be limited to 30 minutes.

[00:27:58] So we have seven public hearing items. Each item will receive 30 minutes of public comment. Each speaker will have up to five minutes to address the board. But keep in mind that we only have 30 minutes total, so you may want to keep your remarks brief so others can speak.

[00:28:17] For the first public hearing item, which is the ordinance to prohibit firearms, ammunition, and components in certain public buildings and facilities, we have seven persons who have signed up in advance.

[00:28:34] Now, if seven people speak for five minutes, then that's 35 minutes. That's over the limit. So I'm going to ask that you seven be kind and not take your whole five minutes if possible so that others can speak.

[00:28:52] If all seven speak, then we could take public comments from the floor to use up to 30 minutes if there are others here. But we will not go over 30 minutes. Number three, we'll hear first from those who signed up in advance after those speakers. Again, we'll hear from anyone else who wishes to speak.

[00:29:10] We will alternate after the seven between those in the room and those on Webex. And so if the seven speak and there's time left, then we'll alternate between a person here and a person online. Number four, for those here in person, please speak from the podium in the back and begin by stating your name and address.

[00:29:34] We really would love to hear from Henrico County residents tonight. We can't say that if you're not a Henrico County resident, you can't speak. but we definitely would love to hear from Henrico County residents. And then number five, for those on Webex, please wait until Ms. Davis tells you it is your time to speak.

[00:29:55] With that, Mr. Manager, please call the first speaker who has signed up to speak to the ordinance. Yes, I'm sorry. Before we do that, Mr. Newby, if you don't mind giving us the overview. Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, members of the board, and for those gathered here this evening, this proposed ordinance would prohibit the knowing possession, carrying or transportation of firearms, ammunition, and components in county buildings, recreation centers, and community centers, please note that the ordinance would not apply to parks or along public streets.

[00:30:27] The ordinance has certain exemptions. One is for law enforcement officers, including certain retired officers, hired security personnel, military personnel on official duties, etc., weapons and cars. Those are also exempt. Signage will be posted at the entrance of all county buildings where the ordinance would take effect those signs would give notice of the ordinance and also the maximum penalty which under the ordinance would be a class one misdemeanor if the carrying of a firearm was done with the intent to harass or intimidate otherwise a violation of the ordinance which is knowing but not intended to harass or intimidate

[00:31:03] would merely be a class two misdemeanor it would be the recommendation of staff that enforcement would take the form of a warning first. Anyone who had a firearm in the building would be asked to return that firearm out of the building, and only upon a refusal would a knowing violation be established.

[00:31:23] With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions. Any questions from my colleagues? Mr. Newby, as a criminal justice reform advocate, I always want to make sure that any new law is narrowly tailored to address the concern it is intended to address. My understanding is that as opposed to some broad general reason for this law being put in place for other reasons, this was intended to narrowly address the concern that we have had here in Henrico County incidents where individuals have gone into government buildings

[00:31:58] and in fact created a situation where employees felt intimidated or harassed. Is that a correct understanding of mine? Yes, that is correct. And along those same lines of narrowly tailoring a law, it's my understanding that we could have, under the scope of the state authority, broadened it to include parks and public streets, and we have elected not to do so and to keep it narrow to the buildings.

[00:32:26] Is that correct as well? That is correct. The state law would allow you to adopt an ordinance prohibiting firearms in parks and along streets in certain circumstances, but the proposed ordinance does not do that. And in crafting this, do you believe that this narrowly tailors the intent for which it is intended to address? Yes.

[00:32:41] Thank you. Any other questions? Mr. Newby, speak to again what's happening in state and federal buildings. Yes, sir. So firearms are already prohibited to be carried in federal buildings under federal law.

[00:32:59] And the same is true in state buildings under state law. So if you go down the hierarchy of federalism, federal government, you're already prohibited to carry firearms in federal buildings. state government already prohibited to carry firearms in state buildings local government currently the prohibitions are in our courts in our schools in our polling places and this would extend to county buildings and libraries and rec centers all right and there are approximately how many other localities that have done this in the commonwealth our count is 17 sir and does this

[00:33:33] ordinance prohibit Henrico County residents from carrying their firearm outside of county buildings? No, sir. So, this has nothing to do with a resident's right to carry other than in local buildings, local government buildings? Yes, that's correct. Okay. Any other questions?

[00:33:58] All right. Mr. Manager, before you call the first person, I will be keeping the five-minute time. The manager will be keeping the running 30-minute time.

[00:34:14] So the time starts. Once you get to the microphone, you start talking, and it ends once you stop talking. We will not be running the time when you walk back to your chair and somebody else comes up. So this is 30 minutes of speaking. All right?

[00:34:31] All right, Mr. Chairman, the first individual that is signed up is Howard Turner. Mr. Turner, if you would come forward. Yes, sir. Go to the back. Go back. Yes. Good evening. My name is Howard Turner. I'm a resident of Longmeadow Drive in Glen Allen, Virginia. I'd like to start by saying that I already have my book of tickets to the A-10

[00:35:05] tournament, so I'm excited about that. So thank you for that. I'm a dad, a business person, Glen Allen resident, community volunteer. I'm a pretty regular boring guy. This is my first time speaking before a group like this. The reality of an average Joe like me is that I'm no more or less dangerous to the citizens around me if I'm armed or unarmed. I go to work, I go to church, I shop at Enrico Businesses, and I

conduct business at the government center. And I choose to be armed or unarmed based on my evaluation of risk. So some recent news events that help inform my risk

[00:35:40] evaluation. October 2023, Lewiston, Maine, seven dead in a gun-free zone. August 2023, UNC Chapel Hill, one dead in a gun-free zone. March 2023, Nashville School, six dead in a gun-free zone. And closer to us, December 2019, Virginia Beach Municipal Center, 12 dead in a gun-free zone.

