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[00:06:23] Good evening, everyone. I want to welcome everyone present, as well as those who may be watching online, to the Jericho County Board of Supervisors meeting for March the 10th, 2026. For everyone who is watching the live stream of tonight's meeting county website, you can participate remotely in the public comment portion of the meeting.

[00:06:46] Go to the Board of Supervisors website, webpage at Jericho.gov slash supervisors. click on Guidance for the Board of Supervisors Meeting. Scroll down, click on WebEx Event. A moderator will let you know when it's your turn to speak.

[00:07:03] We want to thank you in advance for your presence as well as your participation. We're going to begin tonight, as always, with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the senior statesman of the board. He's going to give us the invocation, Reverend Tyrone Nelson. Can we all stand?

[00:07:18] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Please stand.

[00:07:35] Mainstanding, please. Join us for a word of prayer. Dear God, thank you for this opportunity for us to be able to gather today. God, we pray for the leaders who sit on this rostrum. God, I ask for wisdom and knowledge for them. Thank you for the communities that we represent, that we serve. We pray that your

[00:08:05] presence would show itself in this meeting. This is our prayer in your name. Amen. Colleagues, I want to call a motion to approve the regular and special meeting minutes from the tuesday february 24th 2026 meeting second it's been moved by ms roundtree seconded by reverend nelson all in favor say aye those opposed eyes have it um it is approved uh mr manager mr chair members of the board i have

[00:08:38] three comments for you this evening first one just a brief note um members of board were in attendance this past weekend uh for the a10 women's championship college basketball tournament um which rhode island won we were we were internally we were rooting for both bcu and u of r would have been a remarkable final but it didn't happen so just to note about that tournament because 2026 we boost we we recorded the highest ticket distribution since the championship arrived

[00:09:16] in henrica with over 11 and a half thousand tickets sold we have fiscal impact numbers from last year where we saw 2.9 million dollars in revenue that was generated from that tournament for the county we expect that this tournament will exceed last year's totals and we also this year were notified that while we're at the end of a three-year contract with the a10 that tournament It was extended with our Sports and Events Center through 2029.

[00:09:49] Big shout out to Dennis Bickmeyer and the team at the Sports and Events Center. Our county gained national media exposure with the championship game on ESPN2, semifinals on CBS Sports Network, and quarterfinals on USA Network.

[00:10:06] All of the games were televised on ESPN+. And almost 2,000 of our youngest fans, school children, visited over two days for an initiative called Education Through Sports Days that included a number of elementary, middle, and high schools with the county.

[00:10:28] The high school sports education classes gained real-world perspective through off-court and in-arena interactions with the A-10 Conference Championship staff. Just another indication of what is happening with sports tourism in our county.

[00:10:47] So, Mr. Chair, I do have a second comment. And for this one, I'm going to ask Ms. Victoria Davis to come forward. And so March is recognized nationally as Women's History Month, a time to honor and reflect on the many contributions women have made to our nation, our communities, and our local government.

[00:11:10] Women have played a vital role in shaping our society by leading movements for progress, strengthening families and communities, and serving in leadership across every sector. Here in Henrico County, we see that impact every day through the dedication and service of the many women who help move our county forward.

[00:11:33] Public safety, to education, to community engagement and local government, women continue to help strengthen the fabric of our community and ensure that Henrico remains a place where where opportunity and leadership thrive. At this time, one of our outstanding women employees, Victoria Davis, who is the community engagement and volunteer coordinator, coordinator of student government day, town halls, and so many other things.

[00:12:02] She has some comments regarding Women's History Month. Victoria. - Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Chair, members of the board, county manager, and residents of Henrico. As we take a moment to celebrate Women's History Month, we pause to honor the countless women whose courage, intellect, sacrifice, and determination have paved the way for progress in our nation, our communities, and right here in Henrico County.

[00:12:26] Each March, through a presidential proclamation, our nation designates the month as Women's History Month, a time set aside to recognize and celebrate contributions women have made throughout American history, From civic leadership, public service, to education, innovation, community advocacy, women have helped shape the institutions that move our society forward.

[00:12:49] This year's national theme is Leading the Change, Women Shaping a Sustainable Future, which reminds us that women are not only a part of our history, but they are architects of our future. Here in Henrico County, we are proud to see that leadership reflected throughout every day.

[00:13:06] And over the years, Henrico has evolved in a way that we recognize, elevate, and support women in leadership. From department directors, community advocates, to educators, administrators, public servants, women are helping to guide the direction of our county and shaping the service that supports our residents.

[00:13:25] But tonight, I want to take a moment to pause and recognize one extraordinary woman whose leadership and dedication have had a lasting impact on this board and Henrico County as a whole. Ms. Tanya Brackett, Clerk to the Board. Tanya joined Henrico County in July 2008 as the Deputy Clerk and Administrative Assistant to the Board of Supervisors Office.

[00:13:52] Through years of dedicated service and institutional knowledge, she rose to become the Assistant to the County Manager for Board Affairs, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors in 2020. In this role, Tanya ensures the smooth, transparent functioning of our Board's operations, Managing agendas, coordinating meetings, preserving official records, and serving as a critical bridge between our county leadership and the public.

[00:14:15] Her work often happens behind the scenes, but it's absolutely essential to the effectiveness, integrity of local government. Tanya also continues to lead beyond Henrico. She's an active member of the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association, where she serves as the vice president.

[00:14:32] and she is also a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, contributing to the advancement of this profession on a broader scale. We are also proud to celebrate her recent accomplishments as the graduate of the Leadership Metro Richmond Class of 2024 and further strengthening her commitment to regional collaboration and community leadership.

[00:14:53] But beyond these titles and accomplishments, those of us that know Tanya understand that her dedication extends far beyond the workplace. Tanya has also remained deeply committed to being a devoted mother to her daughter, Jada, who's watching, all while pursuing a higher education of a bachelor's degree and completing all other leadership programs.

