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[00:05:15] I'm ready. Oh, gosh. Well, good evening, supervisors. Good evening, staff, and good evening, Loudon. I'd like to call to order the October 1st, 2024, Loudon County Board of Supervisors business meeting.

[00:05:34] This room has a hearing loop. If you need hearing assistance, please switch your hearing aid to the teleco mode. If you need a headset, we have those as well. Please see the clerk to request one. Mr. Letourneau will probably not be able to make it tonight, but he did request a remote participation, so just on the off chance that he will be able to come, I'm going to go on and read it, but he did tell me earlier that it's unlikely he's actually out of the state on business, and so I will go on and read it just in case.

[00:06:09] Pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3708.3 and the Board of Supervisors' Rules of Order, Supervisor LeTurne requested to participate in this meeting by electronic communications. A physical quorum of the Board of Supervisors is present in the boardroom and the board has made all arrangements for the Board of Supervisor LeTurne to be heard by all persons in the boardroom should he come to the room virtually. Supervisor LeTurne made this request within the required time frame and the county attorney determined that Supervisor LeTurne's request meets the qualifications to participate remotely. The board will record and expand as the Supervisor

[00:06:46] Turner participated remotely from a hotel room in Anaheim, California, due to metro-related business. So he's actually doing county and regional business, but he happens to be doing it in Anaheim, California. So again, if he is able to join us, we're ready for him, but I do not think he is, and he spoke to me already about some of the things that he wanted to have relayed while we're up on this day as tonight. Supervisor Sainz will be late. He'll be here around 530. Supervisor Kirshner will also, if he can make it, and we think he will, but it will be

[00:07:23] late also. He is in, I won't say tied up in court, but his day job has him busy on an important case in another county, and so he will get here as fast as he can. So hopefully we will see Mr. Sainz Mr. Kirschner just a little bit later. Would everyone please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:07:46] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Okay. I'm going to add the proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month to tonight's meeting. I'm going to put it the consent agenda. Before I do that, I need to make a motion to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to suspend? I'll make a motion to suspend. Is there a second? Motion is made second by

[00:08:23] Supervisor Briggs. Discussion on the motion to suspend? Seeing none, all in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 5-0, my gosh, 1, 2, 3, yeah, 5-0-4, wow, 5-0-4. And then I will I will make a motion to add item R6, proclamation to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month in Loudoun County to the October 1st, 2024 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting for Action.

[00:08:50] Is there a second? Seconded by Ms. Bricksman. Is there, anyone want to talk on this before? I don't need an opening. Anyone want to speak on this? Okay. I will do, however, a closing on this item. So, in 2000, I don't remember what it was, it was 2007, 2008, one of those years, I came into the boardroom before I was, when I was just a citizen, and I asked the board at the time why they didn't do a proclamation for African American History Month. My predecessor said something to me that I'll never forget, and he was completely correct. He said, well, why don't you write it yourself and then bring it to us? And I thought, he's absolutely correct. Why would I ask a board

[00:09:30] to write a resolution about the community that I'm deeply involved in versus me spending time writing that resolution myself knowing the community a lot of times the disability community has a saying it says nothing about us without us so when this resolution for Hispanic Heritage Month first came to me to be put on the agenda I denied it and I denied it because although it was well done and was historically accurate the resolution itself did not have people from the community who had been involved with either requesting or writing the resolution and there was not one person, group, or individual from Loudoun County who was

[00:10:09] part of the Loudoun County Resolution for African American History Month. I'm not going to put a resolution forward when nobody in the community was involved in writing it. In fact, I think that's really kind of rude and a little bit patronizing to the community to do that.

[00:10:25] Between the time I said no to that and today as I added, I really do want to thank, especially One of my staff aides, Jason, who the entire weekend worked on this resolution, he reached out to the Hispanic community.

[00:10:45] He went to the, I think it's the Hispanic Heritage Club at Northern Virginia Community College. He talked to a farmer. He talked to different people in the community who are now going to be

here to accept the resolution and are now part of the resolution.

