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[00:00:07] I want to, on behalf of my colleagues personally, welcome everyone to the Enrico County Board of Supervisors July 28th, 2026 meeting. Public comments will be given from the lectern in the back. For everyone who's watching the live stream of tonight's meeting on the county website, you can participate remotely in the public comment portion of the meeting.

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[00:01:07] Scroll down and click on the WebEx event. A moderator will let you know when it's your turn to speak. Thank you so much in advance. We will begin this evening with the Pledge of Allegiance followed

by the invocation. We ask that you remain standing until the invocation has been given.

[00:01:26] And tonight our invocation will be given by Dr. Janetta Lee Chaplin for the Henrico County Police Division. Pledge of Allegiance. let us pray. Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the gift of today and the 24 hours that you have

[00:02:03] given us and every minute in it. Thank you, Lord God, for how you have brought us thus far in this day. We ask you now, God, to bless this agenda by your Holy Spirit. Lead, guide, and direct all that is to be done today. We ask you to be with our leaders, touch their hearts, their minds, their souls and their spirits. Give them the wisdom you know they need to execute the agenda and to carry out the duties that they are charged with. We pray, Lord God, for everyone who makes Henrico

[00:02:40] better for today and even greater for tomorrow. We ask your blessings as we move forward. In your

[00:02:47] holy name we pray. Amen. Colleagues, I will call for motion to approve the regular and special

[00:03:46] meeting minutes from the Tuesday, June the 23rd, 2026 regular and special meeting and the March 16th and 18th, 2026 special meeting minutes. Second. It's been moved by Ms. Rountree, seconded by Reverend Nelson.

[00:04:04] All in favor say aye. Aye. Those opposed, the ayes have it. The minutes are approved. Mr. Manager, do you have any comments tonight? Mr. Chair, I have no comments this evening. Thank you, sir. Colleagues, do any of you have any comments tonight? Thank you so much.

[00:04:21] I see Leanna Harvey from citizen. Thank you for being here hardy for being here tonight. Mr. Manager is chair as you begin this evening we have a presentation for the keep Henrico landlubber and clean business awards. This is a annual recognition for those of you that are attending a board meeting for the first time of the keep Henrico beautiful committee landlubber and clean Business Awards I'm going to ask Bland Godden to come forward of the

[00:04:57] beautification subcommittee with the recognitions Scott thank you mr. manager good evening mr. chairman members of the board members of the community my name is bland God and I'm on the beautification subcommittee of keeping right the beautiful and it's a program with the Department of Public Utilities the keeping right a beautiful committee is comprised of appointed volunteers from each managerial district. The committee educates the public about litter

[00:05:33] prevention, recycling, and caring for our environment. And I would like to introduce the members that are here tonight. Nicole Bridge is our chairperson. Would you stand up? Thank you. She is with the Three Chop District, Stuart Klayman, I believe you're with the Takahoe District, Teresa Harris

[00:06:01] with Brooklyn District, and Lynn Yurchak with Brooklyn. We present our Land Lover and Clean Business Awards annually. These awards are based on criteria set forth by the committee, The following individuals in business exemplify pride in their properties as well as a commitment to recycling.

[00:06:34] They employ best management practices for soil and water conservation and habitat protection. They are an asset to our community, and these properties truly keep Henrico beautiful. The awards will be presented in alphabetical order by district, and pictures of the properties will be shown on the screens before you.

[00:06:59] So at this time, I would like to ask Mr. Daniel Schmidt to come forward to present the Land Lover Award for the Brooklyn District. The Land Lover Award for the Brooklyn District is presented to Lily and John Weber.

[00:07:21] Both certified master naturalists, Lily and John, have made a concerted effort to reduce the amount of non-native turf grass in their yard. They have planted swaths of native perennials, including milkweed, which has contributed to their designated monarch waste station.

[00:07:42] Conservation of stormwater is also a priority with three rain barrels, including one that holds 250 gallons, and I bet they're full now. Their dedication is evident as you step onto the property and are surrounded by dozens of pollinators dropping in for a visit.

[00:08:06] So, Lily and John, I would like to ask Mr. Roscoe Cooper to come forward and present the Land Lover Award for the Fairfield District.

[00:09:08] The Land Lover Award for the Fairfield District is presented to the Anthony family. As members of the Virginia Herpetological Society, they understand the important role that reptiles and amphibians play in our ecosystem.

[00:09:30] The Anthony family practices selective mowing and maintains area with natural brush to leave spaces for wildlife to thrive in their yard. Never once to forget our arthropods, the family also has a sizable pollinator garden full of native plants and do not use pesticides or herbicides in their yard.

[00:09:53] Their efforts have also earned their yard the title of Certified Wildlife Habitat from the National Wildlife Federation. Is the Anthony family here?

[00:10:16] Looking at these pictures of these places, they're just absolutely beautiful.

[00:10:37] I would like to ask Ms. Roundtree to come forward and present the Land Lover Award for the Three-Chop District. The Land Lover Award for the Three-Chop District is presented to Colleen M. Watson,

[00:11:06] Nominated by a previous Land Lover Award winner, Colleen has spent the last year reducing her lawn to make room for more sustainable options. Where she previously had grass, now there is a plethora of native trees, shrubs, and perennials.

[00:11:26] A whimsical frog spa is a standout feature of her garden, and not to speak for the frogs, but it's riveting.

[00:11:38] I would like to ask Mr. Jody Rogish to come forward and present the Land Lover Award for

[00:12:21] the Tuckahoe District. The Land Lover Award for the Tuckahoe District is presented to Nancy Frower. One thing you can be sure to notice about Nancy's yard is that she takes joy in caring for her choices to insert sustainable practices into the landscape are beautiful and intentional distinct raised and in-ground beds full of native plants burst with color

[00:12:58] behind the scenes the same is true nancy uses a no-till method of gardening to avoid disrupting

[00:13:07] the soil structure and nancy can't be with us tonight so we're claiming but next i would like

[00:13:44] to ask Mr. Tyrone Nelson to come forward and present the Land Lover Award for the Verina District and to please remain for the Clean Business Award. The Land Lover Award for the Verina District is presented to Rob Whitehead and Cornelia Corbett. If you're a Purple Martin and you live in Verina, you might be on the waiting list to get a spot at Rob and Cornelia's

[00:14:22] house. Not only do you have special gourds to nest in, but you have ample bird baths and water features to take a drink. Native plants and artwork throughout the landscape make this a nice place

[00:14:37] for humans too. Rob and Cornelia, will you all come forward for your award? I would like to ask

[00:15:30] Mr. Nelson to present the Clean Business Award. The Clean Business Award for the county has been awarded to fleur-de-lis farms. Don't put all your eggs in one basket is a timeless farmer saying that fleur-de-lis farms has embraced wholeheartedly. Their sustainable practices encompass a variety of approaches. The Montgomery family ensures that pollinators on their farm have plenty of options by implementing a cover crop system that features flowers. Additionally, they safeguard their soil

[00:16:07] through a rotational grazing system and by composting garden waste. They effectively minimize runoff and conserve water by using drip irrigation techniques. They use solar power for much of their farm and solarize their weeds to avoid pesticides. And I just want to say not only are John and Cappy fantastic stewards of their farm, but they have worked tirelessly bringing the Dory Park farmers market to us in Eastern Henrico for many years and participating as partners in our annual

[00:16:46] PlantNavid Festival. Thank you for all you have done. These awards represent a commitment to

[00:17:19] keeping Henrico beautiful and a dedication to sustainability that this commitment that this committee commends. We recognize all their hard work and thank them for being an example to other homes and businesses in the county. They deserve our recognition and applause. And before we leave, I have one final recognition. We would like to honor Lynn Yurchak for her dedicated years of

[00:17:56] service that span over 25 years. For many of these, Lynn has served as chairperson or vice chairperson of the committee. I have served on this committee with Lynn for many years.

[00:18:14] You have probably seen her at a Keep Henrico Beautiful table at an event in the county. She has always been the first to volunteer for whatever is needed and can be counted on to work hard and get the job done.

[00:18:31] I feel honored to recognize you, Lynn, for all of your service to this committee and to Henrico County. Good evening.

[00:18:51] Mr. County Manager, Mr. Board, I wasn't expecting this tonight, so I'm a little caught off guard. But now, Mr. Schmidt, I guess you have no choice but to reappoint me for next year. So I will continue my good work.

[00:19:07] Thank you. Chair, members of the board, moving on to the agenda.

[00:19:30] The first item is an appointment. Agenda item 154-26 is a resolution for appointment of member to the J. Sargent Reynolds Community College Board. This board paper appoints at large Jada E. Brooks to the J. Sargent Reynolds Community College Board for a term that expires June 30, 2030.

[00:19:50] Mr. Chair? All right, thank you so much. Is there a motion? I make the motion to accept that and to appoint Dr. Brooks. Second. All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed, I have it. Dr. Brooks is appointed. Can you come forward, Dr. Brooks?

[00:20:24] Mr. Chair, with your indulgence,

[00:21:08] you move into your public hearing rezoning case is you have three items on this portion of the agenda before you get into public hearing other items. First case before you is agenda item 97-26, the COVID Development Company LLC with a conditional rezoning request from A1 Agricultural District to R6C General Residence District, several parcels containing 9.9 acres located at the west line of Pouncey Track Road near the intersection, near its intersection with Kane Road. In this case, the applicant is proposing townhomes. Ms. Moore. Thank you, Mr. Manager, members of the board. As stated, this request is

[00:21:47] to rezone 9.9 acres from A1 to R6C to allow up to 74 condominium units as part of the overall Bacova community. The site is located on the east line of Pouncey Track Road between Kane and North Gaten Road. This case was deferred from your May 12th and your June 9th public hearing at the applicants request and before you tonight you receive revised proffers dated July 27th changes of which I will touch upon in my presentation so the 2026 comprehensive plan recommends suburban

[00:22:27] mixed use for the site and the surrounding area and this designation encourages master plan communities with a mixture of residential types and an average gross density of up to four units per acre. The conceptual plan, the concept plan shows the proposed 74 units and this would result

[00:22:58] in 7.44 units per acre on this property on this site alone. So while higher than the SMX designation or recommendation, it would be below the maximum 12 units for townhomes allowed under the R6 and in the aggregate would bring the average gross density of about 4.91 for the community of the COVID community overall. So as shown access would be provided from Pouncey Track Road and the concept plan shows future connectivity to properties to the west. However this connection

[00:23:36] would be contingent upon mutual agreement with the property owners of those properties as noted on the concept plan and the revisions to proffer 24. I will note right now on proffer 24, on those proffers dated July 27th, we do have a correction that came in or a revision that came in at 5.59 p.m.

[00:23:59] This simply states from the applicant that at least two stub road connections in total serving adjacent property to the west would be from as denoted as roads A and C here on concept plans of the property shall be provided on the plans the intended connection to the north has been struck and is no longer proposed and that is for the record and that is for your deliberation or acceptance tonight additional features shown on the concept plan shows two

[00:24:36] pocket parks on the south southern and northern ends landscape buffers around the entire site with additional landscaping and berms and fencing along Pouncey Track Road and this is consistent with more recent developments along Pouncey Track Road. There will also be sidewalks along one side of the streets throughout the development in addition to a five-foot wide sidewalk along Pouncey Track Road.

[00:24:59] Guest parking would be distributed throughout the development and the units just to note also to be consistent with other developments that front Pouncey track or a long pouncey track but also front pouncey track the applicant has committed to these elevations would be similar one at one revision that's

occurred since your last board date is that the applicant has reduced the proposed square footage from a minimum of 1600 to a minimum of 1200 to add more

[00:25:35] variety and price points of the home within this community in addition I will note that the applicant has committed by letter to reserve a minimum of 20 units to be reserved for households with a annual medium income between 80 and 120 percent in the henrico area the revised proffers further address that you received just to clarify the very minor nature of foundations and as we noted the recent change to proffer 24 eliminating

[00:26:10] connection to the property to kova village to the north overall staff believes that the proposed development would be consistent with the area's smx designation and would add a good variety of home options in the area staff believes this request could be strengthened by including the almost one acre parcel to the north here to allow more cohesive development but overall staff supports this request as proposed and the planning commission recommended approval of this request after april 9th meeting this concludes our presentation and be happy try to answer any

[00:26:48] questions you have thank you so much more colleagues mr raunchy do you want to start so um yes you all heard that correctly i saw you looking at each other we have um i've heard your concerns about about the road connection and so we have taken that off that is that connection will not be made um because i i hear you all saying that despite the the connection perhaps making it easier to turn in that is not something that you believe fits with your community and so um that will be honored that request will be honored now i'm going to hold you tuned i don't want to

[00:27:25] hear henrico police saying that that people are turning into this neighborhood illegally because that was a concern that we had about um about that having that access point perhaps eliminating that so i'm going to take y'all at your word that we're going to conform with traffic laws and not have that that road there um but yes that is something that i know a lot of you were here to speak on i think 12 of you if i'm not mistaken were signed up to speak to that point specifically so i'm certainly not going to cut off public comment if you have other thoughts about this project but if that was the gist of what you were going to say then you have been heard and that and and that has been taken care of.

[00:28:04] I'll leave it at that for now and for a little bit furthermore. Yes, ma'am. Anyone else right now? Mr. Chair, I just want to clarify one point on that. So Road F will not connect. Is that my understanding? Yes, sir. And just from my understanding, there would only be one ingress-egress into this community?

[00:28:23] Yes, it would be right here from Pouncey Track Road. In the future, it would stub to potential to the west, and there is an ongoing access to an existing residence of the minor family. Gotcha. So 74 units is okay with one in-out in this scenario?

[00:28:45] It's deemed to be yes. We'll work that out at POD and subdivision. With this type of entrance, it's been done before. Thank you. Reverend, did I say that you want to say something, Ms. Schmidt?

[00:29:00] And if I say it, I'm going to correct myself. So up to 80 units, I think, is the parameter to have the second. Thank you. So if the applicant would like to speak right now.

[00:29:20] Mr. Chairman, members of the board, thank you for your time tonight. I am Jennifer Mullen on behalf of the applicant. Andy Conlon is out of town this evening. With me tonight, I have Kate Lafayette, also with Roth Jackson, and Bob Babcock with the Bacova Development Company, as well as Andrew Browning, our engineer.

[00:29:42] Appreciate your time this evening and Ms. Moore's presentation. A clicker. I'll just highlight a few key provisions.

[00:30:02] Ms. Moore did a very thorough presentation, but again, with the location, it is adjacent to Bakova Village, which is zoned RTH up in the top in orange, as well as Fry's Landing, which is zoned R5AC.

[00:30:20] You can see the blue star is generally where this is located. It is identified in the comp plan, which Ms. Moore went through. It's consistent with that designation particularly based on it being part of the overall Bokova development as you can see here which is a larger development that includes multiple housing types open spaces recreation and this property provides an additional housing type again with an affordable component as Miss Moore noted throughout the course of the discussions with neighbors and staff the layout seen here as noted was revised not only to rearrange

[00:31:00] the layout so we created two pocket parks and within the development with over four about four and a half acres of open space as well as orienting the units along Pouncey Track to front Pouncey Tract and then you can see there is a buffer along Pouncey Tract Road that'll be planted at the transitional 35 foot buffer as well as a transitional 10 foot buffer along the rear and the side of the development that's all consistent with the overall Vakova community the architecture of the units as was noted as high quality materials on all sides it has a minimum number of windows

[00:31:40] proffered a maximum number of units per building proffered no two buildings with the same front elevation sequence is also proffered as well as the foundation plantings have been enhanced since the planning commission to require the entire front rear and side corners to be a minimum of four feet of plantation sorry foundation plantings designed to soften the corners and complement the architecture which you can just see sort of a down view of the of the plantings there the architectural layout landscaping are all the same but this development all includes does include of

[00:32:18] The restriction with respect to having affordable units within it, and that is, again, making 80 to 120 percent of the area median income in Henrico, with no difference in the units, except that the units would be restricted to require that affordability.

[00:32:34] And that number has increased from 10 to 20, and we would work with the Partnership for Housing Affordability to help identify those qualified buyers. Now, again, the proffers were, I just want to highlight, the proffers were modified for the cross-connection, but as was noted, we did remove the cross-connection to the north, which is Road F, and struck that within the proffers.

[00:33:02] And as was noted with the parcel, I'm not sure if I can highlight, but the sort of missing tooth there on the right, we have tried to acquire that parcel, but the property owner is not willing to sell. but we did provide a stub to that parcel just in case it is ultimately developed to provide the overall cross-connection that would be desired. In fact, if that is developed and cross-access is agreed to with that property owner at the time. With that, I believe we have addressed the staff comments as well as hopefully the neighborhood concerns come before you with

[00:33:39] Planning Commission recommendation of approval and staff support respectfully would request your approval of this request be happy to answer any questions and would like to reserve any time for rebuttal as necessary thank you so much well this is a public hearing if there are any persons present I'd like to speak to

[00:34:00] this issue please go to the back podium good evening mr. chairman vice chair roundtree members of the board my name is David Pezzenti I reside at 12 101 bingo away in Koba village and I'm the president of the Koba village unit Donors Association speaking here tonight, representing our association.

[00:34:41] I'm very pleased at the findings of your initial announcement, but I would like to mention something a little bit further because it has been a major concern to us, and that is this minimum access requirement at our entrance.