[00:15:13] And beyond all of that, we know her by many other well-earned descriptions, but one in particular, the planner and decor extraordinaire, making sure every detail, whether a meeting, a ceremony, a special event, is handled with excellence. And while she does all of it, she does it with a smile and grace.

[00:15:31] But anyone who has worked with Tanya also knows that when something needs to get done, she has a very special talent for making sure we all stay on track. Let's just say Tanya has a way of keeping everyone properly aligned to the agenda. And we're all better for it. Her leadership reflects the spirit of service and defines women across local government.

[00:15:50] So as we pause and recognize Women's History Month, we celebrate pioneers who open the door, the leaders who continue to guide our communities today, and the women who will one day step into the roles we have yet to imagine. And tonight, we proudly celebrate one of Henrico's own, Ms. Tanya Brackett, for her dedication, leadership, and the example she sets for women in public service.

[00:16:14] Please join me in congratulating her.

[00:16:28] Members of the audience, that was a surprise to Ms. Brackett. Tanya, congratulations. Well deserved. I do have one additional comment for this.

[00:16:43] to ask our utilities director Bentley Chan to come forward another recognition for our department of public utilities and Mr. Chan just continues to knock it out of the park with execution as far as the day-to-day service for our residents so Bentley you want to tell the board and the residents about this new award yes so this is the so this picture is from the ace acec awards last month And you may recognize a few of the staff in the picture, specifically Mr. Yob in the front.

[00:17:21] And so this was an award for the Virgil R. Hazlett Reservoir at Cobbs Creek. And so it was an award for the Virginia area, but we will soon be awarded a grand award, one of eight, for the nation.

[00:17:41] And that event is next month. I'm told that Mr. Yob will also be nicely dressed and in attendance. And so this is a celebration of all the hard work and all the engineering that goes into building a project of this size.

[00:18:01] And as you know, and as members of the audience know, this is a massive, massive regional project that has benefits not only for Hemrico, but all over and for decades and lots of decades to come.

[00:18:21] And so I'm told, and unfortunately, there is no trophy, there is no big trophy for this. It's kind of a glass black again, so I'm sure we'll bring it around, but it's nothing like the Stanley Cup where you can, like, get dumped in Gatorade.

[00:18:41] But it is a great honor, and we do appreciate, Mr. Manager, your support, the board's support in getting this done, and hopefully there are more things to come. So thank you. Thank you, Bentley.

[00:18:56] This is the largest reservoir in the Commonwealth of Virginia, named after former county manager Virgil R. Hazlett, 1,100 acres, 14 billion gallons of water reservoirs located in Cumberland. So, thank you, Bentley.

[00:19:14] Mr. Chair? Chair, I have no other comments. Thank you so much, Mr. Manager. Colleagues, do you have any comments? I do. I think it could be my spidey senses, Mr. Manager. You may have to help me.

[00:19:30] I know your spidey senses are attuned in this way, too. but I sense that there are some tigers in the audience. So if you don't mind, my understanding is we've got some Tucker government students here. If you would be so kind as to just come up to the front podium and maybe give your name and your grade and any other shout outs that you find fitting.

[00:19:51] Always love to have students come. Ms. Roundtree, I understand that the students that will speak will get extra credit for having done so. As they should. And this is recorded so you can play that for your teachers. Hi, my name is Sage, obviously I would go to Tucker, and we're all seniors actually, with Ms. Wesson's class.

[00:20:17] My name is Dylan Palmer, thank you. My name is Maureen Ordonez-Baccaro, and I'm also in Ms. Wesson's class. My name is Victoria Smith, and I'm also a senior.

[00:20:33] I'm Kendall Shockley, I'm also a senior with Ms. Wesson. I'm Sophia Martinez, I'm a senior. Thank you all for being here. I really appreciate it, I hope you get something from it, and please come back anytime and tell your friends.

[00:20:50] Any other comments from any other colleagues? Well, we want to recognize the media personalities that are present from the Enrico Citizen party from EPM German.

[00:21:12] Thanks, the manager. If you don't mind going through the agenda, please, sir. Mr. Chair, members of the board, you have two presentations this evening. The first is a proclamation celebrating 25 years of service. The Sigma Delta Zeta Enrico chapter, this proclamation expresses the board's sincere appreciation to the chapter's members and their service to community.

[00:21:37] It will be presented by our Chair Roscoe Cooper to Donna Patterson Skinner, Chapter President.

[00:21:56] Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors of Enrico County, Virginia, celebrating 25 years of service Sigma Delta Zeta Enrico Chapter.

[00:22:16] Whereas Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded January 16th, 1920, on the campus of Hampton, I'm sorry, Howard University. Y'all missed that, y'all really missed it. I know.

[00:22:33] Somebody said, oh, no. You called it. Of the campus of Howard University by five co-eds. And whereas these women departed from the traditional coalitions of black women and sought to establish an organization predicated on the precepts of scholarship service, sisterly love, and finer womanhood.

[00:22:51] And whereas the Enrico County chapter of Sigma Delta Zeta Sorority Incorporated was chartered on March 18, 2001. And whereas the chapter has remained committed to serving the residents of Henrico County through programs focused on education, health awareness, youth mentoring, economic empowerment, and civic engagement.

[00:23:12] And whereas over the past 25 years, chapter members have volunteered throughout the county schools and in the community, contributing to the well-being and advancement of the county. Whereas the chapter has awarded numerous scholarships to high school seniors and hosted food drives, health fairs, voter registration, voter education, and mentoring programs.

[00:23:33] And whereas the chapter's efforts have promoted positive outcomes for county residents and reflect the core values of scholarship, service, leadership, and community involvement as part of the chapter's overall commitment to social, health, and economic justice.

[00:23:48] And whereas the chapter will commemorate its 25th anniversary on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at the impact awards and gala now therefore be it proclaimed that the board of supervisors of henrico county virginia joins the county manager in honoring the henrico county chapter of sigma zeta sigma delta zeta sorority incorporated for its dedicated public service to the county and its residents be it further

proclaimed that the clerk of the board of supervisors shall prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to sigma delta zeta and express the board's sincere appreciation to Chapman's members and their service to the community.