[00:11:03] Just so you know, I will never accept the resolution on this dais that does not come from and include the community we're talking about, ever, no matter who it is. And so there were some questions of why I said no at first. That was why. And there were some questions of why I added it now.

[00:11:19] That is why. And especially to you, Jason, I thank you sitting and looking at me right now. Jason, thank you very much, and thank you for all the work you did on this resolution over the course of the weekend and all day yesterday. I think you left here yesterday like at, I don't know what time, but Jason is a college student, and yeah, whatever man, he is a college student, and even though he was doing the stays and all that, he still worked the whole weekend reaching out to the community to get this resolution to us, and so I really appreciate it, and I appreciate how this has happened today.

[00:11:56] So thank you very much, and we will now add this to our consent agenda. The consent agenda is as follows. All in favor of adding this, please say aye. Any opposed?

[00:12:11] That motion will also pass 504. The consent agenda is as follows. Item R1, proclamation to recognize October 24th, 2024, is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. That is for approval and presentation. Ms. Bricksman may be down front for that one.

[00:12:28] Item R2, proclamation to recognize October 24 is Fire Prevention Month for approval and presentation, and again, the vice chair will meet me down front for that. Item R3, proclamation to recognize October is Disability Empowerment Awareness Month in Loudoun County for approval and presentation.

[00:12:46] And Ms. Glass, who will be here very shortly, by the way, will meet me down front for that. She's only going to be about a half hour late. Item R4, approximation to recognize October 7th through October 12th, 2024, is National 4-H Week.

[00:13:03] That's for approval and presentation. That is actually from Mr. Kirshner, but he may be late, may not be able to be here on time for that. And so if he is not able to make it, I'm going to have Mr. Crony, who is the other Western Loudoun County Supervisor, join me down front for that.

[00:13:19] Item R5, resolution to recognize contributions of Eugene Shield to Loudoun County, Virginia. that is from Mr. Kirshner also that's for approval only Mr. Kirshner is going to go on site and do that for Mr. Shields item R6 the one we just talked about proclamation to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month in Loudoun County and that wonderfully is for approval and for presentation item 1A appointments and confirmations item 2 administrative items report of October 1st 2024. Item 3, proposed traffic calming measures in the Hamilton area community. I will make

[00:13:58] a motion to approve the consent agenda. Is there a second on the motion? Motion is made and second by Vice Chair Briggsman. Discussion on the consent agenda. Seeing none, all in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 4504. And again, Ms. Glass will be here very shortly. All right, let's give some of my regional updates, and before I do the voice for a cause. First, on Monday the 23rd, I did, I'm on the DMV Moves Elected Leaders Committee, and we had our meeting. I will say, to be honest, that meeting was

[00:14:37] not as productive as I would have liked it to be. There's just a lot of discussions right now of how to ensure that we do get the dedicated source of revenue for a metro and it's tough, it's only tough

because we're talking about three separate complete states or at least two states in the District of Columbia.

[00:15:00] And so since Maryland's money comes out of the metro from the general fund and the district comes out of their general fund and Virginia does it from our metro compact counties, there is a lot of difference in how money is put forth for Metro. So it's a little bit confusing.

[00:15:19] So there's a lot of good people trying to figure it out. And in the end, we're going to figure it out and figure out how to get dedicated sorts of revenue to Metro. I just think that some of these things like sometimes, you know, watching this sausage get made just takes a little bit of a longer time.

[00:15:36] On the 26th, I spoke to my liaison from the National Association of Counties. Of course, I am the chair of NACO's Health Policy Steering Committee, and we are working to craft the legislation and goals that NACO will put before Congress.

[00:15:53] NACO is the voice to Congress on behalf of counties. I do want to thank Justin Hennessey and Chris Krintine because what I'm learning very quickly as I try to craft legislation to put in front of Congress is local government and federal government work very different.

[00:16:12] And in local government, because we're up here and we see each other often, we have time to kind of just work things out and talk things through. Where in Congress, it's like you get, you know, you get three sentences to get in front of them that you hope somebody grasp and maybe they'll take a hold of it or maybe they're going on an omnibus bill.