[00:36:04] And some data to help us evaluate the other side of the question, right? What's the risk of an armed citizenry? In Virginia, there's no real correlation between concealed carry permit holders and crimes committed. But you can measure the permit revocations in Virginia, and concealed carry permit holders in Virginia have a revocation rate of less than one-tenth of one percent.

[00:36:28] And your permit can be revoked for non-criminal activity. So that's not to imply that even that one-tenth of one percent, those folks committed any kind of crime, much less a serious one. Texas has better records, and their concealed carry permit holders commit felonies at a rate measured in thousandths of a percent.

[00:36:48] And further studies suggest that permit holders nationwide commit crimes at a rate between one-twelfth and one-sixth the rate of sworn police officers. And so I roll that up together in my head, and I think there's not a great argument for armed citizens being unwelcome in county buildings.

[00:37:05] I ask that you not create more soft targets. I ask that you trust the nearly 10% of your neighbors who have taken on the responsibility of going about their day armed for their safety and for yours. Thank you. Thank you.

[00:37:21] Next, Mr. Chairman, we have John Ring. Mr. Ring. My name is John Ring, 2004 LeSueur Road in RICO.

[00:37:45] I've been carrying concealed for 15 years in this county, and I see no reason I shouldn't be able to do that going forward in the county buildings. This is a solution in search of a problem, and in fact, it creates problems.

[00:38:06] You will never see a law enforcement officer handling his firearm during the day. But now when I go into a library, I have to take my gun off. That is asking for trouble. Then we have the state of Virginia concerned about firearms kept unattended in cars.

[00:38:28] And they have the proposal of a law where there would be a \$500 fine if someone could see a firearm in the car. So now we're putting more firearms unattended in cars. Where are we going with that?

[00:38:45] I'm just not getting it. The fact that they do not allow firearms at the federal level, hey, there's a lot of things done at the federal level. that I hope is never done in the county of Henrico so I just ask that we step back and we use some common sense because there is no justification for

[00:39:07] this thank you thank you mr. chairman we have Cesario stay Anna stay Anna next is

[00:39:26] Darren American sir American good evening respectfully oh excuse me uh darren american 9401 battlefield road glen allen virginia fairfield district uh respectfully ask the board members and the county attorney in attendance to raise their hands if they have taken

[00:40:02] an oath of an oath of office applicable to the positions which they hold please can you do that for us okay board members no government no business no employer have authority over my

constitutional right to keep and bear arms. The proposed ordinance to prohibit firearms, ammunition, and components in certain public buildings and facilities is unconstitutional, discriminatory, oppressive, not diverse, not inclusive, and not equitable. This is a conspiracy against a

[00:40:42] constitutional right of the people. Passing this ordinance will be a deprivation of right under the color of law. You're about to engage in criminal conduct. Criminal complaints will be filed against you and Henrico County would likely face class action lawsuits. I refer you to the following. Article 6 of the United States Constitution Supremacy and Oath Clause. You are

[00:41:14] bound to support the entire U.S. and Virginia Constitution include criminal statutes. The Ninth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states, the enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

[00:41:34] The Second Amendment states, a well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The Constitution of Virginia, Article 1, Section 2 and 13, the Code of Virginia, Section 49-1, the criminal statutes and Title 18 of the United States Code, Sections 241, Conspiracy Against Rights, and 242, Deprivation of Rights Under the Color of Law. I present these facts and laws to

[00:42:09] you and let the records show those who raised their hand that they've taken an oath of office. I recommend that you please review these laws before you proceed with a vote. I will go over Article 6 of the United States Constitution says it's the Oath and Supremacy Clause.

[00:42:30] This Constitution and the laws of the United States shall be made pursuance thereof, and all treaties made or which shall be made under the authority of the United States shall be the supreme law of the land. And the judges in every state shall be bound thereby anything in the Constitution or laws in any state to the contrary notwithstanding.

[00:42:54] Senators and representatives before mentioned and the members of the several state legislatures and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support the Constitution.

[00:43:10] I'll skip and read, excuse me, this is a criminal, a felony statute under 18 U.S.C. 241, Conspiracy Against Rights.

[00:43:26] If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person in any state, territory, commonwealth, possession, or district in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or the laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same or if two or more persons go in disguise on the highway or on the premises of another with the intent to prevent or hinder the free exercise

[00:43:59] or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured they shall be fined or imprisoned not more than 10 years or both and if death results from the acts committed in violation of this section or if such acts include kidnapping or attempt to kidnap, such as a false arrest, aggravated sexual abuse, or attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or attempt to kill, they should be fined or under this title or imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, or may be sentenced

[00:44:33] to death. 18 U.S.C. 242, deprivation of rights under the color of law. Whoever under any law, Statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom willfully subjects any person at any state, territory.