[00:35:01] I would like to just mention that our board has been in extensive communication with VDOT for the past several months, which they have primary responsibility over the maintenance of Ponce Track Road. And in researching the regulations of VDOT, we were informed that sure enough, Vakova Village qualifies for full access, that they require a minimum of 270 feet

[00:35:37] to a major drive, and we have 290 feet. So we do qualify. So we're in the process now of trying to attempt or obtain a limited use permit from VDOT to alter our entrance so that we're able to go full access left and right, in and out. I want to thank you very much for your efforts. It's

[00:36:07] quite a rewarding evening. Thank you. Good evening. My name is David Fetter. I live at 4837 Bakova Village Trail in Bakova Village. I want to give you four numbers from the county's own

[00:36:46] report. 486, the new weekday vehicle trips this project generates. 26 feet, the width of its private streets which the proffers exempt from county road standards for pavement widths and turning radii. 22. The guest parking spaces for 74 homes. 20 feet. The clear width a fire engine

[00:37:20] needs. Do the arithmetic. Cars parked along 26 foot street does not work and nothing in the record analyzes this because police and fire filed no comments but kova village's streets are the same kind private narrow sidewalks one side children walking to the pool and a bus stop if the

[00:37:58] connection on this concept plan is ever built some meaningful share of those 486 daily trips will cut through our neighborhood on streets our homeowners pay to maintain that were never designed for through traffic. That is not planning. That is shifting a public burden onto private property. Please deny the application. Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Chairman and members

[00:38:36] of the board. My name is Stephanie Seibert, and I reside at 4841 Bacova Village Trail in Bacova village i am here as a former teacher and a 40-year resident of henrico county we are concerned with the developers numbers regarding the impact it will have on the schools in our area a colonial trail elementary 99.5 percent of functional capacity with a learning

[00:39:09] college already uh scheduled for next uh school year deep run high school 101.2 percent at or over capacity for years this project alone is projected to add 24.5 students and your staff report says plainly that this development and others in the three chop district will require more relief measures, redistricting, more learning colleges, cottages, and capital projects.

[00:39:42] Virginia law makes adequate schools one of the purposes for zoning to exist. The plan for this land recommends four units an acre, as you heard. The application asks for seven and a half with these children from this development funneled into two schools that are already full.

[00:40:06] This order of operations is wrong. We ask that you please develop the capacity first or size the project to the plan. Until then, please vote no. We appreciate the additions in terms of the revisions, in terms of the proffers.

[00:40:26] Thank you. Hey, good evening and appreciate the time. My name is Rick Wenta. I'm also in the adjacent 55 community. You know, you've heard a lot about the density and the traffic and all that.

[00:40:44] You have a lot in front of you, and some of the notes I had, you've already heard, so no reason to be redundant. But on behalf of the community in front of me at the Bacova Village, we want to thank you for stopping the connection in our neighborhood. That is a big deal. We appreciate it.

[00:41:01] Good evening. I'm Marcy Barton. I'm a resident and board secretary. I also live in Bacova Village, on Bacova Village Place.

[00:41:19] I just have two short points. First one has to do with water. This site holds about 3/4 of an acre of wetlands, part of which will be impacted by this project. And it drains toward the neighborhoods around it.

[00:41:35] The planning staff report tells the applicant to analyze and minimize downstream drainage impact. But nothing in the proffer that we were given earlier commits to more than the bare minimum.

[00:41:50] The people living downstream from these three ponds reside both in Fry's Landing and Bakova village the second and final point is our ask of course Bakova village asks you to deny this application because as you've heard the density is nearly double the county's master plan averaging the density across an entire 400 family project it just doesn't seem to make sense when you you know grab those folks and put them all in one area the schools as you heard are

[00:42:30] full and we thank you so much for the interconnectivity that you've struck we would like to know though however if you if you choose to accept the proffer as it is as it was changed at 559 this evening that you would accept the proffer with the stipulation that no vehicular connection to Bokova village may ever be in constructed or shown on a plat without our associations written consent and recorded we also were concerned and I'm

[00:43:09] not it's unclear if this was changed also at 559 today the affordable housing promise earlier today it was in an unenforceable side letter so if the program if the project is approved we'd like to see that it be made as a real proffer or set aside. We forwarded our petition and we've had lots of conversation with you Ms. Roundtree in your office. We appreciate all that you've done for us. We thank you for your

[00:43:42] time your consideration this evening and all of your service to Enrico County. Sure hi I'm Laura Fetter. I live at 4837 Pakova Village Trail. I'm asking the Enrico County Board of Supervisors to review pedestrian safety conditions on Poncey Track Road between Bacova Village,

[00:44:19] Kane Road, and Short Pump Middle School, and to consider adding safer pedestrian crossings or other traffic calming measures to this area. I want to bring to the attention of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors the pedestrian safety concerns I have observed while traveling on Poncey Track Road between Bakova Village and Short Pump Middle School. During the school year when Short Pump Middle School dismisses, I have seen students try to cross Poncey Track to get home on the opposite side without any assistance to ensure their safety. During the summer, I have

[00:44:57] witnessed groups of middle school students, sometimes up to a dozen teenagers, trying to cross from Kane Road to the opposite side so they could reach the grass area and the pickleball courts. I am bringing this to your attention because there are no pedestrian crosswalks in this area where the speed

limit is 45 miles per hour. The new townhouse development documents I have reviewed do not appear to include improvements that would address pedestrian safety here. This issue is

[00:45:30] personal to me. More than 50 years ago, I ran a cross-ex-road with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour and was hit by a car. I am fortunate to have survived and that experience is why I'm especially concerned when I see students trying to cross a 45 mile per hour road without safe pedestrian crossing. I respectfully ask the board to prioritize the safety concern and work with the appropriate county departments to evaluate this stretch of Ponzi Track Road for pedestrian crossing, signage, traffic calming measures, or other improvements that would help protect students,

[00:46:08] families, and residents. Taking action now could prevent a serious injury and make this safe area safer for everyone who lives, walks, drives, or attends school nearby. Thank you for your consideration. Before you speak, is there anyone on WebEx? There's no one to speak to this

[00:46:46] item. Thank you so much. Now you're fine. Hi, my name is Jennifer Lieberman. This speech is titled A Cacophony of Irritation That Stumbles on the Desecrated Remains of the Unheard. I first want express my gratitude to the applicant who have repeatedly deferred this agenda item so that i am able to repeat the message that enrico county hates old growth trees but with that said i want to further enamor my views on trees by merely referencing the destruction that happened in british columbia and northwest territories within the past month with that said enrico county has a rich history with so much at play so much life at play whether it be animals like deer and foxes

[00:47:24] that have been pushed out of human things that have been pushed out as human existence has flourished insects like lightning bugs that or dragonflies that have been poisoned out of our circular view or plants like flowering dogwood and white oaks that we have paved over so that the coffers of Henrico County can be maintained as Henrico has grown specifically in the area that this proposal is in a lot of similar family homes that are very similar to each other have gone up. While I do appreciate the density aspect of these developments, I

[00:48:00] have one huge concern. There's not a lot of plant life around. The only plant I see an abundance of is something like Kentucky bluegrass, which isn't useful for very much, save for holding poison and to keep it green and to keep insects away, which, if you did not know, can help bolster the power that a fire has, causing more damage over a short period of time. Furthermore, There are so many concerns when we get rid of all the plants that survived decades, if not centuries, without human interaction.

[00:48:32] One is their ability to consume carbon dioxide, which we recently had a lot of in the area given the fires in Canada. Another is a tree's ability to slow down fires when you have a bunch of trees that are really old. A third point is their ability to hold on moisture, which in addition to helping reduce a fire's ability to grow, They are in tangent able to hold it in moisture that helps with droughts Lastly given that I've talked ad nauseum about so much regarding county governance and regarding the importance of environmental regulations

[00:49:08] I have to wonder is there some sort of disconnect between what the average in right going sees as important and the views of the Overseers of the budget of this county if for some reason Is there anyone else to like to speak this item not this public hearing is closed

[00:49:33] Colleagues, you can stay right there for my colleagues. Any more questions for staff? I just have one on the school side This will add elementary school kids to Colonial Trail and there's if I understand there's already a Cottage planned is there room on site for another one or would this be a redistribution?

[00:50:03] I know Cackley it kind of borders Cackley Elementary and Cackley has plenty of room I think it has plenty of room, but is there room on site for another cottage? That's a question. I can't answer I don't know if anyone from schools is here this evening, but I can try to find a follow-up on that.

[00:50:19] Thank you. All right, Madam Applicant. Thank you. Again, Jennifer Mullen with Roth Jackson. Appreciate the comments this evening. I will note just as part of the plan of development that we will be required to comply with all state code requirements with respect to stormwater regulations as well as any wetland mitigations that occur.

[00:50:40] You can see the wetlands are in the center to limit any disturbance of those. um the affordable housing component will be a deed restriction which i understand is the preference and that would run with the land for 30 years i'm not sure if i mentioned that previously so that is a 30-year deed restriction with respect to affordability and then as noted in the staff report this is consistent with the comprehensive plan as the the designation encourages the master planned communities which is part of the cova community and this is part of that so that is why you're able to aggregate those numbers so again we happy

[00:51:19] to answer any other questions you may have respectfully request your approval thank you so much miss raunchy good evening my name is Robert Babcock I am the applicant had a few sleepless nights over this project huh pardon me had a few sleepless nights over this project huh have you had a few sleepless nights

[00:51:58] over this project i'm sorry i'm not oh yes many many many okay thank you well um i wanted to to just call you to the podium because um i have spoken with you a lot since you brought this project the idea of this project to my attention and i think that you know i was pretty clear with you from the very beginning about some of the concerns that i would have with a project located here with the density that you're proposing yes and um one of the things that you were adamant

[00:52:38] about and insistent upon um coming into it was recognizing you know that you know you couldn't do a whole lot about the school piece necessarily you could do something about the affordability aspect that you know is something that i have been hoping to bring to three chopped um since since i took office um and so i just wanted to give you the opportunity to put on record because Again, this is, you know, when we talk about proffers, it's not something that there's a lot of contingencies or a lot of unknowns, but I wanted to give you the opportunity to go on record with what your intention is with being able to honor this commitment to the 20 homes in an affordable posture.

[00:53:19] Yes, thank you, Misty. A few things. First of all, dating back sometime last fall when we first started speaking about this concept, you had expressed the concern of townhomes starting at \$800,000.

[00:53:47] And with that, I keenly started to look into the Affordable Housing Trust. And with that, I dug deeper into many articles that have been published by the National Association of Home Builders, which the numbers are glaring.

[00:54:14] The first-time homebuyer's average age is 40 years old, and this is across the country. There are over 70 million Americans across the country that cannot afford a home in the above \$300,000.

[00:54:37] So with all that, I kind of rethought things to your guidance, and I do appreciate that very much. Because I've been working in Henrico County for about the better part of four decades now.

[00:55:01] And it was in the early 2000s that our industry made some very serious mistakes. It involved the subprime lending, meaning in the poor credit, anybody could qualify for a home.

[00:55:22] And so what that led to was commonly known as McMansions or whatever. And so with that, I kind of took to heart.

[00:55:39] I really have. And I hope that we're able to vastly surpass the 20 units that are in the affordable housing range. You know, this is a, in my opinion, it's one of the nation's largest crisis.

[00:56:03] And if we don't address it as an industry, we're going to have some serious negative consequences. And we're beyond that time.

[00:56:18] And so, Supervisor Roundtree, I do appreciate your effort and your guidance towards this, towards the cost of providing for the affordable housing component. And I thank you.

[00:56:38] Thank you, Mr. Bapik. And I didn't ask him to speak to thank me for that, but I did think it was important because this has been a journey for those of you. And I know that not everybody is 100% on board with this project because, you know, some people, there are some that just don't want anything anymore to be built in an already pretty congested area off of Pouncey Tract.

[00:57:03] I live off of Pouncey Tract. I deal with this traffic every day with a speaker. My son goes to Short Pump Middle School, and I have had numerous conversations with him about crossing over Pouncey Tract Road. When school gets out, he likes to go to that convenience store right across the street. and it is a dangerous road.

[00:57:20] And I certainly hear the concern that as we build more housing, if we put more housing on Pouncey Tract, that that gets exacerbated. Ironically enough, or coincidentally enough, I should say, we had during our work session today a presentation dealing explicitly with improving pedestrian safety, particularly around school zones and some of the things that we're looking at.

[00:57:45] And it ranges from structures, things like pedestrian hybrid beacons, where even on busy roads, and we're doing this on Three Chopped Road, which is a very busy road, where there's a signal that can be activated. It doesn't stay on all the time, but can be signaled so that students or people can cross over and traffic will be stopped.

[00:58:04] We're also, you know, looking at speed cameras specifically in school zones. And so I hear the concerns and we hear the concerns all of the time about how to keep our kids safe, in particular, when school gets out and when they're going to school.

[00:58:21] So that is a legitimate concern. The density, it's interesting. Anytime we have a project, you hear folks that say, I hate this project because of the density, and then somebody else will stand up and say, I love this project because it's got density. And, you know, it really is a balancing act of trying to make the right fit.

[00:58:37] Somebody said, when the speaker said, size the project right. So this particular project, compared to a lot of other projects that I've had in 3CHOP, This is a relatively, relatively small project compared to some of the other ones that have been proposed with hundreds of homes, which have, I

mean, I certainly have denied, you know, a project or more based on concerns about the school capacity issue.

[00:59:01] This one is certainly going to tax already crowded schools, but not to the extent that other projects that I have denied for that reason would. And candidly, if some of these units are two bedrooms, I certainly don't negate the fact that because Three Chopped is a desirable district, that you're going to have some folks that move there regardless.

[00:59:23] But my hope, honestly, would be that some of these homes would be for a young couple starting out, a young married couple that maybe doesn't have children, and they're looking to get into that first starter home and can afford it. And then as their situation improves and they have children, they're looking for a bigger unit and can move up and then free this up for another starter home for perhaps somebody without kids.

[00:59:44] So there I say that to say that there are we really worked this project and we met with folks. I joke with Mr. Babcock because, you know, I have given him a real tough time with this project because I wanted it to meet a lot of the concerns that I had about the all of the things that have been raised here.

[01:00:05] But I do think that eliminating that connector road, which caused so much consternation for so many of you guys, thank you for your vocality about that. It really does help me make decisions when I know how strongly you all feel about that. So taking that out, making sure that we're locked in on the affordability aspect on it.

[01:00:27] I hear the concerns about the pedestrian safety. We will continue to look at that piece of it. And I think that's mostly where we are with it. Again, relatively speaking for projects, I think this is the right size development for this. And, you know, this is a piece of the Bekova project, which is a much larger project.

[01:00:46] And I think it just makes sense compared to some of the other projects that I've had before me that I've had some issues with. So thank you for everything that, Mr. Babcock, you have done to make this project work. Thank you for the residents for speaking out about it. With that being said, is it appropriate for me to make the motion?

[01:01:03] before you make your motion colleagues anything you want to add mr. chair i move that we follow the recommendations of the planning commission and approve our easy 2025-103169 bakova development development company llc with the revised proffers dated 22 28th july 28th 2026 it's been moved by ms roundtree is there a second second second by revenue all the folks i i suppose i just have it

[01:01:37] It's been Mr. Chair members of the board your next item on the agenda is from the Fairfield district agenda item 155 - 26 is imago day school with a conditional rezoning request from m2 general industrial district to our 4c one family residence district on part of a parcel containing nearly 8.9 acres Located near the intersection of deal Road and water Avenue in this case the applicant is proposing a private school Ms. Moore. Thank you again. As mentioned, this is a request to conditionally rezone

[01:02:11] approximately nine acres from M2 to R4C to allow a private school. The overall parcel is improved with Life Church RVA, the North Campus. The proposed rezoning would eliminate unconditional industrial zoning and would be more consistent with the remainder of the site and surrounding area, including the Dillon Place and Brentwood subdivisions. There's also First Union Baptist

church and then the residential uses in the city of Richmond to the west shown before you is an unproffered conceptual plan so it has not been proffered which

[01:02:50] shows the proposed existing churches here and then currently the imago school operates in the city of Richmond however they do plan and expand their operations to the subject site at the final build-out initially the proposed school would operate out of a modular classroom pending future expansion of the church with offices in the meantime and gym within the church that they would use the proposed module classroom be located on the southern portion of the subject site and also should be noted a temporary use permit would need to be

[01:03:30] approved by the Planning Department for the module classroom and it would have a validity period of 12 months or less and maybe extend it three times for a maximum of four years total but that's also another process where we would make sure it meets all the requirements the 2026 conference of plan recommends suburban original residential to an environmental protection area for the property the use is compatible with this designation it would be a logical extension of the semi-public uses on the site for these reasons staff supports this request and the Planning Commission recommended approval at their

[01:04:09] June 11th meeting this concludes my presentation and be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you so much College and questions from me. Oh mine. Is the applicant present? Yes. Good evening. Mr. Chairman members of the board My name is Anne Neal Cosby. I'm an attorney at McGuire Woods Representing the applicant. We appreciate all of staff's work on with us on the application. We don't have a separate presentation We're here to answer any questions that you may have And the principal of the school is here as well. So happy to answer any questions and would appreciate

[01:04:49] Your approval of our application tonight. Thank you. Thank you so much This is a public hearing anyone here to speak to this item. Is there anyone on WebEx to speak to this item? There's no one to speak to this item. Thank you. Ms. Moff, some questions. So planning staff recommend preserving mature tree canopy where feasible Can you describe how much of the existing tree canopy will be preserved During both the temporary module phase and permanent campus build-out

[01:05:22] Actually not at this phase. I could not tell you for certainty that would be examined at with our temporary use permit The report identifies a flood plan Possible wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas on the property have those areas been fully delineated How do we tend to permanently protect them from future disturbance with there's some there's some?