[00:16:31] And I'm just not used to working like that. And so Justin, and especially Chris Quintine, who has had experience working in the federal government, has been really, really helpful. I've already talked about the goals for this committee, and the three of us did go down to NACO headquarters, sit with them, walk through the goals.

[00:16:55] And then we had the meeting with the executive team of the Health Policy Steering Committee. And now we're doing the next steps. And part of the next steps is relationships and crafting the actual language.

[00:17:11] And so that's what we're doing right now. And I will keep you all apprised of how it's going. Yesterday I had a meeting with the Data Center Coalition. Quite a few people actually flew into town from the different data centers.

[00:17:30] Most of the data centers that we know already, some of the larger, more well-known data centers, the established data centers. I do want to thank Ray Banks who helped put together this meeting. It was a great conversation with the data center coalition, and I want to thank the head of the data center coalition, Josh Levy, for helping to host the meeting as well.

[00:17:51] They were great discussions. And finally, I want to thank, actually congratulate two people, Scott Price and Randy Minshew, who are the newest inductees to the Loudon Laurels. Their ceremony was held this past Saturday.

[00:18:07] You can go on the Loudon Laurels site and look at and watch their acceptance speeches. They were just wonderful. Loudon Laurels tries to celebrate people in Loudon who have been doing great things for many years, And both those gentlemen certainly are very important members of our community.

[00:18:24] So congratulations to Mr. Price and Mr. Minchu. All right, let's do our voice for a cause today. Our voice for a cause today is Walk for Mountains. Walk for Mountains is an organization whose mission it is to provide support to those affected by breast cancer in the Northern Virginia region.

[00:18:44] Their annual Walk for Breast Cancer raises funds and awareness to support women and their families through collaboration with other local groups, such as Loudoun's Breast Health Network, Stepsisters, and Our Perfect Warrior. Through their annual flagship event, Walk for Mountains encourages women to have the difficult conversation surrounding women's health and preventative screenings.

[00:19:08] And today, Nicole Clark has joined us from Walk for Mountains. Thank you for coming. We really appreciate it. for all the work you're doing. Got a couple questions for you. Can you just tell us how Walk the Mountains came to be? Sure. Thank you so much for having me. This means a lot that you invited us here today. It started, I was 38 years old. I had my first 3D mammogram, just to make sure as a baseline. By the time I was 39, I had another mammogram and I was stage two breast cancer. By the time I got to Dr. Rajendra, he said if you'd have waited six more

[00:19:47] months, we'd be having a different conversation. My daughter was eight years old, and my family went through over a year of treatment. And now I'm standing here 11 years later, and I'm okay. But the walk started when the day they found my tumor was on May 1st. And I heard I was driving to work one day and it's three years almost three years after and they said I heard on the radio that the Avon 39 39 miles in two days was ending in Washington DC on May 1st and I thought okay I hear

[00:20:25] you I will cross the finish line on the three-year anniversary of when they found it and my daughter and I who then was 11 walked it with me and with the help of my husband and he was giving us fresh socks because it was raining and cold and we did that for two years and we went to sign up for the third year and they had partnered with another breast cancer association and so we decided to make our own walk and walk for mountains was born i just kind of did a shout out to the community like hey what do you think and said you should do your own walk yeah one of my friends amazing

[00:21:02] you know i'm gonna i'm gonna ask your question that usually just for voice for cause people get their questions in advance so they know what they're getting. But I'm going to, you said something that I've never, ever heard a breast cancer survivor say. Usually they talk about their treatment, but you actually just said the words, my family went through treatment, which is an interesting way to say that because we don't always think of these moments as family and friend moments, but they really are. And so that statement was very powerful because I never heard anyone say that like that before that your whole the whole family does that they do because

[00:21:42] your whole family is there with you the whole time and they get front row seats to the really awful show yeah so i had six months of chemo and and a bilateral mastectomy and it was six surgeries and so they got to see me go through all of that and they helped me through it my community helped me through it my church helped me through it my community is still helping me through it right Amen. That's wonderful. Okay, what kind of resources does Walk for Mountains and its community partners provide to people who are affected by breast cancer?