[00:44:49] I have this here for you if you like. All right. Next, we have Penny Page. Penny Page. Next, we have Simpson, Marie Simpson.

[00:45:19] Is there a Simpson in the audience? Okay. We have Phillip Van Cleave. Chairman, Phillip Van Cleave, president of the Virginia Citizens Defense League.

[00:45:39] You might remember in 2020, we had 50,000 people at the Capitol and zero problems at all with all those people. In fact, Richmond was cleaner after we left. The newspapers noted that. There are 715,000 concealed carry permit holders in Virginia.

[00:45:56] Previous speaker correctly pointed out that just a microscopic fraction of those ever lose their permit for any reason. These are good people. There's quite a few in this room right now. Our right to keep and bear arms is a basic civil right. It is right there. It is in the first 10 amendments to the constitution. And the Supreme Court had a ruling in 2022, New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruin. That is a huge ruling, and that changes a lot of things.

[00:46:26] Our organization recently sued the city of Winchester. Now, you don't have a ban in your parks and a ban on your permitted events. Well, the judge struck that down in Winchester. They had that stuff that got struck down we're now coming back for some city buildings uh Bruin it was clear in Bruin and some of the previous supreme court rulings that not all government buildings are sensitive in fact most of them aren't and so you're covering a very a library is not going to be considered a sensitive place for example this is a very sweeping thing affecting

[00:47:01] A lot of people that don't do anything wrong and I noticed you also include retired police officers Well, that's fine, but retired police officers are no longer sworn. I mean, why then are concealed handgun permit holders somebody that wasn't considered in this?

[00:47:20] They should be because none of them are sworn. These are good people that carry a gun for self-defense. And many permit holders carry because they have a threat against them. Not all of them, but a lot of them have had that happen where a spouse or whatever, they've got something going on where they're concerned about their security.

[00:47:37] Anytime you disarm them, you're putting them in a position where they could possibly come to harm. We're also suing the city of Roanoke now over some of their bans.

[00:47:53] So I would hope that you would reconsider this. Again, I think you're fixing a problem that you don't really have. I don't know what triggered this other than you had some concerns. Well, concern isn't enough to throw away my civil rights, thank you very much.

[00:48:11] But I don't I don't think so. I don't know what those concerns were, but didn't I doubt that they involved actually somebody somebody threatened somebody with a gun. You got police that can take care of that. That's completely covered in the law. That's a serious thing. And if it's something like that, but I don't get the impression it is.

[00:48:30] I have a feeling it sounds like guns are some ancillary thing in here, if at all. But I don't know why you're doing this, but I would hope you would reconsider and stand with your citizens in our right. We've done everything. We were asked to get a permit, which we shouldn't have to get a permit under the Second Amendment or Article I, Section 13.

[00:48:48] We shouldn't have to do that to bear arms. It doesn't say that in there. But we've done it. The people, 700,000 people have stepped through the hoops. They've got the training. They've done what the state has asked of them. And now you're telling them that, oh, no, well, sorry, you can't carry here in a Henrico government building, as you've been doing for the last who knows how many years, quite successfully.

[00:49:09] so i would i would hope you could reconsider this and say that you really don't want to do it thank

[00:49:13] you very much and howard hopewell virginia good evening ladies and i'm brandon howard i'm president

[00:49:52] of right to bear arms virginia i'm speaking to you tonight on behalf of my organization and the members of our residents here in enrico county in 2020 this body passed a resolution as a sanctuary correction as a constitutional county for the second amendment back then you told the good people of henrico that you had their back and you're going to protect their god-given

[00:50:25] rights when it comes to the second amendment but yet here we are today with you to with you going back on that word i'm taking back to a great american patriot frederick douglas and his words frederick douglas taught us about the four boxes of liberty the first box of liberty is our soap box and here we all stand tonight so our voices and our thoughts for you all to hear the second

[00:50:58] box of liberty the ballot box we all vote and elections have consequences then he talks about the third box of liberty the third box of liberty the jury box if you push through and vote for this unconstitutional ordinance that you are about to pass we're going to sue and we're going to let the

[00:51:37] jury decide this out the supreme court has spoken and they were loud and they were clear first we we had Hiller. Now we have Bruin. Those decisions from the court were clear, and you were about to violate those decisions. Then my great patriot brother Frederick Logan spoke about the fourth

[00:52:07] box of liberty. Ladies and gentlemen, the fourth box of liberty is a cartridge box. The cartridge box is reserved when our government becomes so tyrannical that the first three boxes of liberty is no longer an option. Let me tell you, I hope in my lifetime and in yours, never comes the time that the fourth box of liberty is needed.

[00:52:42] Six separate Tyrannus. Thank you, sir. Mr. Manager, is that all for a public comment signed up? All right. Is there, Ben, let me know that Victoria is not with us.

[00:53:05] So, Kenny Mitchell, Mr. Kenny Mitchell, is anybody on WebEx? No, sir. There's no one to speak to this item on WebEx. No one to speak to this item on WebEx. All right. We do have a few minutes left. Anyone else from the floor would like to speak? Yes, sir.

[00:53:21] Join us back at the microphone. Good evening. Thanks for the opportunity. My name's Jeff Mann. I'm a resident at 8800 Belafonte Road in Henrico.