[00:24:28] Signed by Roscoe D. Cooper III, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, and Ms. Tanya N. Brackett, Clerk. March 10, 2026. Can we give them a hand clap, please? Thank you.

[00:24:58] Board Supervisors and community members, we really, really do appreciate this proclamation. We love Henrico County, and we're going to continue to serve Henrico County in everything that you need, so feel free to always reach out to us. We are here for you.

[00:25:14] We are here for all of the students that are here, and we just love you guys. Thank you very much. Next, Mr. Chair, members of the board, we have a resolution commending the Verona Blue Devils football team.

[00:25:40] This resolution extends the board's heartfelt congratulations to the Verona High School football team on winning the Class 4 Virginia State Championship. Mr. Chair? Is there a motion to approve this resolution? To move. Is there a second?

[00:25:56] Moved by Reverend Nelson, second by Mr. Rogas. All in favor say aye. All right. The resolution is approved. Reverend Nelson. I'm going to ask the team to come up, coaches and players, come up, everybody. That way we can take a quick group picture afterwards.

[00:26:23] Read this resolution before we make the presentation.

[00:26:41] All right. Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Enrico County commending the Verona Blue Devils football team, And whereas on Saturday, December 13th, 2025, the Verona Blue Devils won the Virginia High School League VHSL Class 4 Virginia State Championship, dominating Loudoun County 47-0 at Liberty University.

[00:27:03] I want to make sure. Did y'all hear that? 47-0 in the state championship game. And whereas this is the second title in five years for the Verona program, showcasing a powerful offense and defense. And whereas Caleb Weich was named All-Region Offensive Player of the Year, All-State Offensive Player of the Year, All-Metro Offensive Player of the Year.

[00:27:22] And whereas Damari Carter was named First-Team All-Region, First-Team All-State, First-Team All-Metro wide receiver. Jaden Baskerville was named First-Team All-Region, First-Team All-State, Second-Team All-Metro offensive tackle. And Mike Farley Jr. was named First-Team All-Region, Second-Team All-State, Second-Team All-Metro running back.

[00:27:44] J. Sean Boyle Richardson was named two-time All-Region Defensive Player of the Year, two-time All-State Defensive Player of the Year, two-time All-Metro Defensive Player of the Year, Defensive Tackle. And this is the first time in school history a student athlete has accomplished these accolades.

[00:28:00] And whereas Braylon Hood was named first-team All-Region, first-team All-State, first-team All-Metro linebacker. And Sire, is that right? Rex was named first-team All-Region, first-team All-State, second-team All-Metro cornerback. And Raymond Hudson was named first-team All-Region, first-team All-State, second-team All-State All-Metro defensive end.

[00:28:23] And Jaden Walker was named first-team All-Region, second-team All-State, second-team All-Metro linebacker. And whereas head coach Marcus Lewis was named All-Region 4B Coach of the Year and

VHSL 4B All-State Coach of the Year. And whereas the Verona District and the entire Enrico community are tremendously proud of the coach, coaching staff, and team and applaud the members for mastering their craft and building a positive relationship with other teams.

[00:28:54] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Enrico County, Virginia, hereby extends his heartfelt congratulations to the Verona High School football team on winning his Class 4 Virginia State championship and commends the team for exhibiting superior sportsmanship during a successful season.

[00:29:15] signed by our board chair, Roscoe D. Cooper III, and our clerk, Tonya Brackett, March 10th, 2026. Now, before I pass this along, we have two of these. So, hang them up in the locker room in the school football that we signed.

[00:29:34] Everybody, I think, has some goodie bags or something in there. Last time, Coach Lewis, I don't know if you remember, I think we were in the middle of COVID, and I don't think we actually did this in person. I think we did it online. And so I know there's a long journey from Route 5 to come here, but my colleagues and I just want to make sure that you guys understand, you know, it's not easy to do what you just did.

[00:30:02] There's a lot of schools and teams that want to do it. You were, and I say this, even though I know Class 6, Class 5, all of them will say something different. You were the best football team in the Commonwealth of Virginia this year, And we are super excited that, well, I'm super excited I was able to experience it.

[00:30:23] There's nothing like being on Messon Road on a Friday night. And, you know, I'm hoping that we repeat next year. But sometimes we jump forward in the future and we don't celebrate the nail. So congratulations to you, state champs.

[00:30:41] Who am I giving this to? All right. And then we have another one right there. And let's take a group picture real quick. Now, I'm going to do something different, y'all. I'm sorry. I'm going to ask Cheryl Gregory to come in the picture, too, because she is as much Route 5 as I am.

[00:30:59] And so, yeah. All right. Well, let's do this. You come get in the picture. Then we can do a selfie. All right? Okay. Let's slide this way. Slide this way some. Reverend Nelson. Yes? Is she a Verona graduate?

[00:31:15] No, she's a Highland Sprint. See, you starting something. Yeah. That's all right. Hey, hey, hey. You out of pocket, man. Perpetual line. He's a line crosser, man. Somebody hold this.

[00:31:39] Somebody hold this football. I'm going to do it. Why are we going in the corner? I don't know why y'all going in the corner. Why y'all going in the corner? Come on this way. Come over this way. They ain't going to see the bar.

[00:32:03] Oh, there it goes. Anybody see? Wow.

[00:32:18] Hold on. Oh, oh, oh. Don't go nowhere. Don't go nowhere. That's right. Don't act like y'all know. I need to see y'all. Ain't nobody say call me. Reverend Elton. All right.

[00:32:34] So, hold on. Say a few words. Hold on. Hold on. All right, good. Let me get those. Let me say something. I just want to thank everybody for the support.

[00:32:52] We couldn't be successful without y'all. Definitely Reverend Tyrone. We appreciate everything that you do, call, come. So, I just appreciate everybody's support here.

[00:33:15] Probably shouldn't be eating it, but it is what it is. Everybody good? Everybody good? So, can we get Sigma Delta Zeta to come forward for a picture with the board?