[01:05:43] Initial preliminary that we've we've saw that it would be outside these areas And certainly that would be examined again at those details with the temporary use permit. What about measures? Can we implement to reduce the heat on the campus? I'm sorry the heat on the campus particularly around student players parking lots building entrances Those are certainly then it would be enhanced with more vegetation and placement of I guess sighting and some landscaping Improve that those are not been clarified the proposal indicates school industry operate for module classrooms. What's our

[01:06:21] Anticipate a timeline for transitioning from out asked. I'm actually going to ask the applicant. Yes. I would Just reiterate that we'd be required to obtain a temporary Permit for that modular unit and I would ask Jeff Andre He's the principal of the school and can maybe give a little bit more insight on the the plans for our Use of that of the modular building Keltzman. Good evening, members of the community. I'm here representing the Mago Day Neighborhood

[01:06:57] School as principal, in addition to our executive director, Sarah Kennedy, who is currently out of town. And essentially, we plan to be good neighbors and partner well with the Henrico Public Schools and surrounding districts and also with the Life Church to ensure that we comply with all regulations. The modular plan is still kind of in discovery phases, but we fully intend on building a permanent property so that we remove the modulars so that they are in compliance with

[01:07:31] all regulations. And so that's something that we will continue to communicate and work alongside county representatives for. Thank you. So what you're saying is you cannot tell me the time frame from temporary to permanent? The time frame is currently being assessed with a capital campaign, so we are determining exactly how much funding we would need for that to happen, but it will be within the three years that we are allotted.

[01:08:00] Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Martin, in looking at the plans, I don't actually see a visual of what the modular might look like, how it would look in the context of, because that entrance is close to that entrance right there, the entrance, So it's not kind of hidden away behind the property, or it's right there when you pull in.

[01:08:18] Am I correct? Right. Well, the entrance is here, but you're correct. There's very limited details with that. As you can see with the proffers, it really just addresses uses. Staff did kind of lean on. We'll have a second pass at this with the TUP, but certainly those questions could be flushed out here.

[01:08:37] Okay. Thank you. I'll leave anything else. So, that being said, I move that RZ20261676 Mago Day be deferred to the August 11, 2026 meeting at my request.

[01:08:56] It's been moved by myself, seconded by Ms. Rogers, all those things, aye? Aye. Those opposed? Aye's head, we're going to go ahead and defer. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Chair, members of the board, your next item on the agenda is Agenda Item 156-26 out of the Fairfield District. This is Winfrey Winfrey Road LLC with a conditional rezoning from RTHC, RTHC, Residence Townhouse District, to C1 Conservation District.

[01:09:24] This is a small parcel at the intersection of Woodman and Winfrey Road, and the applicant is proposing a conservation area. Ms. Moore. Thank you again, and you mentioned the request for the conservation area. This is because the environmental the 2026 conference a plan recommends Suburban residential to for a portion but you can see this area is an recommended for environmental protection area for the majority the subject site is part of a larger parcel rezoned to RTHC by rezoning case are easy 2024 - 100

[01:10:02] 572 and the proper nine of that case that was accepted Specifically requires the applicant to rezone to see one Portions of the development within the floodplain prior to the recordation of the subdivision plat So this request before you today would fulfill that requirement With the submitted proffers and would carry for the conservation area restrictions is accepted with the 2024 rezoning case based on these factors staff recommends approval this request of the Planning Commission

[01:10:36] Recommends approval this request after June 11th hearing that concludes my presentation. Thank you. Miss Moore really appreciate that All these in the questions right now, but that being says the applicant present. All right This is a public hearing as anyone present to speak to this item. Is there anyone online to speak to this item?

[01:10:59] There's no one to speak to this item. Thank you so much madam. That being said the public hearing is closed I move that we follow the recommendation of planning commission approval RZ - 226 739 Winfrey Road, LLC with the revised proffers date of May 27 2026 second move on a self second by miss roundtree All in favors. I I those eyes have it. It's passed chair members of the board you move into public hearings other items First item on your agenda

[01:11:32] 157 - 26 is a resolution for adoption of the 2045 Henrico next comprehensive plan that item in the next two Ordinances are all related as is an item on the first item on your general agenda I'm going to ask our County Attorney Andrew newbie to Introduce this item and then mr. Emerson our planning director has a presentation Thank you, sir. Mr. Chair members of the board as the manager mentioned You have four items on your agenda this evening that are all related to the comprehensive plan as we go through these items

[01:12:08] I'll be glad at any time to answer questions. So we keep on track with the different different items in their relation to one another the first item you'll consider is the comprehensive plan itself that item requires a public hearing and then a vote of the board as always the board will have an opportunity to approve the item deny the item defer the item even amend the item if you have amendments you'd like to make after hearing public hearing that item is labeled 157-26 and it includes all of the recommendations that the planning commission had when they sent it up to you at their July 9th meeting now the second item

[01:12:44] is the zoning ordinance amendments that are related to the comprehensive plan that item also requires a public hearing and a vote and same thing is true you can approve deny defer or even amend now for ease of reference there are two versions of this item the first is the version that was presented to the planning commission the second follows the recommendation of the planning commission and removes the a2 agricultural district which was a lot of the discussion at the planning commission meeting in june so the first version includes the a2 district that's 158 26 but the second follows the recommendation of the planning commission and removes the a2 district

[01:13:23] and makes some adjustments to the form-based overlay district and that second version will be labeled 158 a-26 and again i'll help keep track of everything as we go through the items the third item is the zone excuse me the subdivision ordinance amendment and that item will also require public hearing and the same thing is true there are two versions there one that includes a2 and one that does not include a2 the one that includes a2 is 159-26 and the one without a2 will be labeled 159a-26 finally there's a resolution on your general agenda to initiate a

[01:13:59] study and report for the environmental justice strategy portion of the comprehensive plan but that item would only be considered if you were to approve the comprehensive plan this evening because it's an add-on to the comprehensive plan that's labeled 165-26 and does not require public hearing but staff would recommend the chair that you call it up with the related items so to recap and then i'll pass it to mr emerson if it's the chair's pleasure there are four related items three require public hearings two have alternate versions depending on whether you want to go with A2 or not, and you can always make amendments based on feedback you hear this evening. Again, happy to provide guidance

[01:14:38] at any point, and Mr. Emerson's presentation will include more details on each item. So, Mr. Chair, if it's your pleasure, I think Mr. Emerson will present. Before we present, colleagues, any questions

for Mr. Newby? Did you draw that out? No, I know it is a bit of a mouthful, and I'm here at any point to help provide guidance.

[01:14:57] Thank you, Mr. Newby. It is my pleasure that Mr. Emerson proceed with his presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Manager, members of the board I may be confused now as well but we'll see I'm certainly happy to be here tonight this is the hopefully we're we're closing out what has been a long project for staff I would just like to at the beginning thank the Planning Department staff you know I'm here this evening really representing them this has been a huge effort on the part part of the

[01:15:33] staff of my department, in particular, Rosemary Diemer, our project manager, my two assistant directors, Gene Moore and Ben Seal, and then Ben Blankenship with all the code work that has been done. But I don't want to understate the amount of effort, and you'll see it as we go through the presentation. My entire staff has been out in the community. They have supported all these listening sessions. It took a great deal of manpower and explanation and people learning the

[01:16:05] entire process in order to pull off and inform the public and do everything appropriately as we needed to and as thoroughly as we did. And honestly, I had our computer technician was out helping us. Our receptionist came and worked with us. Our office assistants were there. This was truly a top-to-bottom effort to get this plan to where it is tonight. So I do want to express my gratitude to all of their effort. Now with that said, Henrico Next, county's comprehensive plan

[01:16:42] update, serves an important role in determining the future of the county. It is the first phase of the planning cycle that looks 20 years out and answers three critical questions. What is Henrico County today what is the county's vision for the future and how will we achieve that future vision as the primary long-range policy document for the fiscal planning of the county comprehensive plan includes goals objectives policies and actions that guide the operations and work priorities for the county decision making on development and conservation activity it sets the stage for

[01:17:19] future public investments that are determined through annual budgeting and capital improvement planning processes. The planning department began work on updating the comprehensive plan in 2020. Delayed by COVID, the process started in earnest in 2021 with the creation of Henrico Next, our plan to inform and engage the public. Following the analysis of existing conditions and including population growth, land development patterns, natural resources, and our transportation network, plan before you this evening for your consideration.

[01:17:58] This has been a multi-year effort, again, by the Planning Department, as I noted earlier, with assistance from numerous county agencies outside the Planning Department, with assistance from our consultants, sub-consultants, and, of course, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors have played a big role as well.

[01:18:17] Throughout this initiative, the county provided several meaningful opportunities for residents to share their ideas to help shape development of the new comprehensive plan, identified and evaluated new issues and opportunities to be addressed in the plan, established a cohesive vision to guide Henrico County land use and infrastructure decision-making over the next 20 years, updated goals and policies to assure they reflect both countywide and area-specific priorities, and developed an actionable implementation strategy to achieve the vision.

[01:18:52] The process was designed to ensure that every resident interested in being involved in the planning process had an opportunity to share their voice and contribute ideas and opinions. Numerous opportunities were planned and conducted to encourage residents and other stakeholders to participate in safe and informative ways.

[01:19:17] We've engaged the community via kickoff meetings, community events, listening and suggestion sessions, and in March of this year, a Varina-specific community meeting. A web presence has also been provided throughout the process, so everyone could follow the process from the computer or phone.

[01:19:35] Surveys, polls, and interactive maps allowed residents to share comments about specific areas of the county and react to various draft materials. We also held two charrettes that had very large participation, intensive multi-day workshops, both for Lakeside Avenue and the Best Products Reimagined site in Brook Road Corridor, where stakeholders participated in planning and design formulation, including land use ideas and streetscape designs.

[01:20:06] Those were week-long processes. The lakeside effort was held at Lewis Ginner Botanical Garden, and the best products reimaged was at J. Sargent Reynolds. So there was quite a bit of effort went into those.

[01:20:22] residents were also given the opportunity to review a draft of the plan and provide feedback at two public input sessions held in June comments were provided by an online engagement form or email feedback from these meetings as well as comments from review agencies such as the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality the Virginia Department of Transportation was evaluated and shared with the planning commission for consideration at their public hearing today we've engaged

[01:20:55] approximately 9 000 residents through surveys 1950 people in our community visioning exercises 270 during our 2024 listening sessions on visions and goals 131 people at our 2025 future land use suggestion sessions 540 attendees at the lakeside avenue and best products reimaged brook road charrettes and an additional 400 people at our June 2026 public input sessions and planning commission public hearings through outreach at community events such as Glen Allen Day Earth Day

[01:21:33] plant native day and county-wide farmers markets another thousand people heard about our planning efforts we've held 14 information sessions sent out over 9 400 emails and mailed over 5 000 individually address notice letters we sent out 29 000 postcards for the Verona meeting in March in our last community meetings we sent mailers to every residential business residential and business address in the county notifying close to 209 000 people using the county's Facebook

[01:22:12] Instagram X and Next Door platforms we've informed an additional 300 000 people we've also held over 30 work sessions and I know this will resonate with those of you on the board between the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors so you've been right there with us not only out in the community but also in numerous work sessions in the evening during the month of May we posted the various draft chapters of the plan to our project website so interested individuals could review them prior to the Planning Commission's June public hearing we'd

[01:22:49] received 113 online comments, 97 emails, and 22 phone calls. Approximately 85 people attended the June public hearing, during which 27 speakers provided comments in person or via WebEx. Of those, two suggested additional time to review and discuss the plan. Two were opposed to the Cox Road

connection to Church Road on the MTP. One commented on the need to revise the zoning ordinance regarding fencing and the remaining 22 speakers were opposed or raised concerns to the specifics of the a2 zoning amendment since then we've

[01:23:29] received an additional 61 comments at their July 9th meeting the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan with modifications to the Board of Supervisors you've received all this information and you've received spreadsheets with the comments yesterday and today we have received several additional comments I don't have the numbers on those regarding concerns over the a2 zoning category some concerns regarding lakeside and the potential transportation changes on Lakeside Avenue and in also delaying the decision

[01:24:07] on the plan we did receive a couple that I read today requesting that you further delay for more public input framework of the plan contains components that address the intended policy direction and implementation of the plan. It's organized in a hierarchy that moves from broad, far-reaching issues to more specific, topical items. In addition to an introduction and a summary of key planning influences and how they informed our community vision, the plan has four major components: our environment, managed and sustainable growth, safe and

[01:24:44] connected spaces, and high-quality, livable places. They each contain goals that create a link between the vision and more specific policies within each chapter they will cover natural resources and environmental considerations future land use public facilities and services transportation and mobility recreation parks open space and cultural resources and community character finally the document will include strategies aimed at executing the plan in an implementation matrix identifying responsible departments the

[01:25:23] The key planning influences in community vision chapter documents, the various factors that influence the overall direction of the plan. Resident and stakeholder input is necessary so the plan reflects the long-term vision of the community. It's also vital that we address other realities many maturing communities across the country are facing.

[01:25:45] These include changing real estate markets and a shift from greenfield development to infill and redevelopment. We also look to expand mobility options for our residents while maintaining the county's fiscal health and prosperity. These planning influences guided development of the plan's community vision focused on our environment, managed and sustainable growth, safe and connected spaces, and high-quality, livable places.

[01:26:14] Our environment, referred to as natural resources in the 2026 Comprehensive Plan, outlines the policies and strategies to responsibly manage Henrico's natural resources so that all residents and visitors can continue to enjoy clean water and air, healthy soils, forests and open spaces, and productive farms, now and for future generations.

[01:26:37] We believe that population growth and economic development can and should occur without diminishing environmental quality. The chapter provides an overview of the community's vision, inventories key natural assets, outlines resilience and sustainability practices, and identifies the regulations, programs, and strategies that advance environmental stewardship countywide.

[01:27:02] Enrico County is advancing a wide range of initiatives that strengthen environmental stewardship, promote clean energy, and enhance community resilience.

[01:27:18] These efforts include expanding green buildings, investing in renewable energy, improving community access to solar, and enhancing natural resource management. Examples are Henrico has 25 LEED certified buildings and launched a solar renewable program in 2019, featuring 11 rooftop arrays and two ground-mounted installations.

[01:27:41] Henrico County Public Schools is advancing a living building challenge facility at the the Center for Environmental Studies and Sustainability in Varina. Through Solar Access, Henrico, and Dominion Energy, approximately 250 low-income households are expected to receive rooftop solar panels.

[01:28:02] The county also is installing eight electric vehicle charging stations across libraries, parks, and government centers, and recreation sites. You know about the Henrico County Public Schools and Capital Tree's efforts to expand tree coverage adding additional trees across the county residents have recycled more than 40,000 tons of discarded trash through CVC VWMA and then of course the heart team works to coordinate sustainability conservation stewardship across the county managed and sustainable growth is the second

[01:28:42] component of the plan and has two sub chapters future land use and public facilities and services future land use element frames how Henrico will guide growth through 2045 the document emphasizes infill redevelopment and protection of natural assets lining it with the community vision for managed and sustainable development it includes the future land use map and classifications visions and policies for special focus areas urban and development areas and includes legacy area plans that will continue to provide

[01:29:19] land use planning guidance for specific areas in the county special focus areas and legacy area plans are used in addition to future land use classifications allowing for a more defined vision for land use and development in each sub area future land use map reflects the long-range community vision for development across the county it serves as the foundation for policy and zoning decisions land uses depicted on the map were evaluated by residents during a series of meetings last summer outside of some specific areas in the eastern

[01:29:59] portion of the county and factoring in our redevelopment areas the changes to this map are relatively minor impacting less than 12% of the county land area the map also reflects changes related to portions of Varina where a new land use designation is proposed in the resident survey 66 percent of residents felt the county should restrict the amount of new development that occurs in rural areas not served by county utilities the plan proposes the area east of I 295 and south of Williamsburg Road be classified as prime agricultural rural

[01:30:38] conservation in addition to the various land use designations on the future land use map special focus areas have been identified across the county as previously mentioned much of the county has already developed and the plan focuses on targeting reinvestment to enhance functionality aesthetics and economic development and established areas of Henrico redevelopment areas are primarily non-residential corridors targeted for revitalization reinvestment opportunities that could benefit from a strategic approach to redevelopment also

[01:31:18] Also included are the multiple small area plans created since the adoption of the Division 2026 plan that are still used as guidance for future growth and development in these sub-areas. Another element of the special focus areas are form-based overlays, which are areas where planning and design

initiatives provide alternatives to base zoning regulations and encourage mixed use pedestrian-oriented development.

[01:31:47] These areas include the existing form-based areas of Short Pump Town Center, Virginia Center Commons, the former Genworth site, as well as our most recent studies of Lakeside Avenue, Best Products Reimagined, and Brook Road.

[01:32:04] The 2045 plan strengthens mixed-use guidance, urban development areas and redevelopment corridors, and environmental justice considerations. It also expands strategies for infill, adaptive reuse, and right-size development patterns that respond to aging commercial areas and market conditions.