[00:53:38] I think I'm a lot like your first speaker tonight. I'm a regular guy. This is my first time speaking at a supervisor's meeting. I don't have A-10 tickets, however, so if he wants to share, I'm here. I'm a dad. I'm a husband. I go to work.

[00:53:53] I go to church. And I am a veteran. I'm proud to say that. I spent 20 years in the military. i'd like to say there are no such things as gun-free zones pretty sure if there were the army would have declared

them 250 years ago it saved me a lot of time overseas criminals don't care about your gun-free zones i have a family member who was assaulted in a library so how about their rights there are already laws in place to address your concerns as far as brandishing weapons and if they're not brandishing a weapon how do you even know someone has one all right so that's question i have um i i have all the respect in the world for our police officers how come their

[00:54:31] family members or they are uh more valuable than my children's safety why am i not allowed to defend my children in a library thanks is there anyone else here if you're if you have interest we still have a few minutes just go ahead and get up and go to the microphone and we'll let as many of you all speak over the course of these last few minutes now unless unless you guys are speaking

[00:55:04] 30 seconds a piece I won't be able to get all of you but but go ahead back anyway Mr. Manager we have uh we're about we we have about 13 minutes left so be kind okay with your neighbor my name is William Pearson and I live at 7601 Hawthorne Avenue here in Richmond or in Richmond Henrico County right there at the borderline I'm gonna throw something out at you and I hope you all pay attention. Don't look down at your papers. I show you respect. Please show it back to me.

[00:55:40] This is not going to be humorous, but how many of y'all had a flat tire or your car battery went dead? What generally happened? Somebody came by, gave you a hand, jumpstart your car, change the tire for you. Nice thing to do. Now, that's the same thing with the people who have concealed carry permits and respect the law which is somebody like me like a lot of these people in

[00:56:15] this room they wouldn't be here if they didn't respect the law now this law gets changed i've got to go one of the county buildings a park i've got to leave it at home somebody gets attacked by some evil person who's there to protect them anymore nobody who's does that fall back on it

[00:56:47] wasn't me who wrote the law. Thank you very much. Thank you. Hello, Patrick Shipley, Holland Springs, Virginia. My thing is Henrico police have often talked about firearms being stolen from vehicles and I feel your ordinance will encourage that because if I'm in Dory Park and I have to use a restroom in the barn there, I'll have to leave my firearm in the car. Now granted, I have a lock

[00:57:23] box in my car to prevent theft, but not everybody does. Somebody will use a glove box, which is easily defeatable or under the seat or somewhere else. So I think it's short-sighted in protecting the public because I think you're encouraging theft of firearms, which is something none of us want. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Lynn Evans Johnson, and I'm a quick four-second add. I support VCDL 100%, and I don't believe in gun restrictions. I believe, as most of our folks

[00:57:58] have said. Tremendous risks and selective location for permitting and allowances. I learned that acutely at 2020. Horrific. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Michael Hutchison. I live at 10641 Cliffmore Drive, Glen Island, Virginia, Springfield District. Mr. Smith. I stand behind you in line at the store with the smile on my face and a gun under my shirt and you are none the wiser. Yet you are safer for having me next to you. I won't shoot you. My gun won't pull its own

[00:58:36] trigger it is securely holstered with the trigger cover it can't just go off however rest assured that a lunatic walks into the grocery store and pulls out a rifle i will draw my revolver my pistol excuse me and protect myself and my family and therefore you and your family i may freeze up i may piss my pants i may get shot before i can pull the trigger but i won't die in a helpless

[00:59:14] blubbering heat on the floor begging for my life or my child's life i won't be that victim i choose not to be. As for you, I don't ask for you to carry a gun. If you're not comfortable, then please don't. But I would like to keep my right to choose to not be a helpless victim. There's an evil in

[00:59:40] the world, and if evil has a gun, I want one too. Thank you. Thank you. James Ray, Brewster Court, Henrico County, Three Chop District. I'm a citizen, a taxpayer, a veteran, and a voter. And I just wanted to, since you specifically asked for Henrico County residents to speak, I wanted to add my

[01:00:12] opposition to the proposed ordinance. Thank you. Thank you. My name is Donna Bennington, and I live on Hermitage Road in Henrico County. Thank you for beginning this meeting with the Pledge of the United States of America, which said liberty and justice for all. And my liberty to carry

[01:00:44] will be infringed upon. I demand that you vote no on this current proposal. My safety and our safety, the citizens of Henrico County, is not the Henrico Board of Supervisors option.

[01:01:07] Criminals and predators will always have weapons. Taking away the rights of honest and law-abiding citizens will only create open season on the citizens of Henrico and the users of the facilities.

[01:01:26] Some of those facilities are manned by one or two people alone. I always, as a student, never liked to be punished as a group for the bad actions of one or two. So I don't think that group punishment should be a answer also the wording in that your proposal that you might

[01:02:01] or may provide security if you are taking away my right to defend myself then you shall provide security not may or might but shall thank you very much thank you all right before

[01:02:27] we close public comments anybody else hi william lucas 9400 hoens road i kind of just wanted to do the same as these others support everything that's been said i think there's some very logical things have been said here and i know you all being elected officials feel like you need to do something and i don't think anybody voted any one of you in to do the wrong thing and to say you've

[01:03:01] done something that doesn't work isn't necessarily going to fix any problems so i understand your need to feel like you do something for the people that voted you in, but no one wants you to do something that's not going to have any effect and may even create an unsafe environment for people in the building that you're trying to protect. I believe the system that we have coming in here where concealed permit holders can come through a metal detector, show their permit. I feel very safe in here tonight. I don't think any criminals are coming through the door here tonight.