[00:33:41] The audience is coming up.

[00:36:21] All right, Mr. Chair, members of the board, moving into your agenda, you move into public hearings. You have one rezoning case. Case is out of Verona, 249-25, Elder Homes Corporation with a conditional rezoning request from B3 Business District and R3 One Family Residence District to R5AC General Residence District and R5BC General Residence District Conditional, several parcels containing 17.5

[00:36:57] acres that are located near the intersection of Nine Mile Road and New Bridge Road, wherein and the applicant is proposing a single-family detached development. Mr. Emerson. Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, members of the board.

[00:37:13] Presented for your consideration this evening is a request to conditionally rezone a 17.5-acre site from B3 and R3 to R5AC and R5BC to construct up to 60 detached single-family homes at the northwest intersection of Nine Mile Road and New Bridge Road.

[00:37:34] The site is undeveloped except for the footprint of a former parking pad and is entirely wooded. Blood Plain is located on the eastern portion of the property and wetlands are on the western side. Business uses exist to the east along Nine Mile Road.

[00:37:50] To the north is a county water tank and to the south across Nine Mile Road, you will see the New Bridge Learning Center. The remainder of the adjacent area is developed as single-family neighborhoods. The Crawford conceptual plan reflects two access points.

[00:38:09] right in right out off nine mile road and a connection to robin avenue to the north internal access to individual residential lots would be from a combination of a 50 foot wide public road and private 24 foot wide alleys running along the rear of the r5b lots lot width shown on the layout would meet the minimum 30 foot width in the r5b areas and 50 foot width the r5a section five foot wide sidewalk is shown along both sides of the public right-of-way

[00:38:43] within the development and along the southern edge of the r5b lots inside 35-foot landscape buffer along nine mile road and if you'll follow the cursor you can see how the sidewalk does pull back somewhat from nine mile road but it is there and then it ties back in and hopefully in the the future there will be additional sidewalk connecting the area on the western portion of the site would remain largely undisturbed with any floodplain to be rezoned to see one conservation district at the time of subdivision

[00:39:21] submittal at the eastern eastern line is a dry BMP which will be is proposed to handle stormwater 2026 comprehensive plan recommends suburban residential to and commercial arterial with detached homes and an overall gross density of 3.43 units to the acre. Opposed use is generally consistent with the surrounding residential development pattern and the Suburban Residential 2 designation. This request was recommended for

[00:39:56] denial by the Planning Commission at their public hearing on September 11th because of unresolved issues relating to site drainage and streetscape on Nine Mile Road. Following this meeting, the

Department of Public Works closely evaluated the subject site and raised concerns regarding potential significant drainage improvements. The applicant acknowledged the site's challenges and provided an updated concept plan and additional information to address the concerns.

[00:40:24] The Department of Public Works has evaluated the updated conceptual plan in supporting documents, which include calculations and exhibits that illustrate the design and capacity of site drainage, including updates to the fill, grading, and BMP. DPW has confirmed the applicant has sufficiently addressed their concerns.

[00:40:47] The Board of Supervisors last deferred this request on January 27th to allow the applicant additional time to address site design regarding the drainage requirements. With the applicant having satisfactorily addressed the site design concerns, staff can now recommend approval.

[00:41:06] The applicant held a community meeting on June 26, 2025 at the Henrico Theater. Three adjacent residents attended and discussed topics related to lot and house size, architectural design, lighting, and amenities. And we do have some elevations of the homes.

[00:41:26] I'll run through those quickly for you. And in the interim, if you have any questions that you'd like for me to answer, I'll be happy to try and do that. Thank you so much, Mr. Emerson.

[00:41:41] Colleagues, does anyone have any questions from Mr. Emerson or staff? Mr. Emerson, so I know we had some concerns, and I think I've talked to a couple of you about some of the adjustments.

[00:42:00] Can you, just from a staff perspective, maybe kind of speak to some of the things that we have done, and maybe Terrell, not we have done, but the applicant has done, since the first time we heard this case? Yes, sir.

[00:42:16] What makes staff comfortable now? We have more information regarding the drainage. There were two things that were going on in regards to the overall plan when it was at the planning commission. One was the treatment of the buffer along Nine Mile Road.

[00:42:34] That has since been defined to be 35 feet planted to a 25-foot transitional, and commitments have been made to that. And the rest were drainage issues, both on-site and off-site. And the applicant has provided an updated concept plan, which revised the BMP.

[00:42:53] better delineated the wetlands they did provide additional supporting documents including calculations and exhibits submitted to dpw illustrating the design and capacity of all the site drainage including updates again to the fill grading and bmp and this did change to a dry pond at one point it was thought it would be a wet pond and with that additional substantiation and DPW did confirm that the applicant has sufficiently addressed their concerns.

[00:43:27] We do have a transitional buffer 10 to the rear. I failed to mention that, but that is along county holdings with the water tank to better buffer the neighborhood. This is the connectivity to Robin Avenue and the existing neighborhood. There are some concerns surrounding the nine-mile road access.

[00:43:46] It has been limited to a right in, right out, and we'll get the finalization on that at the time of plan of development. It's normally when we settle those. So I think that sums it up. So Robin Avenue is a straight cut-through?

[00:44:06] Yes, sir, it will be. Okay. Yeah, I don't really like this layout all that much, but, I mean, to get into things that we need, I see the point.

[00:44:25] Terrell, did you want to say anything?

[00:44:36] Yeah, no, we did work really closely with the applicant and their engineer. So typically at zoning, we're usually working off the conceptual level. So they actually did do additional survey work, additional engineering beyond what we normally would see at zoning.

[00:44:51] The site, which is very flat now, and we have a number of concerns with some of the areas, would be graded properly so that any new residents move drainage issues once the homes were built. And then we also spent some additional care to make sure that any of the water from this site stay on site and be on site and handled by the existing drainage system, nine-mile road as opposed to impacting surrounding neighborhoods.