[01:32:31] The second portion of the chapter introduces the key public facilities and essential services that support Henrico County's quality of life. Core service areas contribute to safety, livability, and long-term community well-being.

[01:32:52] This includes schools, fire and police services, libraries, and utilities. Specific policies have been established to provide guidance for capital infrastructure and operations decision-making. Corresponding strategies have been developed to set the policies into action.

[01:33:10] Third component is Chapter 5, Safe and Connected Spaces, and is the transportation and mobility element of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The goal of the chapter is to identify how to create a safe, efficient, and connected multimodal network that supports residents, business, and visitors.

[01:33:32] It integrates community feedback, safety priorities, and multimodal investments. This is inclusive of all modes of travel and moving goods and services, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit roads, interregional service such as the airport railroad, intercity buses, and freight.

[01:33:54] The major thoroughfare plan is Henrico's long-range map for the road network through 2045. It assists in planning for growth by identifying where new connections, extensions, and corridor improvements may be needed over time. A core purpose of the MTP is to support an interconnected network that spreads traffic across multiple routes, shorten trips, and improves overall reliability.

[01:34:20] The map is conceptual. It shows where additional roadway connectivity could be beneficial, but it does not prescribe exact alignments for future roads. When identifying potential corridors, the county focused on areas expected to develop and worked to avoid or minimize impacts to environmentally historically or culturally sensitive areas where practical the plan emphasizes improvements to existing corridors and highlights opportunities to use the current network through more efficiently through strategic extensions and new

[01:34:56] connections chapter 6 high quality livable places is the fourth key component of the plan and has two sub chapters recreation parks open space and cultural resources, and community character.

[01:35:14] The first element is dedicated to recreation parks, open space, and cultural resources. The subchapter identifies the division's physical assets and summarizes the historic and cultural resources of the county. It also provides specific policies and strategies to ensure Henrico continues its high-quality service in the decades to come.

[01:35:37] This chapter was developed in support of the recently adopted 2024 Recreation Parks and Open Space Master Plan. In addition to highlighting how this element relates to other topics in the plan, the

subchapter reviews and identifies how community members rated elements of quality of life through the Residence and Recreation and Parks Survey conducted early in the process.

[01:36:02] 78% of the respondents gave positive ratings for the current quality of life, 52 indicated that it has improved over the last 10 years 92 percent of respondents said recreation parks were equally or more important than other priority services provided by the county trails playgrounds and picnic shelters were most used or frequented facilities when asked about what the county should provide more of most answers focused on exercise at 68 uh paved and unpaved

[01:36:35] trails at 46 and 41 percent respectively as well as neighborhood parks playgrounds and dog parks the second component addressed in high quality livable places chapter is community character plan primarily focuses on infill and redevelopment and the section provides tangible guidance for future development the vision and goals created through community input demonstrates clear support for development patterns that prioritize connectivity accessibility and open space

[01:37:10] as essential components of high quality livable places this subchapter identifies five components of character common to each of the 12 different character categories it concludes with a series of policies intended to facilitate county-wide cohesiveness and enhance quality of life in ways that are universal to all areas there are five elements that help define the character of a place the first development pattern refers to the general layout of streets blocks buildings throughout an area rather than an individual parcel massing and orientation refers to building size and

[01:37:49] shape and includes height and width as well as placement on a site its relationship to streets and neighboring buildings open space includes undeveloped natural and park spaces as well as yards landscaping and permeable surfaces connections and transitions focus primarily on street and pathway design for pedestrians bicyclists personal vehicles and transit parking describes the design of the spaces where automobiles are stored on a site including on street structured decks and varied lot sizes chapter 7

[01:38:27] implementation pulls together the strategies identified in the previous chapters into a common approach for plan implementation it identifies the tools such as zoning or such as the zoning ordinance it will be leveraged to implement the vision and goals of the plan the matrices of identifying all the strategies and responsible departments in the approach for monitoring and updating the plan in the future planning is a continuous process which I'm sure you realize the completion of the comprehensive plan is just the beginning or the start of the

[01:39:05] cycle. Most of the implementation of the plan will occur on a day-to-day basis as the county departments and elected and appointed officials use the goals and policies to guide decisions regarding rezoning requests as you did earlier this evening, subdivision developments, proposed site plans, and the provision of public improvements in facilities. It is a series of decisions that made over time not just at one time this is your guide this is a suggestion and guideline document

[01:39:38] the plan also identifies specific projects to be initiated over time as resources and staff capacity are available over time the progress of the plan can be tracked to ensure that the policy direction and community vision is being achieved the existing implementation tools leveraged by the county include the capital improvement plan small area plans major thoroughfare plan in regulatory methods such as zoning and subdivision ordinance levels of service standards stormwater and environmental

[01:40:14] ordinances energy management plan all help ensure development is consistent with county policies and environmental stewardship goals additional documents include the 2024 recreation parks open space master plan climate action and adaptation of strategy, regional climate action plan, other tools such as a public facilities and services handbook, design guidelines manual, and fiscal impact model will be developed following the adoption of the plan.

[01:40:47] They will help guide capital investment decisions and coordinate development with public infrastructure needs. They all work together to ensure facilities and services keep pace with projected growth. And, of course, that does include the water plan that I know that you've seen mention that some people are confused as to when that comes.

[01:41:09] That follows this plan once it's adopted. I hate to interrupt, but I literally just asked Bentley about that. So there is a plan for water, sewer facilities, and all of that that falls under public utilities, but it is triggered after the comp plan is approved, and it comes 9 to 12 months later.

[01:41:29] That's correct. that um as the chan has assured me that um he will come and make a presentation to the board and there'll be public discussion around that yes sir that's correct it follows the plan we have one currently in place that followed the 2026 plan so i know that did confuse some people but that that is one that follows law with public facilities design guidelines and plans such as that you have to have your land uses in place before you can create those plans an implementation matrix has been developed to direct growth and public investments in the county for the

[01:42:06] next 20 years it identifies the key planning actions initiatives ordinance and code changes public improvements and other programs and projects the county should pursue and projects the county should pursue to achieve the plan goals during a July work session before the Planning Commission staff reviewed comments and identified potential changes to the document staff received fewer than 40 comments related to the context of the text most of which were stylistic in nature state code requires that both the Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Quality review the plan

[01:42:45] and they requested some additional information be added to the plan several departments internal to the county also offered revised comments and planning identified some minor revisions all of these were presented to the Planning Commission with the understanding that revisions would be made prior to the Board of Supervisors hearing at their July July 9th meeting the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan with modifications to the Board of Supervisors the modifications include revising and removing segments of six concept roads from the draft major thoroughfare plan changing the density of

[01:43:25] the prime agricultural rural conservation land use category from one unit to five acres to a range of one to five units per five acres and directing staff to conduct further study for the a2 zoning district is an implementation implementation action of the plan counties 2024 population was estimated at 353 770 we know it grows approximately 1% a year that means we need to plan for roughly 3,500 new residents a year

[01:43:59] The Henrico Next Comprehensive Plan attempts to balance growth with environmental concerns, economic development, and public facility and service provision. The plan has been a major work item for the department since 2021. With substantial public engagement, its major focus is on infill and redevelopment, as evidenced by the fact that, exclusive of the PARC designation, again, only 12% of the land in the county is being recommended for change.

[01:44:29] The inclusion of redevelopment corridors and form-based overlay districts will help direct future growth and redevelopment while a new section of the plan addressing sustainability and resilience will help protect the community against natural disasters and economic shifts, meet the growing demand from residents for environmental responsibility, and reduce long-term operating costs.

[01:44:54] A review of the acreage in the open space, recreation, and environmental protection areas, county parks, and preserved and conserved land indicates approximately 32% of the county would be used to protect our natural resources and open space.

[01:45:12] The document advocates a strong multimodal transportation network with avenues to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips. Affordable housing is promoted through a mix of housing types and locations, and environmental justice will be studied to include initiatives in land use decision-making.

[01:45:34] As a result of our market and housing assessments and fiscal analyses, the 2045 assumed growth scenario results in a 58 percent residential to a 42 percent non-residential split. When the existing tax base is added to new growth, the tax base ratio by 2045 is 67 percent residential to 33 percent non-residential. This preserves our strong fiscal stewardship for the citizens of Henrico it maintains the balance that we always work towards

[01:46:12] and have historically worked towards with our land use and our overall budgetary balance i'll now transition into the zoning ordinance amendments and the subdivision ordinance amendments these of course as i noted are among the tools we use to implement the comprehensive plan so when we adopt a new plan we need to ensure the ordinances are in sync with it the draft before you tonight combines amendments that were developed for three purposes first there are changes required to implement the new

[01:46:47] plan in addition there are several amendments brought about by the General Assembly and final finally there are some minor changes that are housekeeping items for staff as the County Attorney explained there are two versions of each of the ordinance amendments this evening the original board papers include the drafts that were advertised for the Planning Commission public hearing which included the creation of a new zoning district designated a to

[01:47:18] agricultural district purpose of that district was to implement the new PA RC land use designation in the comprehensive plan at the Planning Commission public hearing on on in June several property owners spoke in favor of the AT district as I noted earlier but many more spoke in opposition to it everyone agreed on the importance of protecting the rural character of the county but they disagreed over how to best accomplish that goal on July 9th after further consideration the Planning Commission recommended removing the

[01:47:57] proposed AT district from the ordinance changes to allow further study that is why we prepare to substitute board paper the original papers include the AT district and the substitute papers do not the draft amendments to the zoning ordinance also include three new sub districts of the form-based alternative overlay district at the time of the planning commission public hearing our consultant was putting the finishing touches on the best products reimagined sub sub district between June 11 and July 9 we proposed a few minor changes to

[01:48:34] that sub district which were discussed with the planning commission and are included in both board papers. The substitute board paper also includes four minor adjustments that came to our attention

after the Planning Commission's recommendation on July 9th. First, there was a very small change to the regulating plan for the sub-district. Secondly, we suggest adding provision to allow the board to improve increased height on a case-by-case basis through the provisional use process, which you do in other zoning districts now. Third, we would like to clarify

[01:49:09] the relationship between the new design for green streets and the frontage requirements and finally we recommend removing one paragraph that had no practical effect felt it was unnecessary as i mentioned the drafts also include changes that are necessary to keep the county code aligned with recent changes to the state code most significant of those are listed in front of you first as part of their efforts towards housing affordability general assembly now requires all localities to allow manufactured homes in all districts where site-built single-family dwellings are allowed

[01:49:49] second the general assembly now requires all localities to allow religious organizations and certain other non-profit organizations to build affordable housing on land they have owned for five years or more they will still be required to go through pod and subdivision review but we cannot require rezoning or provisional use permits of those organizations. Third, the General Assembly now requires all localities to apply reduced parking standards to multifamily dwellings in certain areas. And finally, there are some changes to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

[01:50:32] Drafts include ideas that have been brought to our attention by citizens as well as the people who work with these codes every day, particularly my staff in the planning department, the Permits center and community revitalization in the interest of time I will summarize by just saying we propose adding flexibility to the affordable dwelling unit ordinance clarifying the difference between inpatient and outpatient medical treatment facilities allowing administrative approval of minor variances from the rear yard setback and adjusting the way we measure a lot

[01:51:08] widths there are also a number of housekeeping items such as connecting footnotes and cross references within the code again to reiterate what the county attorney said earlier the Planning Commission recommended removing the a2 district from these ordinances so we have prepared the substitute board papers that represent that change they also include four minor adjustments to the best products reimagined overlay in conclusion of these items and I do have

[01:51:44] one other board paper after this and I promise I'll sit down and be quiet staff supports the Planning Commission's recommendation to the board regarding the 2045 comprehensive plan staff advises the board to approve the comprehensive plan with modifications proposed by the Commission additionally staff recommends the approval of the two amended board papers these papers incorporate the suggested implementation language in both the zoning and

[01:52:15] subdivision codes as advised by the commission and i will go ahead and in anticipation of your consideration of the environmental justice strategy this board paper would authorize and direct the county manager to commission a study and report to aid the planning commission in the development of the environmental justice strategy called for in the 2045 comprehensive plan the board paper requires the report to be completed and made available to the Planning Commission in public within 12 months of the engagement of the

[01:52:53] consultants who will perform the work the study will the study and report will develop seven critical components of the environmental justice strategy including in summary identification of environmental justice and fence line communities identification of major sources of pollution in the

county Identification of objectives and policies to reduce health risks in environmental justice and fence-line communities.

[01:53:22] Identification of objectives and policies to promote civic engagement in environmental justice and fence-line communities. Identification of objectives and policies that prioritize improvements in programs that address the needs of environmental justice and fence-line communities.

[01:53:39] identification of objectives and policies to ensure convenient access to community and health services for all community members, an establishment of baseline environmental and health conditions, and any other information needed to characterize any disproportionate public health conditions in the identified fence-line communities.

[01:54:01] Upon receipt of this report, the Planning Commission will prepare a comprehensive plan amendment incorporating the environmental justice strategy for recommendation to the board of supervisors director planning recommends approval of this board paper the county manager concurs and that mr. chairman mr. manager members of the board includes my comments if you have any questions we'll be happy to try to answer them i've got my staff behind me so hopefully we can we can handle those questions and I believe that that wraps it up you do have four items we

[01:54:38] have comprehensive plan subdivision ordinance zoning code and environmental justice strategy thank you sir consider um there'll be an assumption is when I have public comments after board speaks to mr. so with their comments they will come back and we'll take each one individual correct that's correct mr.

[01:54:59] chair so at this time the board could ask questions or make comments about mr. Emerson's presentation, and then we would begin the public hearing on the first item, which is the comprehensive plan. Thank you so much, sir. Colleagues, you've heard our attorney. At this point, do you have any questions for Mr. Emerson? I have a lot, so you might. I was handed this document, this change.org petition, say no to the Cox Road cut-through.

[01:55:27] My understanding is that this is one of the roads that we've been addressing here? Yes, ma'am. It is. It's one of the ones that was removed. Okay. No, sir. I'm all set.

[01:55:49] I'm on the Planning Commission this year as well, So this is in-depth stuff. Drew Emerson, Drew Phelps, and I have spent a lot of time together. All right.

[01:56:04] Well, I'll take everybody's time. All right. Go ahead. No, Rogus, no. Rogus, go ahead, man. Don't have me out here by myself. Go ahead. All right. Well, so just I'll be very, very brief, but I do want to say thank you.

[01:56:20] I missed – can you go back to page two? No, I'm just kidding. Yeah, absolutely. No, I just want to say, I mean, for those that listened to that presentation, There was a lot of work by you, I mean, the entire staff. And so I know that this started prior to some of us being even elected to this position in the last, since 2024, since I've been on the board.

[01:56:43] I know there have been at least two meetings at Tuckahoe Library, one at Freeman, and one at Deep Run Rec Center, just in my district alone. And so just thank you for everything on that. And I know that on page 27, you guys got the updates that were given to me.

[01:56:58] So thank you. All right, Mr. Emerson. So this will be a combination of comments, questions, recommendations, and they all jumbled in together, as you can see. So let me start first by 2021, Dan and I were here.

[01:57:21] Even before then, I think some of the CE conversations started about the comp plan. We generally like to start like five or more years before the current one runs out. Yes, sir. Right, so I want to thank you for the years of work on this, you and Rosemary, and the entire team.

[01:57:40] Everybody in planning has something to do with this. Rosemary is out front most of the time, so we call her name because we saw her, but I know there's other people working on this. And so I do want to let you know we greatly appreciate it, all of your effort.

[01:57:59] So I'll jump around. First of all, thank you for mentioning the public utilities plan. I don't know if you can go back to that so they can come back up. If you can just talk real quickly again about what happens.

[01:58:15] There are certain things that we cannot put out until after the land use plans and the zoning, the land use part of the comp plan is done. And then there are other things that are triggered because I know I received a few emails, You know, some today, a few before about the comp plan not being complete until the water, until we talk about water, but the water part doesn't start until we vote on this.

[01:58:51] And then Department of Utilities has a water sewer facilities plan that it will put out sometimes after. Yes, sir. That's correct. It always follows the plan. previously after 2026 that was Art Petrini and Bill Moyer they put together that plan along with utilities and it addresses water it addresses sewer it addresses supply I mean you would find Cobbs Creek in that plan it actually I want to say they take a 50-year look at it so they go

[01:59:27] further than we do and then of course they update it and refresh it when we do this process so it'll probably be another 50 year look into the into the utilities and water supply future all right thank you so mr. manager just noted I can't remember well I wasn't here for 2026 I don't this will be my first time going through the comp plan but if you can make sure that we really do have you know public conversation about that that comes to us publicly so that if persons have concerns they can bring them absolutely all right thank you also we started a

[02:00:05] comp plan in 2021, but did you list all of the meeting numbers we've had? I know you missed how many. I did, yes, sir. I know you missed the engagement, but if you can bring that up again, you don't have to go through it, but there's a number that is floating that says only 3% of the residents participated, and maybe that's true if you go 365,000. I think some of us have been talking about this um we wish that we had more participation as well and um i you know i

[02:00:43] think with snail mail um with um using engagement tools that the planning department had um using all of our social media mechanisms and our website and all of us sharing and whether they were huge public events or individual town hall meetings i think we we try to reach as many people as possible um i i know that that there are some who will wish that we would have extended it until

[02:01:17] september for um some stated reasons which i will list in a second um but i feel pretty confident that five-year discussion that started and i know in verano we've had we've had several public meetings about this um i i really feel like we the the nomor that we are rushing this um i'm don't really i don't fully understand now i do i we've redlined for the first time right so i know in the

[02:01:53] book that we have is redlined online is redlined and so whenever we try to make um if we cut out something or made an addition we redlined it so that people can see what we added or took out Um, the, um, whatever was altered after the planning commission meeting, um, were either DQ V dot, or was it planning commission recommendations?