[01:03:33] So that seems like a common sense way to handle it to me. Stacking laws on top of laws are not going to prevent criminals from breaking the laws. They're already breaking the laws. They've made that decision. And I think stiffer penalties for, you know, using guns illegally and committing the crimes with guns is what's needed. So consider that. And I feel like we ought to keep in place what's already there, or either maybe add the metal detectors and some guards at the door to check in people as they come in. That seems to make sense. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening,

[01:04:10] everybody. I'm Dr. Dennis Petruccelli. I'm a resident of Richmond. I'm a forensic psychiatrist. I've studied criminal behavior now for about 25 years. To be clear, I do not speak for my employer. However, the data is extraordinarily clear that criminals fear one thing and one thing only, and that is an armed victim. They have no interest in law enforcement, but they fear armed victims for this reason i ask that you oppose this bill and before i take my seat

[01:04:45] everybody in opposition please stand thank you all for joining me thank you thank you for participating in the process we're going to close the public comment section now unless there's somebody else we have like four minutes left i'm not saying you need to draw it out but if there's

[01:05:20] somebody who wants to speak before i close it out this is the beauty of democracy yes tell us your name and where you reside. Yes, my name is Penny Page of Together We Will Henrico. I reside on Guyana Court in the Three Chop District, but I'm here tonight to lend my professional expertise in violence prevention to the issue of your ordinance regarding the restriction of firearms in certain areas. I work professionally for an agency that works in violence prevention in the greater Richmond

[01:05:58] area. Of course, we keep metrics on our work, and we see locally reflected in our stats on the data that, of course, the restriction of firearms does increase safety, not decrease it, which aligns very well with what we see in national data as well. The National Crime Victimization Survey, for example notes that there is no advantage to self-defense gun use and no statistical

[01:06:36] reduction of the risk of injury or property loss and there is of course no bias in the statistics found by this agency as it's funded by the department of justice and it coincides with about a century of research to the same in fact some of the earliest leaders of even the nra an organization founded for marksmen primarily of a military background believed that this was the

[01:07:12] best practice to reduce violence as well as to restrict the carrying of firearms carl frederick the president of the nra in 1934 even remarked i do not believe in the general promiscuous toting of guns continuing i believe it should be sharply restricted now your ordinance to restrict the use of the carrying of firearms in county facilities would decrease the risk of violence as we see

[01:07:47] consistently in our data locally and at the national level and i support it i commend you Thank you for taking the step to align county policy with scientific research around this subject. Thank you. One last thought is just to point out the irony of the fact that we get our permits from Henrico County and Walmart and the department stores.

[01:08:20] They're fine with us carrying, but it's just ironic that the county would have a problem with it. Thank you. Good evening. I'm not going to be long.

[01:08:37] I actually had no intention of speaking tonight to this, but I will. So I just want to go on a record. My name is Monica Hutchinson, Henrico County resident. And as the president of Henrico County NAACP, we absolutely support this ordinance. We thank you. Elections absolutely have consequences, and we are seeing the consequences of this election.

[01:08:57] So once again, on behalf of the Henrico County NAACP, we thank you for bringing forth this ordinance. Thank you. All right. I think that pretty much has exercised our time. Colleagues, I'll give you another opportunity to – did anyone – I'm sorry, did anyone actually show up on Webex?

[01:09:19] No, sir. No one chatted to speak. All right, colleagues, anybody have anything that they want to add? Questions, comments? All right, hearing none. Is there – Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to thank everybody for their rational, calm presentation today.

[01:09:36] Your voices have been heard, and that is not to say that we are in agreement or that I am individually in agreement, but I do want to express my appreciation for everybody speaking in a calm manner that is conducive to the conduct of civil government.

[01:09:55] So thank you for that. Any other comments? Is there a motion? Motion made. Is there a second? All right. Any questions, comments, concerns?

[01:10:13] All in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Motion passes.

[01:10:18] um let's take a five minute break from the meeting back to order mr manager mr chairman

[01:20:24] we move into our second item in the public hearing items and that is 73-24 mr crawford has amendments to the fiscal year 2324 annual fiscal plan justin thank you mr manager good evening mr chairman members of the board this these amendments were introduced at the last board meeting uh they were advertised in the richmond thompson dispatch uh last tuesday If approved, this resolution would amend the budget by \$20.8 million.

[01:20:53] Nearly half of that would be truing up the state highway maintenance payments for public works. And the other large item would be adding \$6.4 million to the Adams Elementary renovation budget. With that, I'll be happy to answer any questions the board has.

[01:21:15] Colleagues, questions? No questions. This is a public hearing. Is there anyone here to speak to this particular resolution? Is there anyone on WebEx? No, sir. There's no one to speak to this item. All right. Hearing or seeing no one, is there a motion?