[00:45:18] So they spent a lot of energy and attention on both of those matters to the point where we feel comfortable with what they're proposing, that it's not going to cause any of it. Like I said. So it's not going to cause challenges, not additional challenges.

[00:45:37] Are there challenges already? Well, no. Yeah, so I think they've addressed that. The site is flat, and they actually are committing to bringing in build dirt, make sure that the site. That's something that when this site was previously looked at by other developers, that wasn't something that was.

[00:45:57] Thank you, sir. Have any other questions for staff? Mr. Rogish? I have, Mr. Emerson, just two quick questions. I noticed on this the conceptual clustered mailbox. Is that standard for R5 A and B?

[00:46:15] Yes, sir. It's standard in the majority of subdivisions now. That's a requirement of the U.S. Postal Service. They no longer do the individual mailbox in any of our developments. And then second question, did this not change enough to get warranted to go back to the Planning Commission on any of these changes?

[00:46:38] No, sir, I don't believe so, because primarily it was a landscaping and buffering issue and drainage issues. The overall layout of the subdivision did not change that dramatically. The number of units proposed did not change, so there wasn't any type of density shift.

[00:46:58] As Reverend Nelson noted, the layout really is driven a great deal by the environmental features where the BMP has to be, where the wetlands exist. So you can see when you just follow the cursor, the wetlands are mostly in this area.

[00:47:14] You have a little bit of common area there that's usable. Then you have a BMP on the eastern side. So just based on the topography of the site, the configuration really did not change that much. And last, just confirmation, it does match the comp plan, 3.4 acres or units per acre.

[00:47:34] So I think that's excellent. Thank you. Now, Senator and colleagues, would you all like to hear from the applicant? Sure, just a summary.

[00:47:54] I think we're all pretty clear, but just from your perspective, if there is anything that staff has not shared that you have done, if you want to share that. Good evening.

[00:48:21] kate lafayette with roth jackson here on behalf of the applicant project homes so in summary the three main things that we've done is expanded the dry pond it was originally a wet pond from our research there is a ditch on the eastern side of the portion of the property so this is going to help with the post development flow it will all go towards that bmp instead of flowing off-site. We first brought this

project to you back in November. We had grading levels around 1%, so those are now 3% to 5% across the property. We're bringing in more fill. We actually

[00:49:00] had conversations with Mr. Hughes about exactly the levels he would think that we would need, and we're comfortable with purchasing those and getting those on-site. There's also different techniques that we can implement for terms of like it's called crowning you can basically have the elevations higher in the center of the property so the water drains to the sides instead of draining into the center of the property and also inlets and other structures help water flow and basically all of this summarized together means that after the calculations have been run our post-development

[00:49:34] peak flow off-site is below the current pre-development flow off-site so that isn't for a 10-year storm, like flood events, so we are compliant with all flood protection measures. Good question. Size of the homes?

[00:49:51] The size of the homes. I know the lot widths, and I think about 1,500 square feet. So all about the same size? Yes, sir. Where are the protected home prices? I believe we're trying to keep it around \$400, or lower than less than \$400, so like 80% AMI.

[00:50:16] Oh, \$225, \$300. Come on up. That's a big difference. Sorry, hello, I'm Matt Morgan. I'm with Project Homes. Which one is it? Yeah, we're targeting 80% to 120% of the area median income.

[00:50:34] We're a nonprofit developer. So our current range for that based on incomes is 225, the low end, and 295. Okay. So you said this is through Better Homes? Project Homes.

[00:50:50] Project Homes, okay. But not working with any land trust or anything? No land trust. Okay. All right, so 225, 1,500 square feet, 225 to 294. Yes, sir. Okay. That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

[00:51:07] I don't know if others have questions. Thank you so much for everyone else and colleagues. You don't have any questions? All right. Hearing none, this is a public hearing. I want to hear from the public. Is anyone here that would like to speak to this case? Good evening, board, everyone.

[00:51:33] I'm Ron Toney with Toney Enterprise, Norville Science, next door. And the presentation was good. They answered some of my questions when they came up here. Some of my main concerns are traffic, which I guess you all can't address here, but the traffic, the egress when you're coming into the neighborhood, that one way in, one way out, that's not going to work out too well.

[00:51:59] And then coming out towards Robin Avenue and going through neighborhoods there, are there going to be any improvements to those roads back there? because i've seen people go in ditches and things get pretty tight people try to pass or have larger vehicles through there so i i know what's going to happen is they're going to come down they're going to make a u-turn right here on my property and it's just the easiest thing to do and it's just what i see people doing now just for other reasons much less if they live down there and

[00:52:32] they're coming in from opposite direction and then also the sidewalk there's no sidewalk that It was in front of my property, so I'm just wondering where that sidewalk is going to lead to, what the plans are for that.

[00:52:47] And then also the drainage, I think Kate ended up answering, so the crown in the middle, and then it spans down towards the DMP and the wetlands, that's good, and that seems to work out.

[00:53:03] But then, so that ditch, were you talking about tying into the ditch that goes between my property and y'all's property? Is that how that was? just you go ahead keep on asking your questions and then i'll bring them up and let them all right i thought she spoke about it but i i didn't catch the whole thing that's how she'll come they'll come yeah that's fine um that's pretty much it i i see where they put some extra bushes in i guess that's for helping with drainage and water and stuff like that but it's mainly the access and

[00:53:41] traffic and there is crime in that area and uh i just wonder what the future plan is to kind of keep crime down, and Newbridge Village is its own thing, but you don't want to see the two kind of mesh together and stuff.

[00:54:02] Those are my main concerns, nothing crazy. All right, thank you, sir. Thank you all. Mr. Chair, if you don't mind. And so, Mr. Hughes, if you don't mind speaking to the ingress, egress, and in and out off of Nine Mile.

[00:54:27] I can see the concern. So the light is on the coming out of New Bridge. The light is on the Norville sign side of the road.

[00:54:45] Just speak to, because I'm sure you guys thought about, you know, the impacts of this 9-mile road entrance and exit. And then if you guys don't mind somebody coming back and kind of speaking to this concern.