[00:22:15] Okay, so our walk, one of the greatest parts I love about my walk is for our family that we put together is that we have a 3D mammogram band right there on site. and i always joke with people like hey you're not going to get ice cream or magnolias at the mill and beer and wine after you get your mammogram at the doctor's office so why not have it at walk for mountains you don't have to take the day

off of work and you can just have it right there at the event and uh thank you miss randall for drawing attention to that a couple years ago and getting your mammogram with us i appreciate it you welcome 3d mammogram and i did and they're

[00:22:53] 50 percent uh better rate at finding breast tumors so it's i always promote 3d mammograms and it was very private it wasn't it felt like i was in a doctor's office or somewhere it was fun it was just fine to do it like that yeah and then you get ice cream and i got and then i got an ice cream sandwich so um and and then we also support our foundation funnels into three charities like you talked about it's loud and breast health network um stepsisters and our perfect warrior that was started by a couple of our would go girls that we're super proud of and all that money goes to

[00:23:31] people undergoing treatment right now today and they need gas cards to get to chemo they need to pay their electric bill they need to get their dogs walked you know when i had my bilateral mastectomy i could not lift 10 pounds and i couldn't raise my arm past my shoulder i mean you think about your cupboards you think about your child's backpack you think about your laundry and how much that weighs and it's a it's a toll right so we need help people need their houses cleaned when they're going through chemo because they're immune deficient at that point so that's

[00:24:10] what we do so it's you know i am i am so humbled that you're in the room with us i'm just i'm displayed by you and your story thank you for sharing that with us um for people who want to seek assistance what's the best way to do that uh they can go to our website it's walk for the number four mountains plural.org and they can feel free to email us contact us and we'll put them in touch with the people or you can go directly to the charities and their websites are linked to ours as well and they can get help. And what day is the walk this year? October 12th

[00:24:46] it's next Saturday. Next Saturday. So I do believe Ms. Pittsburgh and I will join we'll be joining you there. Yeah that's wonderful. And where can the public learn more about participating if they want to help? Oh for volunteering? Oh through our website they can send us an email it's info at walkformountains.org, and that email will go straight to me.

[00:25:10] And my daughter always helps. She's my marketing director and our fashion designer for all the Walk for Mountains merchandise. So I have to have a shout-out for Jordan, my baby girl. And my husband, he's the president, and he always takes care of feeding everyone.

[00:25:26] So it's a full family affair. We just love it. We will be joining you there. So thank you so much, Ms. Clark, for coming in, for sharing your story, for sharing your hope. It is, I think, and you know this, of course, it is amazing and a little petrifying that in one year it had spread.

[00:25:46] You got your mammograms just one year apart. It wasn't five years, it wasn't 10 years, it was one year, which speaks to the importance of every single year. And also I would just like to say about my case, I was 39 years old. I had zero family history. Oh, gosh. None.

[00:26:02] Okay. And everyone assumes that, you know, and when you fill out those doctor forms, they always ask. And it's not without good reason. They want to know your family history. But then you make the assumption that, oh, I don't have family history, so it's probably not cancer. And that's what I was thinking the whole time.

[00:26:18] Well, 85% of breast cancer patients have no family history. Oh, I didn't know that. I did not know that. And it seems to be getting younger and younger every year. So first thing Dr. Rajendra put me

on was vitamin D, vitamin D deficiency. are finding out is a cause of a lot of cancers, so please check that for all of you. Ms. Clark, thank you very much, and we will see you on the 12th. All right, great. Can't wait. Thank you. Okay, wow, that was that was amazing and inspirational.