[01:21:31] Move the resolution. Second. All right. Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rokish. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chairman, 74-24 is a resolution that would issue bonds on behalf of the county. Ms. Minor? Thank you, Mr. Manager.

[01:21:47] Good evening, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. This item would authorize the issuance of up to \$45 million in revenue bonds to be issued through the Enrico Economic Development Authority. These bonds will finance land acquisition and or construction costs for various public safety facilities, parks, historical preservation areas, and economic development projects.

[01:22:08] The resolution was prepared by bond council and has been reviewed by the county attorney's office and the director of finance and county manager recommended approval. Be happy to answer any questions. Questions, comments. This is a public hearing.

[01:22:24] Is there anyone here to speak to this particular resolution? anyone on webex no sir no one to speak to this item all right is there a motion motion made by reverend cooper second by miss whitehead all in favor say aye aye any opposed thank you mr manager next mr chairman 75-24 is a resolution for signatory authority this is for acquisition of real property in the fairfield district mr anthony thank you mr manager mr chairman honorable members of the board this would authorize the county manager to purchase a property located at at 1758 Hungry Creek Lane for the future expansion of fire station number 11.

[01:23:02] Fire Chief and the Director of Real Property recommend approval of the board paper. County Manager concurs. I'll be happy to answer your questions. Questions from my colleagues. Hearing none, is there anyone here to speak to this particular resolution? Anyone on WebEx? No, sir.

[01:23:18] No one to speak to this item. Right here in the scene, no one. Is there a motion? Second. Motion made by Ms. Whitehead, seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chairman, 76-24 is a resolution for signatory authority.

[01:23:37] This is for a temporary construction easement for the fall line, again, encompassing the Fairfield District. Mr. Anthony. Thank you once again, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chairman, honorable members of the board. This item and the one to follow, 77-24, are continuations from last month's items.

[01:23:55] Virginia Department of Transportation has requested timber construction easements along Winfrey Road as well as Woodman Road. I'll be happy to answer any questions questions colleagues. This is a public hearing anyone here to speak to this resolution anyone on Webex No, sir. No one to speak to this item motion second motion made by Reverend Cooper second by mr.

[01:24:21] Smith on a favor say yeah motion paid. I mean, I'm sorry anybody opposed motion pass. Mr. Manchin. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Anthony covered 77 - 24 in his prior comments Anyone here to speak to this particular resolution?

[01:24:39] Anyone on WebEx? No, sir. No one to speak to that one. Let me ask you this. Is there anybody on WebEx at all? Yes, there are people on here, and we have one signed up for a public comment. All right. No, it's okay. I just was, okay. All right. Okay.

[01:24:55] Any questions or comments? If not, can we get a motion? Second. All right, motion made by Ms. Whitehead, second by Mr. Rogish. All in favor, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Mr. Mandra. Next, Mr. Chairman, 78-24 is a resolution for signatory authority.

[01:25:12] This is for abandonment and quit claim of a portion of Old Harvey Road again in the Fairfield District. Mr. Anthony. Yes, sir. Thank you once again, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chairman, honorable members of the board. Yes, this would authorize the board to abandon a portion of Old Harvey Road in its former alignment. The resolution also authorizes the chairman to execute a deed quit claiming any interest the county may have in the abandoned portion to Ms. Sarah Gordon.

[01:25:36] The Real Property Division has processed this request through the Departments of Planning, Public Works, Public Utilities without objection. The Director of Real Property recommends approval of the board paper. I'll be happy to answer any questions. Any questions? Anyone here to speak to this resolution?

[01:25:52] It is a public hearing. Anyone on WebEx? No, sir. No one to speak to this item. Is there a motion? Sure. Second. Motion made by Ms. Whitehead. Second by Mr. Smith. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[01:26:08] All right, Mr. Manager, that's it for the public hearing items. What's next? Mr. Chairman, we move into public comments. I do have three individuals that have signed up to speak. The first one is Frank Callahan. As Mr. Callahan comes forward, I just want to remind everyone, the board does ask that you limit your time to a five-minute period and that you begin by stating your name and address for the record.

[01:26:30] Mr. Callahan. I'm here on behalf of the Henrico NAACP to thank many of you sitting before us today.

[01:26:46] About two years ago, the Enrico NAACP went to the school board to try to do events dealing with black history, as you had presenters this morning, this afternoon doing that. And I want you to tell you that over the last two years working with the school board, we did a successful pilot program this past year.

[01:27:06] We had three schools in the Varina district that we worked with, one elementary, one junior, and one senior high. And I just wanted to go over some of the things that we accomplished with that. First of all, Jennifer McCullen presented us with an excellent two-minute presentation.

[01:27:22] So did three of our state senators, including Senator Hashmi, the chairman of the Educational Committee, and also four of our members of the House of Delegates, including Sam Rousseau, who is chairman of the House Education Committee. They all presented videos that will be used in our school districts telling us and talking to us about black history.

[01:27:44] Also, we had great cooperation with the school board and the school individuals, and they actually helped us do with presentations. Alicia Atkins did an excellent job with the fifth grade students at Ward Elementary.