[00:55:05] And, Chief, I hate to call you up, but do you mind just kind of, you know, I mean, I know you already have officers in that area, but can you just speak to any concerns maybe about where I am or what are we doing?

[00:55:23] Yes, sir. Yeah, I'll try to address the non-mile question. So currently today, non-mile is an undivided roadway, so it doesn't necessarily have a median. So U-turns aren't specifically prohibited because there isn't a median, but they're also not specifically allowed.

[00:55:43] But from a state standpoint, VDOT, they control the access on non-miles. They kind of determine what type of access. And I think generally they're looking at safe access basing. So I think that's why what's shown right now is a write-in, right? Because it doesn't necessarily mean what they would consider basing for a full crossover.

[00:56:03] But, yeah, I mean, as far as the U-turns you mentioned on his property, technically I guess you would typically see those happen at the traffic signal. But because there's no median, it technically could occur. But that's something we could talk to VDOT about. I mean, that's a separate issue.

[00:56:19] If that's occurring today, that is certainly something we can talk about. It's going to be a problem. So can we get with, what's your name again? All right, Mr. Tony, can you get with him and let's see what we can do to kind of get VDOT engaged, see what we can do to kind of rectify.

[00:56:44] Yes, sir. I'm John Murray with Timmons Group, the engineer on the project. Just wanted to try and answer a few of the questions. I think the question about drainage, the dry pond that we've got, will discharge directly to the county storm sewer system so it won't hit the ditch at all near your property.

[00:57:09] I think that was the primary question. And then we can work with VDOT on the access point. They do control the access spacing standards. It's all in their manuals and guidelines. And the reason for the write-in, write-out is we do not have enough space for a full access entrance to meet their criteria.

[00:57:30] So that's why we have shown that way, but we can certainly talk to them about the best options for the area that meet their standards or even an exception if they would be willing to allow that at the time of construction plans. So somebody is going to, people are going to try to get around.

[00:57:48] And so that's why I have empathy for the term. But honestly, I love the right and right. So I'm glad that they can't cross over because it would be a mess right there if people could just stop and cross over and I'm out right there. But we're going to get with you and try to work.

[00:58:06] Chief, if you don't mind. So good evening, board. Just to address the area you're referring to, me and my team are very familiar with that location.

[00:58:27] As you know, in some areas in the county, there is a focus in certain corridors. That area is one of our focal points. We have a lot of manpower that we put in that particular area, but we also leverage a lot of technology in that area as well in order to mitigate crime.

[00:58:44] So I will say that if there's anything specific that you are looking for, a specific crime or something that's occurring, just get with me. Let me get your name and number, and I'll reach out to you, and we'll see what we can do in order to address that specific issue. But we are very familiar with that area, and we know that if we can keep crime down in that particular area, it will do a lot for that district.

[00:59:05] So it's not unfamiliar to us. Thank you, Chief. Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Yes, sir. Mr. Chair, can I ask Mr. Hughes one more time? I know we're going to go back to this, but you're heading west on Nine Mile.

[00:59:22] There is a light that, what's the recommended, someone is coming west on Nine Mile, they're supposed to go up to that and make a U-turn and come back down around and come in? Is that what we're saying? Yeah, I think with the right in, right out, if they're headed west, they would technically have access via Baker Avenue, then they could kind of connect through.

[00:59:46] That's one option. And the future of Nine Mile Road, I didn't necessarily mention this, but at some point there are some improvements coming in the future of Nine Mile. I got you. That makes sense. Yeah, with additional side roads. I like the right in, right out, but if you're headed west on there, I just didn't understand how the person would get back into that neighborhood.

[01:00:08] And go back to the right in right out. Right now, like Murray mentioned, it's VDOT controlled, so there's a signal just right up the street, so the spacing isn't met based on their standards. So what typically would have to happen after rezoning is in the design process, they would have to apply for a waiver.

[01:00:26] At that point, that's when VDOT would make a divorce point. In many cases, they do. Right now, because of the spacing standards, that's essentially what has to be assumed. Thank you so much.

[01:00:47] Is there anyone else present that would like to speak to this case? Is there anyone on WebEx? There is no one to speak to this item. Thank you, Madam. Therefore, if no one's speaking in the public or online, this public hearing has been closed. Board members, do you have any other questions for our staff, questions for the applicant, not the motion?

[01:01:10] Mr. Chair, thank you. I do want to thank the development team, you know, working with the applicant. I definitely want to thank our staff for reengaging this.

[01:01:26] It was denied by the Planning Commission generally. My recommendations have come in historically for me as a denial. I usually stick with that. but this is one of those times where everybody kind of put their head down and went to work on trying to maximize and make this a better project.

[01:01:48] I know since this board has been together, we probably have denied more projects than any other time in my 15-year board, and I'm fine with that because they're all pushing to get the best products.

[01:02:07] This is a mixed area of residential, public, of commercial. You know, I think residential in this particular area makes sense.

[01:02:23] 60 units, and, I mean, who would have ever thought the day would come that we would say \$225,000 is on the housing, and that in itself is sad. You know, but that's for new homes on sale, anything close to \$200,000, all those affordable ones are going to get.

[01:02:50] So with that being said, I'm going to do what I normally don't do, which is go against the recommendation of the commission, and I'm going to move that REZ 2025-101-722 Elder Homes Court be approved with last proffers date of February 18, 2026.