[02:02:21] Well, that was that the planning commission made their recommendations and we, we had advised them because we received the V dot and DQ comments late, but they were mostly stylistic and some minor changes. And we did make a few changes in regards to things that we found and other departments and agencies of the county found, but they're all minor in nature.

[02:02:43] All right, but it wasn't because it was redlined, meaning for those of you who may not know, I'm sure all of you in here know what redline is. But if there is a change made, then you can see what the change made was because of the color differentiation, et cetera.

[02:02:59] So it wasn't like we made a change and then you had to reread the whole chapter to see what the change was. We were indicating what those changes were. Again, I thank you for the water conservation. I mean, I thank you for the water update information.

[02:03:16] So it's not that we are not including it. It just was never in the zoning comp plan piece of it. It came as a separate plan after. So I want to thank you for that.

[02:03:33] I wish there was a way that we can, and maybe we get with our public relations and media department to figure out what other localities are doing as it relates to reaching out and getting engagement and getting people involved in these type of processes.

[02:03:52] I'm just not sure what more we could have done. There are unresolved zoning concerns. I think we have heard some of the concerns from citizens. If none of the five of us bring it forward, then it doesn't go with the plan.

[02:04:15] So I've got some recommendations that will come. So I'm not sure whether or not to take care of all the zoning concerns, but a couple of them I am going to ask that we make some changes. One that I do want you to speak to, either you or Rosemary, is that there was a recommendation that came in about from Wilton to the city.

[02:04:40] And I want to read directly, and I think Rosemary responded, it had entitlements on it. So I don't know if you can remember, Joe, if you remember, the recommendation was that we tried to preserve that land.

[02:05:04] And I don't know if it was, I think it was to add it to the PRAC recommendation, which would have been the unit every five acres. But the recommendation of not doing that was why has something to do with entitlement? Well, much of the property in that area is already entitled to this served by water and sewer and and it's in smaller parcels.

[02:05:27] So but you I believe you were speaking specifically to what are the person that inquired was speaking specifically to a large piece of property. as Tree Hill Farm in regards to trying to put some additional.

[02:05:44] Well, not just Tree Hill Farm. Well, they're already. It started at the 895 interchange, I think, and it went. And it went all the way essentially. It went all the way down to Tree Hill, to the city. Right, and

it would include many, many entitled properties. So, and we do also have to have some places to grow and accommodate those additional 3,500 residents a year that we're growing by.

[02:06:08] But that would be the reason we wouldn't extend it. But the entitlements on the property is the legal reason. That's the legal thing. Because it would require a board of supervisors to rezone that property for it to have those units.

[02:06:25] And so right now there's no appetite for any of that. I asked you, Mr. Newby, so one of the recommendations, I don't know if anybody is writing these down. So it's going to get confusing later. But one of the recommendations is I want to bring back, I do want us to do a special focus study on the scenic corridors of Osborne, Turnpike, and James River.

[02:06:56] I do want to add that into the recommendation for this. So I do want to do that study. The only problem is Mr. Newby, Tree Hill, which has entitlements on it, I don't think can be included in that if that is correct.

[02:07:17] I mean, plans have been filed already, so we're going to hear about those soon from business or somebody. So I don't think we can stop Tree Hill from moving forward just because of a special focus study.

[02:07:37] That is correct, sir. Okay. All right. But I do want to do a special focus study on the rest of it. Osborne, Turnpike, James River. So let's make sure that we include that in the recommendation. Proposed data center expansions and zoning policies that could get data center expansions.

[02:08:00] Anything about data centers is not in the comprehensive plan because it's an industry use under a particular zoning category. Correct. So we don't have a particular, I mean, there is, we don't, there's no industry focus.

[02:08:22] in the comp plan. No sir but we did do a special study last summer if you I know you recall it where we looked in depth that at data centers in the county and we did come out with recommendations in regards to how the board may want to deal with them in regards to the zoning code and you did adopt changes. The huge one which was hyperskilled data centers had to come to the board of supervisors for rezoning I mean for for approval regardless of the zoning on the land that's correct we do have guidelines within that study and of

[02:09:01] course we can add more and we can go back and refine and revisit that study when needed currently I don't anticipate any data center proposals in the county nobody's darkened my door with a data center anytime recently right all All right. So I'll run through these. I want to recommend that we take A2 out so that we do not include A2 zoning in the comp plan at all.

[02:09:32] But I do ask that we create a committee to get together and to study this over the next 20 to 18 months. And I A2 exclusively, and I want to take a minute to thank those who worked with our planning team to make recommendations for the PRAC piece that we did suggest.

[02:10:00] And so our team worked on it and made some suggestions, and we rolled them out last fall or something. I can't remember whenever it was. Somewhere last fall, last summer. And so after we rolled it out, you know, and I see John Montgomery here, so he stands out as one of the ones, he and Becky Lakin and some others, who got together with some groups of residents who were concerned, and they worked on some recommendations that were either supported the PRAC piece

[02:10:39] and PRAC stood for, what was it again? Prime Agricultural Rural Conservation. All right, Prime Agricultural, P-A-R-C, P-A-R-C. Prime Agricultural Rural Conservation. So some great things that came out of that, and I don't want them to feel like that work was in vain.

[02:10:58] And so one thing that out of that, and they made, it was seven sections of recommendations and some of the things we're already doing, but some of the things we need to study. I really would like Supervisor Roundtree and I have been we met with the manager about this and um uh and uh and you joe and um about um agro tourism district and so um i know we i know we're going to be giving you guys a lot to do but

[02:11:33] hopefully in the next 20 18 months as well you guys can come back to planning department with some recommendations on how we can create an agro uh tourism districts districts across the county um i i think we headed in that direction so uh committee um to study uh conservation conserving i know we want to conserve we want to protect um we want to encourage more productive green space so if we can put together a stakeholders um group and i'm just throwing this out here

[02:12:13] colleagues fresh sorry i didn't share this with you guys but um whether it's what you know that would include large landowners, somebody from Henry Coppolis, farmers, foresters, local food system representatives, maybe somebody from Capital Region Land Conservancy, the Battlefield Trust, and just some community members, like a 12-member group. And we can talk about who to put on it, but if we can go forward tonight with some good faith, then we can report back to the

[02:12:51] community soon maybe in the next two months some stakeholders and create a group that can really look at conservation and preservation while respecting because we are heard loudly and it's one of the things that I've always tried to respect is somebody who has family who's been in Verona for over 200 years land ownership and I and I respect that for those of you who

[02:13:26] who have sent in A2 opposition emails, do know that we have heard you. We're not trying to impede what you do with your property. And I know some of you have reminded us that that land that you have has been passed down from generation to generation to generation.

[02:13:47] And, you know, some have held it to serve the value for families to be on it. And so do know that we have heard it. Go home and rest. if you're watching tonight that we're not trying to do anything to impede what you do on the land that you own um but i do think there's some opportunities that we have whether it's um easements where people can take advantage of it and uh and let's get together and and come up with a plan so i i guess mr newby um it will be the the recommendation went out a2 if my colleagues

[02:14:26] Because I know you brought two of them you gave us two options, right? Yes, sir. Mr. Chair members of the board You have an option to approve the comp plan as recommended by the Planning Commission Which would not include a - it would change that recommendation the PARC To go back to essentially one to five acres one to five units per five acres that would accomplish the two component and then To do the additional items you've talked about which I'm hearing Create a committee or stakeholder group to get together and study conservation preservation of rural character and creation of an

[02:15:01] Agritourism district or districts we could append that to the motion. All right. Thank you. All right. I'm almost done Name for major thoroughfare roads the roads that we eliminated. Do you guys have that with you tonight? Yeah I would just if you can find okay. Thank you, Gene. Thank you What were those

roads that were eliminated? These are the ones that were eliminated these are the ones that were eliminated the connection your gene why don't you come up and go through these this is your paperwork just so I don't mess that

[02:15:41] up so so they go through some areas of the other county but we do have one there are two minor artillery roads identified in the old plan 20 26 26 which is parallel to the James River from Hickory Avenue to the connection in Mill Road is one and then remove the minor connector we call 2026 34 on our current plan as a major collector in their entirety and that's within that 895 interchange so that's like debris they like the bridge over or something like that we have a

[02:16:17] bridge or something over there well we that would we have that intersection at 895 these are just parallel roads around that so not the bridge and was it a piece up near meadow I think the Wilson's and then that would be at all Pinnock Drive to remove that and it's and remove that in its entirety from that section I just want to make sure that we say that publicly yes and so that was presented and that's what the Planning Commission recommended for there's a removal to so that's what we're okay

[02:16:51] alright so we have environmental justice piece that'll come up in a second the I had a good conversation with one of our advocates, Verana, about the coastal resilience and floodplains maps and looking at that.

[02:17:11] And I'm not sure if that, I think that is there. I think the ask of us was to expand see one. I'm not sure that's what we are doing all the way, but I do want us to add that to the list of something that we study.

[02:17:32] coastal resilience, floodplain maps, and, you know, if there is opportunity to expand the C1 opportunities in the district for individuals, I want us to look at that. You asked, I want to go back to the MTP real quick.

[02:17:54] We do still have the connection across the James River, but it doesn't go down to 895. We've established a new connection that goes across the river. That one is still there. Okay, I thought I asked that to be gone, though. Why is that there? Well, not the one connecting to 895, but the one further north.

[02:18:13] That one remains. And that's to connect. The city has a similar connection on the opposite side of the river. So I don't want that to be confused because you didn't mention it. All right, well, let me come back to that in a second. All right.

[02:18:34] I already said some of the planning commission, public use plan, water, blah, blah, blah, engagement. Okay. So I think that's it right now. I think that was a lot, but I did try to do it in less than a half hour.

[02:18:52] So, you know, we want to protect the eastern part of the county, the green of it, as much as possible. And I think that's what the park recommendation was trying to do.

[02:19:11] I think it conserved like 25% of the county and like over 50% of the Verona district. So, though we are taking the A2 out, I do want us to be aggressive in looking at ways that we can preserve and conserve as much as we can.

[02:19:31] Mr. Chair. Yes, sir. Ms. Nelson, thank you so much. How about we've been going for two hours and 20 minutes. Let's take a five-minute break. Please be back at A25.

[02:32:09] Reverend Nelson, as we reconvene, you were asking specifically about the road. I think we have some clarity from the manager.

[02:32:24] Yes, sir. Mr. Chair, members of the board, as we were going through the process, we had indeed removed any semblance of a bridge over the James River. In speaking with Mr. Hughes, you think about a comp plan and the duration of how long it lasts.

[02:32:48] practically building a bridge over the James River we have been working on the north gate and interchange for the better part of 12 plus years and we're still not there we are actually meeting with the secretary of transportation tomorrow so if it gives you any indication you're talking about a 20 25 year project so to answer your question Mr. Nelson there is no need for any kind of reference to a crossing over the James River and so um with your concurrence and the board's

[02:33:28] concurrence we can make absolutely certain in that final motion that that is also removed all right thank you Mr. Chair last um I just want to make sure that I clear up uh Mr. Emerson just this is a five second question the I know the planning commission with the A-1 I think their recommendation The recommendation was one to five acres or something like that.

[02:33:52] That's confusing, people. So when we say A-1 going forward, can it just be A-1 like it was before? Yes, sir. In the zoning code, it'll still be A-1. Just one to one. One to one. Yes, sir. One unit to one acre. All right. Thank you. That's all I need. Thank you. Before we go to public comments, Mr. Manager, you know it's a priority of this board in regards to the explicit inclusion and importance of environmental justice.

[02:34:22] which I personally feel should be a chapter in the entire comp plan. I want to ensure that the comp plan has the environmental justice piece guards to high priority. Can you speak to that process? Because I want to make sure that we have a study and we're going to group together and it gets added to the comp plan.

[02:34:41] Can you speak to that? So you missed it. Oh, no, I'm not speaking of what you all did, the conversation, no doubt. But I just want to speak to that part as well. Well, so absolutely in the, um, you know, the comprehensive plan, this whole discussion started before, um, what three members of the board, um, were on it.

[02:35:05] And with this new board, um, the term environmental justice came forward. And, um, so staff started looking at it. Agenda item 165-26 is actually, uh, would actually initiate a study and require the county manager to come back with a report 12 months after the consultant is procured for that study with a report to the board of supervisors that report is not just a glossy it would be a

[02:35:39] very detailed report that then would require really an amendment to the comprehensive plan And so, you know, it takes 12 months because, again, it's not a glossy when we do things, we do things right.

[02:36:01] But it's also the conviction that the Board of Supervisors has brought forward. I've had conversations with Reverend Nelson, all of you, really, on this whole topic. But Reverend Nelson, Ms. Roundtree, Mr. Cooper have been very vocal.

[02:36:18] And we have to do this, and we have to make sure that we just don't include language that comes from state code in the comp plan, but that we actually put teeth behind any action that comes

forward. And that's the intent of Agenda Item 165-26.

[02:36:38] Mr. Chair, does that answer your question? No, it does. I mean, again, I just want our constituents to know the importance that we're placing on this and the proactive approach we're taking to ensure that amendment to the comp plan that speaks specifically to environmental justice will be added in the future once we do the study and make a decision.

[02:36:58] Thank you, sir. All right, colleagues, before we go to public comment, any comments or questions from you all? Seeing none, it is now public comment time. The manager has a list of some names. He's going to go through those as they have been presented to him.

[02:37:15] Okay, and as I do, I think the folks that are speaking, you've heard the board make um make changes to um what is being considered so we have uh ray weinstein weinstein with um pool boy enterprises yes sir i saw you so this is public comments on agenda item 157 dash 26 the adoption of the comprehensive plan uh board members uh as you

[02:37:52] said my name is ray weinstein um i'm ray swim pool and supply on lakeside avenue um between me and my father we've had a business on lakeside 40 plus years um and i just want to say i'm excited um about this plan um their future going on forward um i'm hoping the planning department will reach out to the landowners and the business owners along lakeside maybe in small groups of five

[02:38:24] or so at a time to hear concerns and questions and stuff like that that's about all i have to say uh mr weinstein thank you mr weinstein um we'll be speaking to that tonight we have uh virginia ann sharp sharp are you here i think some people signed up and based on the conversations that have occurred um may have um may have heard what they came to speak to we have elaine eberly miss Seberly, are you here or on Webex?

[02:39:02] She left, okay. Robert Shaw Bell. Sir Bell, are you here? All right. Melanie Levitt. Levitt, are you here? Patrick Oppenham.

[02:39:19] Did I say that? Oxenham. I'm sorry, I can't read. Good evening. My name is Patrick Oxenham, and I'm proudly called Lakeside Home since 2004.

[02:39:36] I want to start by saying something that may surprise you. I actually like much of this plan. I can see the vision. I'm a native plan enthusiast and habitat manager, So the idea of expanding our tree canopy, embracing Native landscaping, celebrating our connections to Lewis Kenner, and making Lakeside an even more beautiful place is genuinely appealing to me.

[02:39:57] I support the destination. I don't support skipping the journey. This community has more than a century of history. Historic homes, local businesses, the farmer's market, neighborhood streets, alleyways, the character the generations of residents have built together.

[02:40:16] That identity isn't something that government creates. It's something government protects. What concerns me is this. It feels like the county has planned what Lakeside should become before listening to what Lakeside needs. We are trying to build a second-story house before we finish the foundation.

[02:40:35] This is a vision for 2045, and I appreciate long-term vision. But what I don't hear is how we get there. The families you're asking to support this plan are raising their children in Lakeside today. By 2045, those children will be grown.

[02:40:52] So before we talk about where Lakeside will be in 20 years from now, tell us what we are going to do tomorrow. How are we going to start preparing for the Lakeside for that future that you see? Because we have real needs today that have gone unmet for years.

[02:41:09] We still have sidewalks to simply end instead of connecting neighborhoods. We still don't have safe pedestrian crossings where residents walk every day. We need to protect our children walking to Lakeside Elementary and bring back the crossing guard that was removed.

[02:41:26] And our historic alleyways are one of the greatest missed opportunities in Lakeside. Today, many are overgrown with invasive plants, littered with trash, and have fallen far from the purpose they once served. I encourage the county to take back the responsibility of maintaining these alleyways and restore them to their historic role, not just as service corridors, but as community assets.

[02:41:51] Imagine alleyways that are clean, safe, and connected. Green corridors filled with native plants, walking, and biking connections between neighborhoods. Opportunities to modernize infrastructure such as burying power lines over time.

[02:42:07] Spaces that improve quality of life while preserving the lakeside historic character. That could be the first real glimpse of this garden district that you're asking us to imagine. Plant the seeds there first. Invest in the farmer's market. Partner with the residents to plant native trees, gardens, and pollinator habitats throughout our neighborhoods and public spaces.