[01:28:01] Dr. Mann did an excellent job at the high school level, at the Verona High School, and all I can say is we had great cooperation with all three principals. And, uh, this brings us now to, and, and also, uh, Dr. Grant and Dr. Mann helped us tremendously with all of this, which brings us to the individuals before us right now. And I just want to say thank you for your cooperation and helping us with this. And we do have a little appreciation for this right now. And the first one up is Supervisor Tyrone Nelson,

[01:28:36] Enrico Board of Supervisors, Verona District. Verona District. And we want to thank you for the videotape that you presented to us and and also supervisor Misty Whitehead for Michael County Board of Supervisors three chapters three chop district especially you handled those senior high school students very well and I could tell at the beginning of your presentation they were very nervous about you coming in there and you had them eating out of the palm of your hands by the end of the day and they felt very confident supervisor Roscoe D Cooper

[01:29:10] the 3rd Fairfield District. And I think you may have had one of the hardest presentations with 150 middle school students, but thank you for doing that. And we also have one for the Sheriff Gregory, but she's not here right now. And she did also work very closely with the elementary schools. And also a special presentation to Angela Bennett, Assistant Library Director, Henrico County Public Schools, who also, with Supervisor Cooper, made a presentation to 150

[01:29:49] middle school students at John Rolfe Middle School, and we appreciate your participation. Their certificate says, Certificate of Recognition, Henrico NACP, Black History Month Celebration, Angela Bennett. And I must say that one of the things in our whole experience on doing this is that we found out that the county your library system is excellent every month we found out every month you honor and celebrate some cultural group and not only you have displays at the libraries and you have workshops and other activities for them and i think that the county really deserves

[01:30:27] a lot of credit for doing that and i get to wrap it up i would say is that this year we did a pilot program in the varina district one elementary school one middle school and one high school and we have already gotten suggestions and recommendations that we're going to expand this next year to other schools.

[01:30:47] So, thank you. Thank you. One final thing, at the end of the meeting, can we just take some pictures with all of you with your things? Thank you. Next, Mr. Chairman, Bill Warhop. Mr. Warhop, are you here?

[01:31:04] Are you on Webex, sir? Yes, sir. He is on Webex, and I am requesting to unmute him now. Can you hear me now? Yes. My name is Bill Warhop. I live in Lakeside on Kenneth Drive in the Brookland District.

[01:31:24] I wanted to speak tonight concerning pedestrian safety and the need for protected crosswalks in Henrico, especially in response to the death of Ms. Diamond Downs on US 1 near Virginia Center Commons. I don't live in Glen Allen near where Ms. Downs died, but I have on a few occasions made that same pedestrian crossing on US 1, and it is a harrowing experience. We call it Brook Road or Route 1, but it is in fact a multi-lane divided U.S. highway with no protected crosswalks. Now, I spoke yesterday to Sharon Smidely at the Henrico Public Works and heard about the planned crosswalk at Magnolia Ridge,

[01:32:02] which is one reassuring bit of news, but every light in that stretch of U.S. 1 from Magnolia Ridge to 295 needs a crosswalk. The Public Works said several studies are either underway or planned countywide and also in lakeside that too is a move in the right direction especially given the redevelopment going on with the sports center and everything else on the east side of the highway there at the Virginia Center Commons I understand it takes time to plan and fund and then actually build these crosswalks someone just died in an awful accident so there's a lot of interest right

[01:32:37] now but please do not let that momentum dwindle away I mentioned I'm in Brookland so my last comment I'd like to direct to specifically um supervisor Schmidt um I have contacted you a few times over the years various things you've always been very responsive and I really appreciate that but uh in November I actually voted for your opponent mainly because he was running on a pedestrian safety sidewalks platform and while we need to focus on that section of US1 Lakeside needs sidewalks and crossings too we have Holiday Elementary and Moody Mental and either Hermitage nor Woodman have safe walkways or protected crossings.

[01:33:17] Henrico needs that to be competitive and to sustainably grow, and Henrico citizens deserve to be able to cross streets safely. So, Mr. Schmidt, if you run again several Novembers from now, I hope I'll be able to look back at your record of involvement in advancing these pedestrian safety projects across the county so you can get my vote.

[01:33:37] And though it's outside the comment period, I would like to state that I am in favor of the proposed ordinance to prevent people from bringing firearms into county buildings and I hope you pass it thank you to the council and thank you for my time this evening next Mr. Chairman uh Miles Wheeler Mr. Wheeler are you on Webex sir no sir he is not okay Kenny if you've got individuals on Webex um have you got them lined up uh there is no one else to speak on Webex tonight

[01:34:11] all right is there anyone else that wishes to address the board this evening yes sir Mr. Owen Good evening, Board Chairman and members of the Board, and Mr. County Manager.

[01:34:31] I'm John Martin Owens of Milhazer Avenue in the Brooklyn District. I just came tonight. I was excited to hear about all the projects that are being funded by the Central Virginia Transportation Authority. It obviously seems like it's been a success in terms of raising money and allowing us to move forward on a lot of projects in the region.

[01:34:52] There was an article in the paper, though, which talked about the expansion of the Pulse line from Wool on to out at Parham Road. And I'm all in favor of that. There was a catch. They said that the plan was going to have dedicated bus bike lanes.