[01:03:11] It's been moved by Reverend Nelson, is there a second? Second. Seconded by Ms. Rogge, is all the moves? Aye. Aye. Those opposed? The ayes have it. Measure. Next, Mr. Chair, members of the board, move into public hearings other item agenda item 64-26 is a resolution this is for signatory for utility easement agreement between virginia electric and power company uh this is 3200 old williamsburg road in the varanda district mr anthony thank you mr manager mr chair honorable members of the board uh this board paper would authorize the chair to execute an easement

[01:03:44] agreement with uh bepco for a 15-foot utility easement across county-owned property at 3200 old williamsburg road the proposed utility easement would allow vepco to install a new pole meter supply power to a new control valve all that is planned by the department of public utilities the easement will not interfere the county's use of its land real property division has processed this request with the departments of planning public utilities and public works without objection directors of real property and public works recommend approval of the board paper county manager hers i'll be happy to address any questions thank you so much mr anthony uh

[01:04:21] Colleagues, are there any questions from Ms. Anthony? Seeing none, this is a public hearing. Is there any person present that would like to speak to this item? Is there anyone online who would like to speak to this item? There's no one to speak to this item. Is there a motion?

[01:04:44] Partly to move the resolution. Second motion made by Reverend Nelson, seconded by Ms. I. Opposed, the eyes have it. The resolution is approved. Next, Mr. Chair, members of the board, you move into public comments. I don't have anyone that has signed up. Is there anyone that wishes to address the board this evening in person is there anyone on webex that wishes to address the board there's no one to speak on webex okay uh then mr chair you would move into your general agenda agenda item 65-26 was covered extensively in work session this is the annual presentation of

[01:05:23] the operating and capital budget estimates for fiscal year 26 27 and all the notices required for tax rates. Mr. Crawford. Thank you, Mr. Manager, and good evening again, Mr. Chair, members of the board. This is, as the manager noted, the receipt of the operating and capital budget estimates for fiscal year 2026-27. If approved, this would authorize the advertisement of both the budget and the applicable tax rates that support the budget for calendar year 2026

[01:06:01] and would set the public hearings for both of those. The public hearing would be set for Tuesday, March 24, 2026, for the budget at 5 o'clock, the special start time for that meeting.

[01:06:19] And then the public hearings for the real estate and personal property tax rates would be set for April 14th at 6 p.m. With that, just as an overview of the paper, as you noted, we reviewed the overview of the budget during work session for the public.

[01:06:44] I'll note that the nearly \$2 billion overall operating budget and \$346 million capital budget is available for review on the county's website. and along with the slide deck for the presentation that was given at work session, along with the schedule of budget reviews that begin on Monday morning at night.

[01:07:08] So with that, I will be happy to entertain any questions that the board has at this time. I will prepare to see you on Monday. Well, thank you, Mr. Crawford. Colleagues, does anyone have any questions from Mr. Crawford? Not. Is there a motion for this resolution?

[01:07:28] It's been moved by Mr. Smith. Is there a second? Second by Reverend Nelson. All in favor, it's aye. Those opposed, the ayes have it. resolution is approved chair members of board uh 66-26 this is also an introduction of ordinance in this case for the water and sewer uh charges for the next fiscal year mr chan thank you mr manager mr chair members of the board good evening again this is an introduction for advertisement and a public hearing on april 14th for a proposed ordinance to change utility fees and charges effective July 1st of this year.

[01:08:07] The ordinance would increase bimonthly service and volume charges for water and sewer usage, with the total increase in water and sewer charges for the median residential account holder using 10 ccf of water every two months to be \$7.70, or approximately \$0.13 per day.

[01:08:27] Changes would be effective again on July 1st, 2026, and are recommended to support annual operating, debt service, and capital costs associated with water and sewer projects. With that, I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you, Mr. Chan.

[01:08:43] Colleagues, any questions for Mr. Chan? We've got a question. Yes, sir, Mr. Ruff Nelson. Does the inquiry, what the relationship to work that we're doing with extending water from the west to the east that connected to this increase yes sir it is the vast majority of the increase goes to funding capital projects specifically the east and water transmission

[01:09:11] main project so mr chan why we are doing this why just refresh our minds on what's important that rely on our own?

[01:09:30] Yes, sir. And so if the water crisis of 2025 taught us anything, it's the need for all of those big things, redundancy, reliability, resiliency, sustainability.

[01:09:47] And with this \$300 million project that will extend a 13-mile, 42-inch line, we'll be able to use the capacity that is inherent to our water treatment facility at Three Chopped and Gaskins, as well as utilize the additional capacity in the James River that we have with the Cobbs Creek Reservoir Project.

[01:10:14] And so all of those things together will allow us to be able to serve ourselves in the event that anything happens with outside sources with the county, and in addition to that, allow us to be a possible provider to other localities in the region should an event like this or any other event occur.

[01:10:40] Question, Mr. Chair. I'm sorry. So we are looking for a redundancy, also the ability to be able to control water that flows through the county, from the James through the county, which once we reach the

middle, The central area of Brico County and to the east don't have so much control, right?

[01:11:12] Yes, sir. And one of the things that came about in our after-action studies of the water crisis event was that there is a major pinch point near the raceway. And I'm also happy to report that there is a joint project between public works and public utilities that will commence very, very soon that will upsize those lines.

[01:11:40] There's two 16-inch lines that will be upgraded to a large 42-inch line, thereby alleviating some of that capacity, and the rest will come forth when we build the other two sections of the line.

[01:11:55] Sorry, again, Mr. Chair, for all these questions, but I want to be able to cut this video, splice it up just as a counteraction to some of the untrue information that is shared. During the crisis last year, did we lose water in the west end of it?

[01:12:20] No, sir. Other than when we had water main breaks? No, sir, we did not. So what part of the county did not have any water? So about half of the central and eastern, the entirety of the eastern part of the county.

[01:12:40] So pretty much half of Falfield all over, right? Yes, sir. Did not have any water. Correct. So this water main, this extension of the water pipe would then help to make sure that.

[01:13:00] Yes, sir. So this rate increase as well as the capital improvement. \$50 million? Yes, sir. And so all of that will ensure the reliability and redundancy of the water that serves central and eastern Hemrico.

[01:13:27] So this would help particularly those who live in Verina and Fairfield be able to sleep at night if we have any major incidents? Yes, sir, and showers.

[01:13:43] Do we have water flowing into White Oak Tech Park right now? We do currently, yes, sir. Do we have a water shortage? No, we are not.