[00:26:51] Mr. Hempstreet, do you have any comments this evening? Thank you, Madam Chair. I've got four comments for this evening. The first is that Loudoun County residents are encouraged to participate in the county's 2024 community survey, which is now online at [loudon.gov slash survey](https://loudon.gov/survey). As you know, we periodically survey our residents to get their feedback on government services, the county's quality of life, and priorities for government initiatives. Following an analysis of the responses, the results are expected to be presented to the board by the end of the year. The survey will be available online through October 21st. Second, the Loudon Innovation Challenge presented by the Department of Economic Development and the

[00:27:28] Economic Development Authority is back for 2024. The challenge has a new virtual format and new opportunities for local entrepreneurs to showcase their ideas and compete for a piece of \$70,000 in prize money. There are four categories this year. Those are clean technology, cyber defense, highly specialized manufacturing, and life sciences. The previous agri-tech category has been integrated into all categories this year, giving Loudoun's agricultural entrepreneurs more diverse opportunities for showcasing their ideas. The deadline to apply is midnight October

[00:28:04] 9th. For more information and to apply for the challenge, visit loudounnovationchallenge.com. Third, Virginia Cooperative Extension Loudoun invites livestock, forage, and row crop producers in the county to participate in a roundtable discussion on October 24th at 6 p.m. at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds. The goal of the event is to provide Extension office personnel with a deeper understanding of the perspectives and needs of this community in order to provide relevant and effective programming. No registration is necessary. Any questions can be emailed to extension@loudon.gov. And then finally, the fourth annual Novel Expressions Art Contest is underway. Teens

[00:28:44] and adults in Loudoun are invited to submit an original work of art inspired by a piece of literature the contest is presented by loudon county public library the department of parks recreation and community services and the youth advisory council the deadline to enter is october 15th information about the contest and how to enter may be found at library.loudon.gov those are my comments uh this afternoon thank you mr hemstreet um vice chair briggsman i and supervisors i i'm pretty sure mr hemstreet missed something this time don't you think he did yes yes i think he did i think he did too i think he did turner i think he did miss glass i think he missed

[00:29:23] something don't you think he did i i think he did yes i think he i think he did too i don't i don't know i think i remember very important thing i i if my memory serves me mr hemstreet just received acknowledgement and accommodation for a kidding 30 years from icma for being a county exec and let your memory serve? I think so. And because of that, the supervisors all got together and got something that we really think is going to be so important for Mr. Hempstreet to have. Mr. Rogers,

[00:30:00] would you come grab this and give it to Mr. Hempstreet? Because I think everyone should see what you get when you work 30 years in county government with elected officials. Would you give that to him, please, Mr. Rogers? Thank you so much. Mr. Hempstreet, I just think everyone should see what you need after 30 years of working with county government and elected officials.

[00:30:24] So how about you just let everyone see that right now? This is true.

[00:30:40] I only have one cup of coffee. Thank you. Let the camera see it so Stan can see. It says just one cup of coffee. Now I can spend the meeting behind the cup now, too. Seriously, Mr. Emsbury, your expertise, your professionalism, your help, your memory, your kindness, your intelligence is so appreciated by this staff in this county.

[00:31:13] And I don't know if everyone in this county really knows how much you do, but we are lucky to have you. You are a remarkable servant. So thank you so much. Thank you, Chair Anna. Thank you. Good support. Okay, we have one information item this week.

[00:31:34] It is Chapter 872 and 873 of the Codified Ordinance. Would everyone please come down front? Well, you know, all the important people who need to be here for this, yes. Good evening. Good evening, Madam Chair.

[00:31:50] Glad to be here coming forward from the Finance Committee where we took an information item to them. board the committee members asked for some additional information for everyone's benefit this evening the board of supervisors made some changes to the ordinance for tax relief for the elderly and disabled in 2021 it asks my office to bring forward information concerning changes in the consumer price index real estate assessments and household income for the community so that

[00:32:30] that the board can consider making changes to the qualifying criteria for the program when the board last made changes in 2021 they increased the limits for household the income by six and a half percent during our presentation to the finance committee the members asked us to bring forward some additional information and that's included in your item today the board the committee members we're interested in knowing the number of parcels per income and net worth bracket and you'll notice

[00:33:08] that in table one uh the vast majority of folks that qualify for the program receive a hundred percent exemption um you'll see that on page two they're in the income bracket zero i'm sorry net worth of zero to 440 000 and income up to 77 000 for household income additional information that the Finance Committee asked for was the annual increase in median annual income for county