[01:35:12] I wasn't quite sure from the Times-Dispatch article. But it sounded like there was a dedicated lane of the existing three-lane highway on each side that's just going to be for buses, kind of like the red painted thing downtown and then um and bicyclists can use it too that's a terrible idea because um as the bike lobby says they they really want um to put roads on a road diet that's their words but i would call it a driver strangulation or something like that because um you know right now you know this afternoon i was trying to navigate the highway and three

[01:35:51] three lanes is already um i wouldn't say it's not enough but it's challenging at times driving even with the three lanes so maybe maybe one of you are on the central virginia transportation authority board and maybe you could fill me in on what the dedicated shared bus bike lanes are thank you thank you sir um i am i'm on the board car your is um our transportation guru here so

[01:36:26] todd can you just go back and just talk to mr owen real quick thank you sir thank you is that all the public comments mr manager we're going to go to the general agenda i i want to add a resolution 80 80 and a half um dash 24 a motion to turn the heat up in here

[01:36:48] moving to the general agenda the first item 80-24 is a resolution for signatory authority this is for the commonwealth's development opportunity fund performance agreement with ppd this this company traverses two districts brooklyn and tuckahoe mr romanella

[01:37:24] thank you mr man mr manager mr chairman and members of the board good evening this paper Tonight authorizes the county manager to execute a performance agreement among the county, the EDA, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and Pharmaceutical Products Development, or PPD, a life sciences research company here in the county that has over 1,700 employees.

[01:37:45] PPD will make a capital investment of \$92 million and change in its bioanalytical facilities at 2250 Dabney Road in the Brooklyn District and 8700 Cuyacuson Road in the Tuckahoe District, or more famously known as the former Toys R Us.

[01:38:11] they will create and maintain at least 400 new jobs in the county the eda consider this and recommends your approval i'll be happy to answer any questions questions is that motion second motion made by reverend cooper second by myself all in favor say aye any opposed mr chairman 81-24 is the resolution for award of contracts these are annual mechanical electrical and plumbing design and engineering services mr massey thank you mr manager mr chairman members

[01:38:46] the board. This board paper awards contracts to Moseley Architects PC and Engineers Plus PC to provide annual mechanical electrical and plumbing design and engineering services as needed by the county. Director of General Services and the Purchasing Director recommend approval of the board paper. The county manager concurs. I'd be happy to answer any questions. Questions? Is that motion? Motion made by Mr. Rogan, seconded by Ms. Whitehead. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[01:39:20] agenda item 82-24 is a resolution for signatory authority this is a revocable license agreement with cumberland county mr anthony yes sir thank you once again mr manager mr chairman honorable members of the board this board paper authorizes the county manager to execute a revocable license agreement allowing the county its vendors employees contractors to have ingress and egress from the cobs creek's reservoir property across the property owned by andrew and jamie freedom for the purpose of bush hogging, cutting invasive vegetation, and performing other maintenance on the reservoir. Directors of public utilities and real property recommend approval of the

[01:39:59] board paper. The county manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions. Any questions from my colleagues? Motion made by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Rogish. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Thank you. Next, Mr. Chairman, 83-24 is a resolution for approval of acquisition. This is for the Sadler Road Improvement Project in the Three-Chop district so this board paper would authorize the acquisition of right-of-way and easements across

[01:40:30] the property located at 4728 sadler road owned by lloyd florey and thomas gray for the sadler road improvement project this paper is recommended following negotiations between parties the owners are willing to accept 150 000 as just compensation for the right-of-way and easements Mr. Newby, this is part of the process.

[01:40:55] Yes, sir. To continue with Sadler. Mr. Manager, members of the board, Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to announce this is the last, the last acquisition and negotiation for the Sadler Road project. Questions?

[01:41:13] All right, is there a motion? A motion made by Ms. Whitehead. Second by Reverend Cooper. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion passed. Next, Mr. Chairman, we have an introduction of ordinance. This would revise the county's floodplain and stormwater management ordinances.

[01:41:31] There was a work session that we had prior to this item, and so I'm going to ask you, Kristen, to provide the overview. Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. This board paper introduces for advertisement in a public hearing on March 26, 2024, a proposed ordinance to enact new flood insurance rate maps as required by FEMA and related state and federal law.

[01:41:55] The proposed ordinance also makes minor changes to correct citations and clarify existing language. the new ordinance would be effective april 25th 2024 when the new flood insurance rate maps and flood insurance study go into effect the director of public works recommends approval of the board paper and the county manager concurs and i'm happy to answer any questions any questions i think we um we all sit down with you i think yeah we had two two ones in january and february right so probably most of our questions were actually no sessions so thank you for that presentation anybody have any questions if not kim yes sir okay all right well go ahead and make the motion

[01:42:32] for us, Reverend. Motion made by Reverend Cooper. Second by Ms. Whitehead. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion passed. Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chairman, 85-24 is a resolution for acceptance of roads in Fairfield and Three-Chop. Mr. York. Thank you, Mr. Manager.

[01:42:51] Mr. Chair, members of the board. This board paper would accept the following named and described sections of roads in the county road system for maintenance. .09 miles of Northfield Heights Lane in Fairfield District. 0.07 miles of waterfront place in the three-chop district director of public works recommends approval of the board paper and the county manager Questions is there a motion motion made by mr. Smith second by mr. Rogus all in favor say aye Any opposed mr. Manager is there any more business for us tonight?

[01:43:28] Comments from my colleagues. All right. Thank you. Have a good evening



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