[01:13:59] So we have concentrated data centers, most of the data centers that are in our county hyperscale are in the tech part. Would there be a need with, well, no, let me not.

[01:14:20] There is a misnomer that the reason that we are doing this is that we are running, we have done this whole, you know, we are hoodwinking the community into believing that this is for them when it's really for data centers.

[01:14:42] Based upon what I've learned is when we had the Commander and the Motorola plant, there was way more water usage in the tech park than it is by data centers right now. And so would there be a need to run water from the west end of the county to the White Oak Tech Park because we are having excessive use or need water in the water now or in the future based upon the build out that's already been?

[01:15:17] So, no, sir, that is not the case. White Oak Tech Park, originally built for microchip manufacturing, had an allocation of around, I believe, in like the tens of millions of gallons.

[01:15:36] And today, it's only a fraction of that that is actually being used. So, there is additional capacity in the Tech Park area. And so this project is not to put additional water in that area.

[01:15:53] It's to serve existing customers and provide a source of, again, reliability and redundancy to the Richmond system that currently serves that area. Sorry, Mr. Chair, for all those questions.

[01:16:10] Thank you, Mr. Chair. We appreciate that. I can say unequivocally this entire board wants to make sure in the future that there's no resident, regardless of what side of town you live on, ever has to go through what went through as a county. I commend our manager, you, Mr. Chan, our staff, for basically being solution-focused and forward-thinking, really doing something we've never done before, never put this size pipe in the ground, make sure that we can do our job, redundancy, resiliency, reliability, sustainability.

[01:16:41] So thank you. We're all excited about this, and we look forward to it. Colleagues, are there any more? Well, just for clarity, because I'm always the due process guru or person here, this ordinance tonight is not approving the increase. It is basically setting the stage for us to vote on it in April.

[01:16:58] Is that correct? Yes, ma'am. It's the introduction as well as the publication in a local newspaper. And then on April 14th, we will be back here talking about it again.

[01:17:14] Excellent. Thank you. That being said, and all the colleagues having questions, Mr. or Ms. Smith, is there a motion? So moved. Is there a second? Second. Moved by Reverend Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rogish. All in favor say aye. Those opposed, ayes have it.

[01:17:32] The ordinance is approved. Next, Mr. Chair, members of the board, agenda item 67-26 is another historical acquisition brought to the board, really through the efforts of Mr. Steve Yob. This is a resolution for signatory authority, acquisition of real property.

[01:17:51] This is the American Battlefield Trust 2550 and 2570 Kingsland Road in the Verona District. Mr. Anthony. Sir, thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, honorable members of the board, ladies and gentlemen. The paper would authorize the acquisition of three parcels located or near 2550 and 2570 Kingsland Road for conservation purposes and potential use of future park.

[01:18:14] The owner of the American Battlefield Trust has agreed to sell the properties. The directives of public works and real property recommended approval of the board paper. The county manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions, the assistance of none other than Mr. Steve Yob. He just, like, appeared like a ghost, didn't see him.

[01:18:33] That brother just showed up. Well, hold on, hold on, hold on, this is a voice speak, so we want to say thank you. It's the manager queuing it up like he did. Would you be so kind so to add some context? Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board, ladies and gentlemen. This property is under conservation now with the American Battlefield Trust, but more importantly, historic battles were fought here.

[01:18:55] not including, not the least of which, rather, was the March of the U.S. Colored Troops from Deep Bottom to their engagement in September of 1864 against the entrenched and veteran Confederate troops on New Market Road.

[01:19:11] A very historic battle was fought there. This is the exact path those troopers took from the river to that engagement. When they hit Kingsland Road, ladies and gentlemen, and this, to me, it chokes me up every day I think about it, every time I'm out there.

[01:19:29] They hit Kingsland Road, and it got real. People were shooting at them. Bombs were coming in. They were carrying heavy armaments, and they had to march through a swamp to engage those Confederate troopers. And this property now will be part of our New Market Park.

[01:19:47] It'll increase that park from about 220 acres to roughly 275 acres, and it'll give us a historic and conserved gateway from Route 5 to the James River. I'm really excited about this, and it's the culmination of several years of working these conservation groups.

[01:20:10] So I appreciate your support, ladies and gentlemen. Julian, Sharon, do you want to say anything? All right. I know how much you love this as well. I'm sure you're here in support of this. All right. Colleagues, any questions for Mr. Yob?

[01:20:27] I just want to say thank you. You and everybody else that works with it, it is, you know, is this where you took us? Yes, sir. You've walked this property. In fact, the whole board was over there.

[01:20:43] Yeah, so we were out there not too long ago, bigger plans for what New Market Park is going to be and be, you know, for Henrico County, the significance as it relates to, you know, the colored troops in the 18th century war that took place right in the middle of Varano, in that sense.

[01:21:13] But to have staff people who are connected, but they also take it personal, want to see the land served, but also want the stories to be told means a lot.

[01:21:32] So I do want to just say thank you. I don't know everybody, just do know that you get us excited. I get more excited, get more excited.

[01:21:49] I've got some of the most embarrassing pictures of me taking out on some of these properties, falling, slipping, and all that stuff. Yeah, videos. We put those up real quick. You know, but again, I just want to say thank you.

[01:22:06] Thank you, sir. Well, Mr. Reverend Nelson has eloquently said some wonderful words. Anyone else want to share your thoughts? Steve, I would love for you to do like a, I don't know, maybe PR can do a quick little video of you out there. I mean, the way you tell the story is really compelling, and maybe we can kind of follow the journey of this parcel, I think, would be really interesting.

[01:22:28] That's a great idea. Thank you, ma'am. This is a resolution that needs to be approved by Reverend Nelson. There's a second. Seconded by Ms. Rauncher, all in favor of his eye. Opposed, the ayes have it. The resolution is passed, Ms. Manager. Mr. Chair, no other business this evening.

[01:22:44] All right. Are there any further items that need to be discussed tonight? Colleagues, any closing comments? All right, if not, meeting adjourned. Have a good night, everybody.



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