[00:33:41] residents since 2021, the last time that the board made adjustments to the income criteria. You'll see that in table five on page four, year by year. You are also interested in how we compare with other neighboring localities, and that's shown in table six, and you'll see the income and net worth criteria. We are still, I would say, the most generous of our neighboring localities regarding

[00:34:17] that information. I would absolutely say. Yes, and then the comment was made when the Finance Committee was having a discussion about being provided real estate assessment information solely and the changes year over year in that, and they were interested in knowing what were the changes in the actual tax bills for property owners and you'll see that information in tables seven and eight and you'll see the change in real estate assessments for the properties that are in the

[00:34:52] program overall and the properties that are qualified for tax relief and then the tax bills are shown in table nine and ten for broken down by property type condo townhouse single family The table 9 shows you the percent change in tax bills for the county overall based on property type, and 10 shows the percentage change in real property tax bills for the folks that are already participating in the program.

[00:35:25] And I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have. Yes, thank you. Thank you so much for this extra information. We very much appreciate it. Supervisors, there is no action tied to this

right now. It is just an information item, so we can all get familiar with the additional information that's been provided.

[00:35:44] But I do, I think Mr. Turner, I think you're the one that asked for some of this additional information. Do you have questions, sir? I do. Okay. The table, I assume it was the table six that you referenced in that we're the most generous of the comparator jurisdictions in Northern Virginia.

[00:36:05] Yes. I would submit, and I would be interested in your opinion on, but that is only relative if we compare the average median income within those comparator jurisdictions. Yes. Because I suspect our average median income in Loudoun County is substantially higher than all of those comparator jurisdictions.

[00:36:24] Would you agree with that? It's possible. That's probably accurate. Okay. I have read this three or four times, and I'm still confused. there's a section here where you say we already apply the cpi on an annual basis and there's and then there's a section that says we only review it manually every four years so i'm i'm really confused i mean my desire would be that the program automatically adjusts based on the cpi every year without having to have it sit stagnant for four years and then have us take action to

[00:37:00] somehow catch us up over those four-year periods what are the positive the pros and cons of that The reason there's a provision in our ordinance that allows an adjustment to only a portion of the program based on CPI, that's why it's mentioned in the item, it's for real property that is owned with someone who is a relative and does not meet a non-relative and does not meet the qualifying criteria.

[00:37:35] Yeah. So that's the only aspect of the program that hits CPI. Correct. And the reason it's mentioned in there is board members have discussed in the past that they may be interested in adjusting income based on CPI. And the reason it's in there is to let you know you have the opportunity to make adjustments automatically in your ordinance based on that type of criteria.

[00:38:00] What would be the steps we would have to take from this point forward to affect that, at least make a motion to do that? It would be an ordinance amendment. That would come up during budget discussions or? It could come up now if you're interested in making changes to the program effective January 1 of 25. You'd need to do it before the end of the year. I would, if you don't mind, in your time, I would say that what would probably be helpful is that you sit down and anyone who wants to have a discussion and talk to your office. Sure. To make sure we gather out the

[00:38:37] information that needs to be gathered talk to Mr. Hemstreet and then kind of put it together like that that's that's what I would and would it come in the form of a board member initiative is that we craft a motion and comes as a BMI or how does it how would that work it could but Mr. Hemstreet yeah so there's a couple ways the board could do this the one could be the you could draft a board member initiative placed on the agenda the other way that this could be done is we do have some budget development items coming up through finance you could ask as one of as part of one of those

[00:39:11] items just you know say i'd like to add this for budget consideration and as long as your colleagues are okay with that you know so perhaps part of the only i understand that but the chair of the finance committee is on record is really not liking that idea so so budget guidance for example goes from finance to the board and so when it's before the board you could also bring that up during that item and then as long as there's consensus from the board we can okay yeah just give anybody who's on finance yeah all right thank you miss umstead thank you madam chair so i think it was a couple

[00:39:48] years ago um i was under the impression that the board had already directed that um the cpi increases be incorporated automatically but what i'm hearing tonight is that is not the case correct okay what did we fail to do that i thought we were on track to do we just never got around to an ordinance change no you adjusted the ordinance but you asked that my office bring forward