[02:42:28] I have an idea for Lakeside Day that I believe could become a wonderful county-supported event to celebrate the community while bringing residents together around the vision that we're even discussing today. I'd be happy to talk to any of you about that idea. Show us what tomorrow looks like before asking us to believe in what 20 years will look like.

[02:42:48] Right now, it feels like we're talking about flowers before we've even prepared the garden. If you want a thriving garden district, you can't begin with the harvest. You have to prepare the soil, you have to strengthen the roots, and you have to care for what's already growing.

[02:43:06] And then the flowers will come naturally. I don't believe lakeside residents are afraid of change. I believe that they are tired of feeling ignored. Many of these needs have been discussed for years.

[02:43:23] Yet today we're being asked to embrace a 20-year vision before those priorities have even been addressed or even acknowledged. That's why trust has become the issue. I truly believe that Lakeside can become something extraordinary, but it needs to stay Lakeside.

[02:43:41] Embrace its quirky charm. Preserve its history. Keep it a little funky, because that's exactly why many of us chose to call it home in the first place. I welcome a conversation with any member on this board. Let's take a walk around Lakeside.

[02:43:56] Let's talk about it. But I believe the board needs to spend more time walking beside the community before it's asking us to follow it. Listen to the people who call Lakeside home. Help us build the Lakeside that we've been asking for.

[02:44:14] Build the bridge between today and 2045. Help us, or because the future of Lakeside won't be built by a plan, it will be built by the community. Help us strengthen that community first. And I believe the vision that you're presenting today will become something that we can build together tomorrow.

[02:44:33] Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Oxenham. We have Stephen Salpoukas. Are you here online? No. Bruce Woodson.

[02:44:50] Mr. Woodson. Good evening, and thank you for allowing me to speak. Very much echo his last comments. I'm a Henrico citizen, born and raised in Henrico, and worked in Henrico my entire life.

[02:45:12] My business is Mercer and Woodson Automotive, a small automotive repair and restoration facility on Lakeside Avenue. I've been there since 1989, so I've made quite a stake in Virginia, and I think I've still got a few more years left in working. My concerns, in addition to where he is, and I'll work with his buildup, that, yes, let's take it a day at a time and plan the future properly so that we can all grow together and not just have it forced upon us to where things don't fit Lakeside.

[02:45:43] Lakeside is not Scott's addition. It's not short pump. We don't want to be those places. We have a jewel in our own community from Bryan Park to Lewis Genter. We have a wonderful array of businesses, mostly private, small businesses, independent.

[02:46:00] I think the only real corporate may be Hardee's along the corridor. Everything else is locally owned and independent, and that brings a special character to Lakeside as well. My concern is just jumping into changing the whole streetscape and the traffic patterns.

[02:46:17] I, again, being right next to the fire department and the rescue squad, I'm very aware at Timberlake and Lakeside, The traffic that impedes the rescue and such, even with four lanes, if you drop it to one lane in each direction, that's going to become a problem for rescue.

[02:46:35] Please consider the implications of that. Not only just like this evening, rush hour traffic, but roughly about a quarter of the year, meaning from early November through January, Lewis Skinner has their light show.

[02:46:53] And every Thursday night through the summer, they have big concerts and have police out there to direct traffic at Lewis Skinner entrance. So you're all familiar with that. I'll watch the traffic build up starting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, backing up from Hilliard Road all the way past my shop, past Timberlake.

[02:47:10] And that's with two lanes of traffic going. If you cut that down to one, you've really got a long backup of traffic. That will also impede, you know, the residents from leaving their neighborhood on the lakeside, you know, to try to find the opening in traffic. So the traffic is really going to be affected.

[02:47:27] Also, I see we have a UPS service driver here. Maybe he can confirm if you drop it to one lane, when he stops to deliver packages, there's no way for cars to get around him if you've got one lane going through there. And it's not just him.

[02:47:44] It's mail service. For me, I get deliveries from big tractor trailers, antique automobiles being delivered. So the traffic is definitely an issue. The backups for emergency vehicles is a concern for me.

[02:48:00] We have a wonderful fall line trail that's just been built, and to me that is the perfect place for bicycle, vehicular traffic, and pedestrians to enjoy. And it connects from Bryan Park right on down to Lewis-Ginner, so I don't see a need for a bicycle lane on Lakeside, especially not on each side.

[02:48:22] And I would love, as the others have said, to work with the board to find common ground in how to grow this area. you're talking about adding housing which would bring more residents and more

traffic so please don't take away the lanes thank you next is gabrielle kirby is kirby are you here no uh eileen rivera miss rivera are you here are you online uh she is online oh she's online and she is okay

[02:49:01] miss rivera can you hear us yes i can hear you can you hear me yes the floor is yours okay good evening. My name is Aileen Rivera. I'm a resident of Verina. I first want to thank our supervisor Nelson. He has been really great about meeting with the community members throughout the years.

[02:49:29] This is, he's correct, since 2021, many of the community members that have advocated with the plan. You know, I don't think that we're right there with you. We want to see this over as soon as possible. Nevertheless, we want to make sure that all this time that has been spent working on it, that it has a good outcome. I do want to thank Joe, Rosemary, Ben, and the team because throughout the years, they have been very kind.

[02:50:06] We're kind of like one big dysfunctional family. We might not agree and fight and disagree, but we still appreciate and we're grateful for all the work that you all do. I do want to ask the Board of Supervisors to please consider extending or delaying the vote on the comp plan based on the last the information that was provided since may um yes we've been working on this for five years and we have been working um to to um and and it has delayed for a year and

[02:50:45] and because covid and all that stuff but this the last information is hundreds of pages and a lot of information and there has been for that those those um that portion alone only two meetings a lot of people when i was at the east end meeting where we're coming at the recreation center were coming out and they were more confused there was more and more um questions and so being that it's summer and summertime is like the worst time to try to get this information

[02:51:21] to the community members um i i realize and kudos to the planning department yes they have tried their best to do outreach but i think that we didn't think outside the box i know that we have given many suggestions but we still needed to try something more something like once this information went out there should have been a meeting at each district so that way that district had opportunity to have their comments, you know, not just two, to just make it possible for people

[02:51:53] to show up and to participate. I know that for us, we try to have community meetings and help get the information out, but that's impossible to get everybody. While I appreciate the release of the draft for the environmental justice section is still the 2045 comprehensive plan remains incomplete based on important elements that were not addressed, including a strategy for water conservation distribution, long-term usage, and the county's commitments to the

[02:52:32] region regarding water resources. These are critical issues that deserve careful analysis and public discussion before the plan is adopted um i know that um mr newby said that a lot of sections require public hearing but it's like more than public hearing it requires discussion too um it feels like it's it's just um unfinished moving forward with adoption of the 2045 comprehensive plan in its current form

[02:53:07] without allowing sufficient public engagement undermines public confidence in the process. And I'm talking about the section that was presented from May on. Many residents have already expressed concerns about transparency, accountability, and whether their voices are truly being heard. Those concerns are only amplified by programs that streamline permitting processes that appear to favor corporations over the priorities of the community, raising legitimate questions about whose interests are driving these decisions. Good governance requires transparency, public participation,

[02:53:44] and thoughtful deliberation, not an accelerated process on a plan that will affect future generation. I urge the board to slow the process, fully consider public input, and ensure the final comprehensive plan reflects the needs and values of the residents it is intending to serve.

[02:54:02] So I want to, again, thank you all for your time. Thank you for all your work. I know it's not easy. I know there's a lot. And again, grateful to Mr. Nelson for all the work you have done with the community and hope that you would consider that this last portion, the one that was presented from May on, that will be given consideration for people to be able to look and discuss.

[02:54:28] Thank you so much. I appreciate it. All right. And we have Chris Gadricks. Chris, are you here? Online? Okay. No, sir. All right. Is there anyone else that wishes to speak on the comprehensive plan?

[02:54:47] All right. If you all would start lining up. And then do we have anybody on WebEx that wishes to speak to the comprehensive plan? Yes, sir. I have one more to speak on the plan. Mr. Montgomery.

[02:55:02] Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you to the Board of Supervisors. I'm John Montgomery. I live at 2666 Kingsland Road in RICO. And I want to tell you how encouraged I am by the conversation you had tonight and what's been presented, particularly the Environmental Justice Committee that Reverend Cooper led the conversation about and those things that Mr. Nelson brought forward regarding, you know, what we have come to believe and understand and the energy that's kind of behind this demonstrates that conservation and preservation is bigger than a land-use designation.

[02:55:36] And the stakeholders that Mr. Nelson listed, I think, are the ones that need to come together. so that there's a vision and a plan for implementation, and we look forward to being part of that. So thank you again for all the attention, and we look forward to working together. Thank you. Evening, guys.

[02:55:57] My name is Tom Gardner. I am the owner of the Lakeside Professional Building on Lakeside Avenue, and just wanted to echo some of the stuff that we've heard here this evening already. I'm not a huge fan of the reduction in lanes and traffic there.

[02:56:14] The Lakeside Professional Building is a multi-tenant commercial office building. We have a lot of small businesses there. We've had guys that have just started out their businesses and grown them to the point where they have left our building and gone on to bigger and brighter things.

[02:56:31] But I think I kind of have to agree with the other gentleman that was speaking earlier about the fact that we're getting a little bit ahead of our skis, I think. Because, I mean, I see on a regular basis that we can't even seem to keep the medians mode on Lakeside Avenue.

[02:56:49] And now we're talking about a comprehensive plan. So I just, I like the idea of, I've always loved Lakeside. I've been a 50-plus year resident of Lakeside and had my businesses in there for all that time as well. And I just think, as I said, we're getting a little bit ahead of our skis on the on the on the comprehensive plan.

[02:57:11] When I see the stuff that we did on Dumbarton and the bike lanes and things, we're not able to keep those maintained or clean. There's debris in them all the time. And I just I just don't want to see that in Lakeside Avenue. I think the the the, you know, expanded sidewalks and good walking area and pedestrian things was a great idea.

[02:57:32] But I just think it's not a wise plan to reduce that to one lane, reduce that Lakeside Avenue down to one lane in each direction. I have had a good balance. My building is directly butting up against

residential housing.

[02:57:51] And whenever there's been some issues in the building, with tenants in the building, the community is very quick to let me know about that. And I have had a good relationship with a number of the people that live there on Oakwood. My building is on the corner of Lakeside and Oakwood.

[02:58:09] And we've been able to get down there and talk with them and resolve those issues. And that's, I think, the biggest thing is just a good, solid, open line of communication between commercial, residential, and pedestrian stuff throughout the Lakeside area.

[02:58:26] It's a great little area. I've loved it. I think it's got huge potential, and I think we're moving in the right direction by having the discussion. I just, again, don't want to see us get out in front of our skis too far on planning this grand plan.

[02:58:44] Let's see if we can keep the medians mowed consistently for a time, and then maybe we can talk about some grand future for Lakeside. But I think it's got, again, great potential, and thank you so much for hearing me.

[02:59:03] Hello. Good evening again to all of you. Thank you for taking our comments. I would like to say that many of the longtime large landowners in the Varina area spoke at the Planning Commission meeting about their desire to put their land in conservation easements, And so I believe that protecting the land in Varina and keeping it rural is important to everyone.

[02:59:35] And I support your recommendations, Supervisor Nelson, to form a group of stakeholders and experts to look into this over the next year or so, because I think we could come up with some solutions that are favorable for everybody.

[02:59:54] And I would also like to thank you for your recommendation of designating Osborne Turnpike and the James River Corridors as special focus areas. They were special focus areas in the 2026 comprehensive plan, but have yet to be studied, but they still deserve the attention, I believe.

[03:00:19] So thank you very much for your support for all of our work. Hello, mr. Chair and members of the board. Thank you for having us here to speak about this comprehensive plan My name is Melissa Thomas. I live in the Fairfield district in the Lakeside area I'm actually here to talk about water and not asking for a delay in the comprehensive plan, but I do want to say I've heard a lot of people from Lakeside where I live talk about the comprehensive plan And I think the charrette that was done just as feedback was done really well as a visioning session and I think that's exactly what we need to see with these things I think the

[03:00:59] confusion might be that people weren't aware that this was going to shape a comprehensive plan or be something that was I know it's not stuck and that it's a vision and that it'll it'll lay things out for the future but I think there's a disconnect between the understanding of what the intentions were with with how that plan worked out but I'm here to talk about the the water or the lack of water information and the comprehensive plan and again not to ask for delay but if there's a lack of information about how water use sources will be used in Henrico and across the region and I think there's an oversight there I'm going to pull this up because I was speaking in my personal capacity and also in my professional role of a state policy director with the climate equity

[03:01:37] working group second phone a friend so I want to say on the water issues I was able to text some folks to find out if it's accurate that we don't have to include a water plan in in the comprehensive plan so this is a seems like it's a choice or a preference of how we approach this so there's some things that other localities include in their comprehensive plan in regards to water usage.

[03:01:59] So things like describing major reservoirs and water sources and the public utilities or natural resource chapters, mapping reservoirs and sources waters alongside land use and environmental constraints, setting their regional water supply plan as part of the planning context. That's all permitted under state law and it's commonly done. Also identifying areas of key water demand from new development in order to plan for expanded low growth so we can include that it's just a decision whether or not we do so and then and the reason that I'm coming to speak is because in my payroll I connect with people across the state who are facing environmental justice issues so I do want to also

[03:02:36] thank you for pushing forward the environmental justice work in Henrico it's been really significant and you've listened to us in this case there's a community in Cumberland County which is 4,500 households 10,000 people and they're about to face what would be the second largest gas plant in the entire country. It would be the largest in Dominion's fleet entirely, and it would be resourced by Henrico County's Cobb's Creek Reservoir. So there were NDAs between the vice chair that is a part of their board of supervisors in Dominion Energy going back to March of 2025 that named Cobb's Creek, and essentially this would be the only tap-in from any locality. So we do, for folks who aren't

[03:03:15] familiar with how it works, usually we're putting water into the James River to make sure that, you know in the conditions like right now where there's a drought we have sufficient water across the region to support us and in this case Cumberland County and Dominion Energy would like to tap into the reservoir to support their their gas plant which would need anywhere from a hundred eight hundred thousand gallons of water per day to two million gallons of water per day so I've looked at other comprehensive plans and like I said they do mention these water resources they do lay out how we were going to use our water regionally Henrico's plan we we heard from for quite a long time how extensive different sections of it are and we just are leaving out water and it doesn't seem appropriate given

[03:03:54] how important this is to not be addressing some of that in our plan so I did change everything that I wrote because it wasn't based on all the input that you guys and all the good work that you did thinking about things and questioning and and moving things around so just gonna look real quick to see if I missed anything else I also want to add that across the street from this gas plant would be is a historic black church pleasant view baptist church so I've spent a lot of time with those communities over the past few months some of them have descendants who've moved to Henrico County that you may or may not hear from but there are folks out there who are very worried about this and they're wondering why Henrico County is going to supply the water for a gas

[03:04:33] plant and I understand we can't control what we give the resources to when we get to a county but we do have the ability right now to think about what we're doing in Henrico County and how that will impact us for generations and thank you miss thomas just uh one correction and if you would i think um bentley raise your hand he's bentley's our utilities director i think there's a there's a misunderstanding about um what is in the comp plan or what will be in the comp plan regarding water and sewer but i need you to understand that there is no agreement between henrico county and cumberland county at this point that's that's true i know that in october both

[03:05:11] counties the boards passed resolutions for the county staff to negotiate a deal there's an mou from 2011 that was never signed never executed right it was never signed but we know that staff right now on both ends of the counties are working on developing the plan that they will sign so the mou from 2011 said seven million gallons of water and the 4500 households are predominantly on wells so those community members are wondering why we would give them 1 million 2 million 7 million and what what the county there hopes to develop again there is no agreement we are working on an

[03:05:48] agreement at henrico county in october 2025 the board voted on a yes to to pass a resolution to work on that agreement no they they voted to authorize the county manager to work on an agreement what i'm telling you is there is no agreement and at this as i as i say this today i mean cumberland county has they were part of a conversation in 2011. um they quite frankly couldn't afford to be part of the reservoir and in 2026 i mean i don't see how it's a tall order

[03:06:24] so don't assume that henrico that they are going to tap into that reservoir yeah thank you um i have emailed and and have gotten an email back from mr chan and would can appreciate continued conversations about that thank you for the extra information another point um and i think it was you um mr mercer woodson that uh sorry um that mentioned this and some others about the grass on lakeside avenue so that has been a um a sore spot for us for years lakeside avenue is owned by

[03:07:02] the state we've actually had conversations going back to the prior administration where the county has really wanted to take over state roads and actually cut the grass and put in crosswalks on a weekend as opposed to a year so we're actually continuing to work on that we'll see what this new administration feels about us being able to do that but we'd love to own lakeside avenue so is there anyone else that wishes to speak on the comprehensive plan okay i have one One more on Webex, okay.

[03:07:41] All right, Kenny. Chelsea, you're unmuted. Yes, can you hear me? Can you hear me? Yes, we can. Yes, we can. Okay, thank you.

[03:07:56] I appreciate it. My name is Chelsea. I have been living in Lakeside for going on nine years. I want to echo the earlier comment that this process, I feel like, has been very confusing for residents. It's been very confusing to understand what is being approved when, what will happen now versus what will happen 20 years from now.

[03:08:17] That comment that was just made that the county does not own Lakeside Avenue, and yet we are providing a lot of comments about what is happening on Lakeside Avenue is very confusing. So I asked the board for help and helping us understand all the intricacies of this plan.

[03:08:35] But I originally moved to Richmond 12 years ago. The neighborhoods that led me to fall in love with Richmond were Carytown and areas like Short Pump. I love the shops and the restaurants there, and I still do. And yet Lakeside is not Carytown and is not Short Pump, and I would not wish to live in those areas.

[03:08:53] For those of you who vote or have influence in the future of Lakeside, I would ask you to visit Carytown at different hours of the day, including after dark. I have recently, and it's now a rare occasion where I go an entire visit without feeling unsafe at some point.

[03:09:11] Homeless rates are on the rise in urban areas since COVID, and these problems are larger than Lakeside and this well-intentioned project. Lakeside is filled with hardworking, close-knit residents who have lived here for many years. I am even in the minority in the nine years that I have lived here.

[03:09:29] And the introduction of higher density housing will bring in short-term residents with no investment in the long-term future of our community. This, I think, along with more commercial spaces, will lose our community feel. My husband and I spend our weekends biking to Rebel Market, Hobnob, Bryant Park Bar and Grill, and the Farmer's Market.

[03:09:49] We've purchased many treasures from vintage glass and pottery and Ray's. Ray, I saw you there. You're still there. You're the best pool store in the entire Richmond area. And these mom-and-pop businesses deserve a place in our neighborhood, and they're the reason why we love to call Lakeside Home.

[03:10:05] That leads me to the second issue, the bike lanes. I live directly on Dunbarton Road, and as I mentioned, I actually do bike around the neighborhood. The bike lanes on Dunbarton are, in my opinion, a failure. Car traffic is regularly backed up with a full half a mile between my home and Staples Mill Road.

[03:10:23] The bike lanes are rarely used. They are filled with grit and debris, and they do not feel safe to use. The reality is that these roads do need to be used by vehicles, and Lakeside Avenue is no exception. Dunbarton Road was an interesting experiment, but let us not repeat our mistakes.

[03:10:40] To reduce the flow of traffic while also building additional housing are inverse initiatives that will work against each other. We are very fortunate to have a unique gem of a community, and I beg of you to please allow us to keep our beloved community as it remains.

[03:10:58] Thank you. Mr. Chair, seeing no other speakers on the public hearing. Mr. Man, to your point, the poll hearing is closed.

[03:11:17] I wanted to tell Mr. Oxen on Han. Oxen Han. Han for the left. He said three things, really two. He said, Lakeside doesn't feel seen, they don't feel heard. And I just want him and all of you all to know that you are all seen, are all heard.

[03:11:36] Upon assuming office, I've made an intentional effort to make sure that my town hall meetings were not just held at the Eastern Rec Center. But I've made sure that every part of Fairfield has had one of my Fairfield forums. And I've gone to Belmont twice and was very well attended.

[03:11:54] So that was one intentional effort. Mr. Woodson. So, my wife and I last week walked four miles into Hanover on Fall Line Trail. I can't wait until we finish the trailhead.

[03:12:11] As sports backers, I cut that ribbon. Can't wait to pick that part up. Mr. Gardner. Yes, sir. So, I eat at Hobnobs and other restaurants. I've thrown the first pitch at Lakeside Little League for the last two years. Mrs. Zanito and I just met with the staff at Lakeside Little League.

[03:12:31] We're about to do some great improvements. We're excited about that. Lakeside Farmer's Market, I buy my pocket square some Franco's. I take my cleaning and Hennings, I mean Swinnings, and all my flowers come Coleman Brothers. I say all that to say that I've heard you all, I've seen you all, and what I'm going to do tonight is I'm going to pull out Lakeside from the comp plan.

[03:12:54] What I'm going to do is I'm going to hold community meetings, town halls in Lakeside with business owners and community meetings so we can talk about this and figure out the best path forward so you have my commitment to that, all right? Thank you. That being said, is there a motion pertaining to comp plan?

[03:13:12] Yes, ma'am. You could have said that 20 minutes ago, Ms. Mary Cooper. No, no, I needed to hear my phone. But no, actually, I joke, but I love hearing folks come out and share your passions and your thoughts because it's really clear how much you guys love the parts of Henrico that you live in.

[03:13:34] Although, I don't know why people, I always joke, short pump catches strays every time people from other districts talk it's you know nobody wants to be short pump i love she says she loves shopping in short pump you know but that's the beautiful thing about henrico is that there are so many different parts of henrico and so that speaks to how challenging it is to develop a comprehensive plan that addresses all of the various different parts of of henrico and what some people want and what some people are you know deathly afraid of happening in the county

[03:14:07] and so um as we prepare to vote on this i echo the gratitude um for the work and you know you guys have taken a lot of heat you know and we we get elected to take heat you know so we we have to have that thick skin it breaks my heart when you guys when i see the emails in the way that you know sometimes folks come at you all and you're just getting up and coming to work every day and doing a job, um, and serving this county. So thank you for all that you do and all of the, you know, the shots that you guys, I shouldn't say shots, all of the, uh, heat that you guys get

[03:14:43] for doing, um, the work that you've done. I really think, you know, that this has been a responsive document. I am so grateful for the advocates. And I actually said this, something similar when we, um, did the, the data center, um, ordinance change, you know, advocates have shaped what we've been doing in this county. I can only speak for the time that I've been on the board, But advocates have really shaped what we've done here for the past few years.

[03:15:06] And sometimes it feels like a tense relationship. But you guys are appreciated. Because otherwise, we're just kind of up here winging it without knowing all of your expertise, without knowing how you feel about things. And I hope that you guys can get a sense that this document that we're getting ready to vote on really is a product of how it's been shaped throughout all of this discourse and dialogue.

[03:15:32] I am incredibly proud of the environmental justice section and, you know, how that wasn't really a topic of discussion even a very short time ago and how now it is something that is at the forefront because it is so incredibly important that we acknowledge what damage has been done to so many areas of our county and, you know, the reckoning that we now have to deal with and, more importantly, what we do now going forward.

[03:15:57] So I'm incredibly proud of the work that we have done with that and the public support that we have um for folks saying even you know mainstream folks all over the county saying yes we agree that this is an important part of um of what we talk about the water issue melissa i hear you a hundred you know a hundred percent water is um such an incredibly valuable resource and um you know we've got this great asset with the cobb cobs creek reservoir and first and foremost we need to make sure that we've got it available for our residents to have and that we've got that

[03:16:31] reliability to keep our folks healthy and happy, and I don't want it to be used. I'll go on record now saying that I do not support any use of our water being sold to support a gas plant in Cumberland or other uses that are going to be detrimental for our environment. So we've got a very valuable asset there, and as long as I'm on the board and I know several of my colleagues on the board, we're going to act very proactively to try to protect that. I hear you when you say, you know, well, why not make it a part of the comprehensive plan? And I guess I say this with a little bit of please just, you know, just trust

[03:17:09] that even if we move forward with the comprehensive plan today without including that language in there, it by no means means that it's because we're neglecting that issue. I think we talked earlier this evening about the path that we intend to pursue with that and that is going to produce a deliverable for everybody that wants to see something in writing that we are bound to that says here is what we plan to do for our water resiliency and safety and all of that so um i say that to say that i i hear you on that um i don't intend to ask that we hold up on the comp plan because of that but we will continue having

[03:17:45] that dialogue so all in all um i am proud of the product that we have landed on and again it is by and large because of the work of our staff and the responsiveness that you all have had you know we talk about the percentages of people that responded and it may seem like a small number but i don't choose to see it that way i choose to see it as a lot of very passionate people who have taken time out of their very busy and stressful lives to let us know how they feel about it and it doesn't feel like three percent of the county it really feels like the heart of the county um has has spoken uh throughout this process so thank you to all of you all um i know a lot of people have

[03:18:23] left but to everybody that has participated thank you so much ms roundtree i want to provide opportunities to my other colleagues to make comments um before we take a vote in motion yes sir hearing no other comments or questions is there motion pertaining to the resolution 15726 thank you mr chair i move that we follow the recommendations of the planning commission and staff and approve the 2045 comprehensive plan is presented with the amendments recommended by the planning commission including amendments to the major thoroughfare plan to remove the six

[03:18:59] conceptual roads amendments to the recommended density of the prime agricultural rural conservation land use category from one unit per five acres to one unit per no okay what i'm confused um land use got from one unit per five acres to one to five but we don't we don't want to do it we just going one-to-one. You don't want one-to-five. Yes, sir. If that's your intent, you could say one unit per one acre. All right. I'm sorry. I'm sorry for confusing you colleagues. Let me try it

[03:19:34] again. Amendments to the recommended density of prime agricultural rural conservation land use category from one unit per five acres to one unit per one acre. Yes, sir. So you would still have a PARC category, but its density would reflect the A1 district. And you'll see when we get to the zoning amendments you'll pull the a2 district and all that'll be left is the a1 so if that's your intent you've made the motion correctly sir okay all right but without references to the lakeside avenue form-based alternative overlay sub-district and the second and third special

[03:20:09] focus area strategies identified for the lakeside avenue corridor in chapter four managed and sustainable growth in addition i recommend the board consider amendments discussed this evening, including conduct a special study on Osborne Turnpike and James River corridors, creation of a committee or stakeholder group to study conservation and the preservation of rural character, study coastal resiliency, and study creation of agro-tourism districts and report back. Remove the James River crossing from the major thoroughfare plan that will connect

[03:20:47] to Commerce Road in Richmond City. Thank you so much, Reverend Nelson. Is there a second? Seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor say aye. Aye. Those opposed? The resolution is passed. Next, Mr. Chair, Agenda Item 159-26. This is the zoning ordinance. I'm sorry, 158-26 is the zoning ordinance that would amend Chapter 24 of the Code of Henrico.

[03:21:15] So, this is a public hearing, and you've gone through a public hearing on the comp plan. Is there anyone that wishes to speak on the zoning ordinance just having heard what the board's intent is with the comp plan? And, Mr. Newby, can you summarize again what is up with the changes that were made on the comprehensive plan, how that will be reflected on this item?

[03:21:47] Yes, sir. Before you speak sir, um, he's gonna speak before we do the public hearing correct. I think so It would be all right. That sounds good. Yes, sir. Mr. Chair members of the board. Mr. Manager Considering your vote on the comprehensive plan. I would expect that you will vote on the Item that's labeled 158 a which removes the a2 and also I believe you have language in front of you That would remove the lakeside form-based overlay as well So the item before you essentially would remove the a2 make some adjustments to form base overlay and remove the lakeside

[03:22:23] Sub-district. Thank you so much. Mr. Newby as the manager stated this is a public hearing Is there anyone here that'd like to speak to this item? Is there anyone online that'd like to speak to this item? No, sir. There's no one. Thank you so much That being said the public hearing is closed. I'm colleagues in the questions comments chair I move that we follow the recommendations of staff in the Planning Commission and approve the zoning ordinance amendment labeled one five eight dash excuse me one five eight a dash two six but without the provisions creating the Lakeside Avenue form based alternative overlay

[03:23:01] sub-district if this motion is approved the amendment amendments will implement the recommendations of the 20 2045 comprehensive plan create the best products reimaged and Brook Road North form based alternative overlay sub-districts conform the zoning ordinance to recent changes to state law and update modify and clarify certain provisions of the ordinance in addition providing clarification for the form-based alternative overlay districts 158a-26 removes the references to the previously proposed a2 district which should be studied further as the comprehensive plan is implemented as recommended by the planning commission i got to put in here

[03:23:38] all the stuff that okay no no ma'am that that's that's the motion yes thank you ms roundtree motion being made by ms roundtree segment by mr rogers all in favor say aye aye opposed thank you so much the ordinance passes next mr. chair members of board 159 - 26 is the subdivision ordinance there is a substitute 159 a - 26 mr. newbie how is this substitute how would we have what changes have been made tonight yes sir mr. chair members of the board considering your vote so far I would

[03:24:15] recommend approval of 159 a - 26 which simply removes the a2 district References from that ordinance. There's nothing about Lakeside or anything else in there of concern It's simply the removal of the a2 district Mr. Smith, please sir Yeah, thank you so much. Mr. Smith By Mr. Smith it's public hearing time. Is anyone here would like to speak this item? Is there anyone online?

[03:24:50] They'd like to speak to this item. No, sir. There is not. Thank you so much So, that being said, the public hearing is closed. Colleagues, are there any questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And also, before the Lakeside residents leave, I'd like to thank you for the rollback in history. I got a chance to represent you all for just a year and a half or two years, and I was reminded of the beauty of Lakeside tonight.

[03:25:09] So, thank you, and please share that with your colleagues that were here tonight. I'm glad they're with me now. Yeah, the census got me. So, members of the board, Mr. Chair, members of the audience, with regard to the subdivision ordinance amendment, I move we follow the recommendation of

the Staff and Planning Commission, improve subdivision ordinance amendment label 159 a - 26 that will implement the recommendations of the 2045 comprehensive plan it will clarify the relationship between a family subdivision and minor subdivision conform the subdivision ordinance with recent changes to state law improve consistency with the zoning ordinance as presented this evening 159 a - 26 also

[03:25:47] removes the references to the previously proposed a2 district which should be started further as the comprehensive plan is implemented. Thank you so much, Mr. Smith. The motion has been made. Second. And seconded by Ms. Rauchel. All in favor say aye. Those opposed, the ordinance has passed. Mr. Manager.

[03:26:04] Mr. Chair, next item, you would move into your general agenda. The first item that is related to the three items that you just approved is 165-26. This is the resolution for the environmental justice strategy, the Initiation of the study and report the board paper requires a report to be completed and made available to the Planning Commission in public Within 12 months of the engagement of the consultant who will perform the work. Mr. Chair

[03:26:34] So moved. Second. Moved by Ms. Raunchi. Second by Mr. Reverend Elson. Aye. Aye. Opposed, the resolution is passed. Okay, now to some perfunctory county business. Agenda item 160-26 is a resolution for signatory authority.

[03:26:54] This is a utility agreement with Virginia Electric and Power Company 4301 East Parham Road, which is in the Brooklyn District. Mr. Anthony. Hello, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, on board, ladies and gentlemen. I was about to say good morning.

[03:27:11] Pressure, Mr. Anthony. Good evening. This board paper would authorize the chair to execute a 15-foot underground utility easement located at 4301 East Parham Road. The proposed underground utility easement would allow for BEBCO to provide power to electric vehicle charging stations.

[03:27:31] The Western Henrico Government Center. Directors of Real Property and Public Works recommends approval of the board paper. The county manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions. Yes, sir.

[03:27:47] No problem at all. Are they on the line to speak this item? No, sir, there is not. Is there a motion?

[03:28:05] Mr. Anthony, before my motion, I have 26 questions for you on this item. No problem at all. Mr. Chair, move the resolution. Okay. Joint, seconded by Rogish and Nelson. All in favor, so I? Those opposed. Thank you so much. Next, Mr. Chair, 161-26 is a resolution for condemnation.

[03:28:24] This is for easements for the Fall Line Trail on Mountain Road in the Fairfield District. Mr. Anthony. Thank you once again, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, honorable members of the board. would authorize condemnation proceedings for property associated with the fall line trail longdale fades the county needs to acquire easements from leonard t harris and based upon an independent appraisal county made an offer of two thousand two hundred and thirty five dollars board paper authorizes the county attorney to institute and conduct condemnation proceedings in accordance with the code of virginia the board paper further authorizes and directs excuse me

[03:29:01] county manager to continue to seek voluntary acquisition of these easements to take all all necessary steps for the acquisition directors of public works and real property recommended proof of the

board paper county manager I'll be happy to address thank you so much mr. Anthony I'm colleagues on the questions from mr.

[03:29:17] Anthony of not this is a public hearing is anybody present I would like to speak to this item is there anybody online I would like to speak to this item no sir there's not thank you sir the public hearing is closed I move to approve the Resolution second so I'm moved by myself second by I'm is round to all in favor say I Opposed I was have it the resolution is approved What 62 - 26 is a resolution for signatory authority?

[03:29:44] This is a quick claim of vacated right-of-way abutting falver Avenue in the Fairfield District. Mr. Anthony Once again, mr. Manager mr. Chair on the members of the board. This would Quit claim former right-of-way along falver Avenue to major Lisco landscaping LLC who owns the abutting property or vacated the former right-of-way by resolution on December 16th of 2025.

[03:30:07] Director of the real property recommends approval of the poor vapor. County manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions. Thank you again, Ms. Anthony. Colleagues, any questions? Seeing none, is there anybody present that would like to speak to this item? Anybody online? No, sir, there's not. Thank you, sir. This public hearing is closed.

[03:30:23] So moved. Second. Seconded by Mr. Schmidt. Moved by myself. All in favor say aye. Ayes have. The resolution is approved. Thanks, Mr. Chair. 263 - 26 is a resolution for signatory authority Quick claim of a portion of existing utility easement. This is a one two one five nine West Broad Street Which is in the three chop district. Mr. Anthony you once again, sir This would authorize the chair to execute a quick claim to be releasing an interest the county may have an utility easement This property is owned by me Knuckles LLC the owner the owner of the property encumbered by the easement has requested this action

[03:31:01] The county does not need a portion of the utility easement. There are no county facilities in the area the real property division has processed to request the department of the deputy county manager for Operations and the departments of planning and public utilities without objection director of real property Paper Thank you so much. Mr. Anthony any questions from my colleagues seeing none on this is a public hearing Is there any person present that would like to speak to this matter anybody online hearing none?

[03:31:33] So there's no one to speak to this item. Thank you, sir. Hearing none. This Move by Miss rounds just like my Reverend Nelson on their side. Those opposed eyes have the resolutions proof next mr Chair 164 - 26 is a resolution for signatory authority This is a quick claim of a permanent traffic maintenance easement on nine-mile road in the Verona district. Mr. Anthony Again, sir, this would Authorized of the chair to execute a quick claim deed located at 1212 East nine mile road County does not need the easement has no facilities in the easement releasing the county's interest in the easement allow the Virginia Department of Transportation

[03:32:12] To obtain an easement in that area for traffic The director of road property recommends approval for paper county management first Thank you so much. Mr. Anthony colleagues any questions or comments hearing on is anybody present? I'd like to speak to this item Seeing none is anyone online. I'd like to speak to this item. No, sir. There's not. Thank you, sir That being the public hearings closed, been moved by Ron Nelson, seconded by Ms. Rogish.

[03:32:36] All in favor, aye. Opposed the resolution? Thank you. Next, Mr. Chair, members of the board, you move into public comments. Is there anyone here that wishes to address the Board of Supervisors this evening? Yes, if you would go to the podium. Apologies.

[03:32:59] Sorry, if you would begin your comments by stating your name and address for the record. My name is Wesley Graham Hasper, and I live at 408 Terabee Drive, Sanston, Virginia.

[03:33:18] Ladies and gentlemen of the board, guests and neighbors, first of all, I would like to take the time to state my appreciation for the opportunity to speak with you. I stand before you today with the utmost respect for the Assembly's authority, and I know that you strive to do what is best for all of the citizens in our county.

[03:33:35] Reasonably, my demeanor today is the culmination of days spent in thought and carefully focused frustration at our currently idling state of affairs, which brings me to my topic for today. As you've already heard, my name is Wesley Hasmer. I'm a rising high school junior and resident of the Seven Pines area in the district of Verina.

[03:33:54] I attend classes at Verina High School, where I have been enrolled in the Center for Communications and Media Relations since 2024. My family and I, my younger brother, my younger sister, my mom, and my dad, who is currently right here with me, have lived in Henrico together our entire lives.

[03:34:12] And to say that it has such rife significance is an understatement. While the issues I'd like to present have minimal, direct impact on my life as it stands today, it does leave a lasting impression on those around me, such as my parents, who have paid not only for my hobbies, my education, as well as my well-being, but they've also held a roof over my head and continue to do so currently, despite the increasing cost in no small part due to the recent construction of data centers in our community, something I would like to touch on tonight.

[03:34:47] While attending a summer class at my school, Henrico County Manager John Vitolkis, is that correct? That's correct. Thank you, sir. Told employees for HCBS County in a June 26 email that the rate paid for electricity will increase dramatically and that the county anticipates additional increases in the years ahead.

[03:35:06] This impacted me directly, as, of course, any driver today would know. Practicing driver's ed isn't exactly the best idea in the dark. These growing costs are a result of the rapid rise in data center construction, which is especially urgent considering my school, Verona High School, can really only afford very little in terms of extra expenditures.

[03:35:33] Further beyond their jobs, many of my teachers, many of the other employees at VHS, have families themselves of whom they care for in a world that feels like it's weighing down on them more than ever. I'm aware that Governor Spanberger has stated her desire to put in place a number of precautions against such consequences.

[03:35:51] However, due to the fact that the bill hasn't been passed yet, it's not a complete assurance that nearby homeowners are safe from this kind of behavior from big tech companies building this kind of infrastructure nearby. While I support the bill, I'd like to suggest measures against building data centers on protected or previous land, such as graveyards, national monuments, public parks, or any other real estate utilized and owned by any number of tenants.

[03:36:21] including closing loopholes such as the usage of eminent domain as these buildings rarely benefit the public. To recount and just to summarize in an ideal future AI shares a place among people who want to accelerate their own ventures while in full control of where those ventures lead but to help achieve this kind of shining golden age of technology first we must usher the laws in by which it should be governed and finally of course I thank you for your time this evening and I appreciate you giving me a space in which my voice can be heard as somebody who is probably younger than half the people in this room.

[03:37:00] So thank you. Thank you so much for those comments, sir. Can I make a quick comment? I just want to thank you, Wesley. Did you get here at 6 o'clock? Were you here before 6 o'clock? I arrived like around 6 o'clock. It was a rush. So you literally almost sat through four hours of public meeting to make that comment.

[03:37:22] So we respect it. That is, I mean, I wouldn't expect anything less from a Verona high school student. So I'm going to come back there and give you my card so that we can converse back and forth with email. I can get you some answers to your concerns.

[03:37:38] Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else that wishes to address the board this evening? Okay, anyone on WebEx? Yes, sir. No, you can talk on any topic.

[03:37:53] Mr. Chairman, board members, citizens, I would like to say good evening.

[03:38:20] My name is Joseph Ellsworth. I'm with the American Legion Post 233 out of Verona, Virginia. On behalf of my commander, who is Kenneth Harvey, who is on vacation right now, trying to get some much-needed rest and spend time with his family, I just want to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you briefly.

[03:38:43] The subject I want to speak on is going to be the Boise State Program of Success and the Farmers Market, Verona Strong 233 Fair in Dory Park. So the Boise State program was June 21 through 26 of this year.

[03:39:04] We had two students went from Verona JRTC program and one scout from Troop 501, and they graduated the program successfully. Details are available on VABoiseState.org.

[03:39:22] For the girls, it's VAGirlsState.org. But the young men who graduated, that program is rigorous, and they did an awesome job. And I just want Reverend Nelson to know how good of a job those young men did.

[03:39:40] I was there on the ground for the entire week. And to see how they just, it blew me out of the water. We even had one citizen from Verona High School that won the Citizenship Award for his city. And that's remarkable.

[03:40:00] We have sponsors that have emphasized the growing importance of these programs, the DeBoer State Program. And we are requesting increased support from Henrico Management to assist American Legion. Verona Post 233 with our 2026-2027 program.

[03:40:22] The Montgomery Farm Market and American Legion Verona Strong 233 Door Park Verona Fair will take place on August 29, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We're requesting guest speakers for the event from the American Legion Department, Commander of the State of Virginia, the Henrico County Manager,

John Vakowskis, Board Supervisor Tyrone Nelson, and Henrico County Schools Rep. Elisa Atkins, who has already committed to speak.

[03:40:59] So I'm sure Commander Harvey will be getting in contact with you all personally upon his return. We would like to acknowledge some of our VIP supporters standing with the American Legion of Post 233, including CNF Bank, Ace Hydro Seating, Kitchen 33, New York Life, Enrico Athletic Program, James River, Scout Council, Enrico Citizens, and many other sponsors.

[03:41:37] Support for our cause will be addressed at the public through a network cover story with assistance from Tom Lappers, founder, owner of Enrico Citizens. The story plan is scheduled to be announced in mid-August, 2026.

[03:41:56] I wanted to keep this brief. It's been a long night. I thank y'all for even allowing me to speak, and I wish you Godspeed. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair, if you don't mind. Thank you, sir. Once the commander gets back, just tell him to hook up with us.

[03:42:15] You should have a check for the state. We sent some money for the state convention or whatever, But if you can check, you should have something from Henrico for that. Is there anyone else that wishes to address the board this evening in public comments?

[03:42:35] Yes, sir. Good evening to the board and all in attendance.

[03:42:53] My name is Wesley Gregory, and I live at 4524 Summer Street, Henrico County. And I'll be brief as well. And it's a unique topic here, and that is I know we're concerned about our environment And being a part of Henrico County, I'm going to introduce something to you all this evening.

[03:43:18] Thanks for the board to consider. And we have the different regulations in place that people, you know, you pick up after your pets. However, all the communities aren't designed the same.

[03:43:35] And I do notice that people have their personal property, and maybe that's an assumption on my part, but it seems as if they say it's my personal property. I just let the pet dog do what they want. I don't pick up after it now Some houses have the space the yards and all that and I have no doubt that probably half the room of those of you in here You have pets. Yes, it's um what I did was send in Some information I had gathered it was about the impact of allowing dog waste to remain in place and said that dog feces are health hazard

[03:44:14] Yes, dog feces are a significant health hazard. And it is classified by the environmental agencies as raw sewage. And I'm speaking on this because there's health hazards and there are children they're playing about. And again, it's not just long-term survival about the parasites and the bacteria in the soil and the water contamination. And I spring this up because when your neighbor is doing that and you

[03:44:52] have children and you run next door and not all the properties are separated by fences and all and we don't know how soon the next housing market is going to boom and you know you got people families are coming through there's no um i i looked through the county regulations i didn't see it but i'm hoping that when i produce when i introduce this information it says the united States Environmental Protection Agency considers the pet waste a non-point source for looting.

[03:45:28] And again, it seems like it's an odd topic, but it's an environmental situation. And I noticed that as I walked down my street, my neighbor has done, neighbors have do let their dogs go right to the curb and relieve themselves. They don't pick it up. And some of them wash it out the driveway right down to the

curb, to the streets. We walk along the street taking a walk in the evening, and that's a problem with the smell and what they have washed out. There used to be a street sweeper in Rico County. It doesn't come through the neighborhood anymore. I don't know

[03:46:08] if that's even part of the public service now. But what I am saying is that when I looked at this and I pulled up information and it says there's a bacteria, viruses, parasites can be there for up to four years in the soil and all and again it sounds like it's a unique topic but if you live by someone who's doing this and you're saying is what they may wash over into your yard through the concrete to draw the gravel even you cut your grass these things are still in the soil and if

[03:46:44] you're planning to either purchase or sell a home you can see this nice grass but you don't know what's in there your children running around through the yards henrico county can hopefully just even if the uh public service they ask people to be considerate of the neighbors in these issues i don't know if you can do something as a you know tv ad or anything they just encourage people to be considerate because if it's not not a state law but what i'm just saying is again it sounds like it's a unique topic but think about the health of your children your grandchildren so

[03:47:20] So rather than just introduce a problem, I'm asking that you find a way to get the word out so that we can eliminate this hazard. Because, again, it can pass on. It's lingering in the soils. And neighbors ask them to be considerate.

[03:47:38] If Ryko County takes the lead, I'm sure other counties will jump on board to follow. So, again, I'm asking the board to please share your thoughts because it is a unique topic. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else that wishes to address the board this evening to anyone on Webex?

[03:47:58] No, sir. There's no one to speak. All right, mr. Chair Members of board you have covered the first item on your general agenda. You would move to 166 - 26 This is a resolution. This is funding the salary increases for our schools Mr. Crawford you explain this paper? Yes, sir. So this This resolution is an amendment to the fiscal year 27 budget in accordance with the board's wishes at their last meeting it on June 23rd as The General Assembly included a 4% salary increase for SAQ supported teachers

[03:48:35] this the 6.1 million dollars would provide a Would increase the approved salary increase from 3% to 4% For all HCPS employees, at a total cost of \$24.4 million of that total, \$10 million is coming from the state for their share of the cost.

[03:48:56] So with that as an overview, I'll be happy to answer any questions. Thank you so much, Mr. Crawford. This is exciting news. Would you agree? I would absolutely agree, even at this late of an hour. Colleagues, any comments or questions for Mr. Crawford? Hearing none, is there a motion?

[03:49:14] Thank you, sir. Moved by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Ogres on the other side. Opposed? have resolutions approved next mr. chair members of board miss minor has an introduction of an ordinance Sheila good evening members of the board this paper requests a public hearing to round pennies and make language changes on return payments to conform to state code I'd be happy to answer any questions I recommend approval any questions not is a motion who my miss round tree said my mr. roguer's on forza next we have 168 26 resolution Comcast cable

[03:49:54] Franchise new and proceedings on the federal cable communication positive. Yes, sir Thank you. Mr. Chair members of the board. This authorizes the beginning of renewal proceedings with Comcast for their cable franchise I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you Second probably my revenue 169

- 26 is also an introduction of an ordinance This is to amend and reordain section 22 - 42 chief. What are we doing here?

[03:50:28] public hearing on august 25th to propose ordinance to prohibit driving stopping standing and parking on shared use pathways and also to discuss the class three electric bicycles from being operated on county shared use pathways those are the ones that go a certain speed eight miles per hour yes sir so moved yes there are no questions uh being moved by reverend nelson seconded by um this roundhouse i suppose introduction order is approved all right 170-26 mr lebo signatory authority. Thank you, Mr. Manager.

[03:51:03] This resolution authorized the county manager to execute a grant agreement with Virginia Housing and Plan RVA for the MVA playbook. The grant's \$50,000. Happy to answer any questions you may have. Any questions for Mr. Lebo? If not, is there a motion? Is there a second? Second. Moved by Ms. Roundtree, seconded by Reverend Nelson. All the favorites, aye.

[03:51:24] Aye. Opposed, the ayes have the resolutions approved. And 171-26, Mr. Lebo, Enterprise Fund Amendment? Yes, this resolution authorizes the county manager to execute a joint zone amendment agreement with the city of Richmond for its amendment of its portion of the enterprise zone.

[03:51:41] This has no impact on the county. Happy to answer any questions you all may have. Any questions from Mr. Lebo? Not is there a motion? So moved. Moved by Reverend Nelson. Seconded by Ms. Rauncher. All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed, the ayes have it. The resolution is approved. Next, 172-26 is a resolution approval and acquisition for condemnation for the fall line trail.

[03:52:03] Mr. Anthony. Thank you, sir. This item settled in court. Mr. Newby could provide a debriefing if you need does anybody want miss new to speak to this? All right. Is there a motion? So moved is there a second move by mr. Smith second by Reverend Nelson on fifth side?

[03:52:22] Opposed eyes have resolution group 173-26 introduction of ordinance mr. Chan Thank you, mr. Manager. Uh, mr. Chairman members of the board This board paper introduces for advertisement and a public hearing tentatively scheduled for august 25th Proposed ordinance amendments to confirm two changes in state law.

[03:52:43] Amendments update the maximum discharge limits to align with state permitting requirements. Establish requirements for PFAS discharge, monitoring and conform reporting requirements to federal federal regulations. With that, I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

[03:52:59] Thank you, Miss Shen. Any questions? So this is matching up state and county code? Yes, sir. And updating our our limits for wastewater. Nelson, don't move. Is there a second? Second. Second by Mr. Rogus. Good to have you back, sir. All in favor say aye.

[03:53:16] Opposed? Next, Mr. Chair. 174-26 is a resolution. This is an award of contract for a sewer rehabilitation project in the Fairfield District. Mr. Chan. Thank you again. This is an award of fixed price contract for \$11,598,108 to Vortex Services for the East Highland Park Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II project.

[03:53:41] With that, I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have. So moved. Second. Moved by myself. Seconded by Reverend Nelson. I'm on a favor. Aye. Aye. Opposed, aye's have it. And 175-26 is a

resolution. This is an award of contract for the Richmond Henrico Turnpike Project.

[03:53:57] Mr. Manager, this board paper awards a unit price contract for \$40,320,000 to Abernathy Construction Corporation for Richmond Henrico Turnpike Improvement Project. This widens the road out the four lanes, includes a sidewalk on one side, trail on the other, and then it also includes...

[03:54:13] Public water improvements, which includes the 42-inch water main It's gonna help run water from the west side of the county to the east side of the county How long is this this project expected to take the two-year project? Are we starting at that intersection on the Brenna where the city hits the county?

[03:54:28] It's gonna depend we're gonna have to do a pre-construction, but it's either gonna be with the Burnham at Richmond right go Or it's gonna come the other way from home is they're working on it now. No, you know that they're cutting tree. Yeah Yeah, I'm much 40 million. So it's got substantial improvements for water and the road improvement So would this be the first?

[03:54:49] Effort on our part to dig into the ground to start installing the pipe Right, I move this on behalf of all of us second second second Myself moving everybody second all in favor. So I suppose it's been approved next Mr. Chair 176-26. This is an agreement with VDOT on the short pump area improvements for Northgate. Mr. Hughes Yeah, public works has negotiated an agreement with CVTA or Central Virginia Transportation Authority

[03:55:25] Under which the county will perform survey work for seven hundred nine thousand. This will get us started on the North Gaten interchange project Director public works recommends approval the board paper and county management. Thank you. Mr. Hughes. Any questions or comments? We like short pump How much money?

[03:55:52] I think I just told somebody. This is round four money, right? No, a lot of this is from round one. So how much was it? \$700. Well, we've received so far \$65 million from CVTA.

[03:56:10] This is \$709,000 that will be reimbursed. So this project is going to cost how much? Total project? Upwards of \$150 million. So we're moving along? Yes. Are there any other areas other than short pump that's getting \$150 million?

[03:56:29] Collectively, yeah. Okay. Thank you. Ms. Raunchy, madam, would you please make a motion? I just built a school a couple years ago. Second. No, Mr. Smith beat you, Reverend Nelson. It's been moved by Ms. Raunchy, seconded by Mr. Smith, all in favor of size.

[03:56:47] Opposed, I have a resolution to approve. And final item, 176-26 is a resolution for acceptance of roads. Do move. Second. I moved. Reverend Nelson moved. I second all of his eye. Colleagues, any comments?

[03:57:03] This was a long meeting. Mr. Manager, any comments? Yes, sir. If not, meetings adjourned. Thank y'all.



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