[00:40:23] information every four years okay and so that's what prompted our bringing this information to you all right so um i think supervisor turner expressed um a potential discrepancy in the staff report which on the one hand indicates that every year we look at this but on the other says it's only every four years so is it only every four years we are bringing the information to you every four years okay all right the one provision i'm sorry for interrupting the one

[00:41:01] provision that's in the ordinance is relative to a change in CPI that's automatic. It's one of the qualifying criteria. It's one small provision of the program as a whole. It does not apply to the entire program. All right. Do you finally, do you have, do you find this attempt to apply CPI changes to this particular program to be more challenging because home prices might be going up

[00:41:40] more in this county than the average CPI increases across the economy? Does that present you with more problems? I don't think it's a problem for my office because we can apply whatever percentage calculation results from that change i think the board needs to be cognizant that the resulting loss in revenue may be what not what was anticipated all right that's very helpful thank you yeah mr crony thank you chair randall and thank you mr warts so i do i would support automatic

[00:42:19] adjustments um i do remember when supervisor umstead brought forward a bmi i think that was the intention versus every four years, I remember that. So question that I have is in the application for tax relief it states that the value of a residence and up to 10 acres is excluded from the applicant's net worth. So in the rural part of the area there are many properties that are over 10 acres and some families have owned the property for generations but at the same time you

[00:42:57] know maybe kind of priced out of loudon uh do you think the 10 acre limit um kind of limits participation potentially and kind of unfairly disadvantages that part of the county i don't believe we've seen that too much we try to counsel property owners relative to the qualifying criteria, so we normally wouldn't have applicants that make, property owners make application

[00:43:30] if they're not going to qualify. I haven't seen that that's a significant hindrance for individuals to qualify for the program. It does add some additional net worth to their criteria. Okay, thank you. That was a question. Thank you. Okay, thank you very much. I have a I'm feeling somebody's going to be reaching out to you pretty soon.

[00:43:58] Yeah, I was going to say, Madam Chair and board members, Rob Drake, who helps administer the program in the office, one of my deputies, he or I, it'll be fine for you to reach out to either of us. Okay, sounds good. All right, and thank you for wearing the pin today.

[00:44:13] Appreciate you. All right. Thank you. All right, next thing, we can go on then and do some action items, folks, we because we're running plenty ahead well not ahead of schedule but we're not running behind schedule either so um is everyone here for the dpz work plan can you come down downstairs like you guys are like you're in prices right how fast you're coming down right now like we can go

[00:44:44] home how are you i know i did notice that y'all got the wrong color on there we are doing well And as a pull-up presentation, I will note that Jackie and I did not coordinate wearing yellow.

[00:45:07] However, we are happy to bring some sunshine. We are impressed, though. Okay. Mr. Turner, when this is over and questions are over, I'm going to go to you as T-Luck Chair for a motion, if that's okay, sir.

[00:45:25] Mr. Turner? Okay? Okay. Wonderful. Ready when you are. Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the board. This is our quarterly update on the Department of Planning and Zoning work plan. We have previously been to you most recently in April. and July. And if you've read through the item, you'll note that there are a number of minor changes for a number of ongoing items. We currently have 21 items listed, 21 rows, I'll put it that way, 21 rows in the three tables here. Of those, 13 projects are currently active, so we do have a

[00:46:01] lot going on, as I know you are all aware. So a number of those have been happening. There have completion and there is one project that I definitely want to focus on with y'all tonight about the data center yeah project phase one and phase two but I'm happy to answer any questions for anything else other than that even if I don't highlight it in my comments why don't you go yeah go on and yeah finish it and then we can talk do questions so overall we still recommend keeping all these projects here keeping them at their priority level so the motion

[00:46:38] prepared in the packet would do so for you our two biggest projects that are currently ongoing are the western loudon rural uses and standards which the board just approved the project plan for recently the other is the data center standards and locations that by board motion was broken out into a phase one and to a phase two phase one as you recall was intended to do three things and at least your direction to staff in preparing the schedule was to do them very quickly was to look at remapping from a general plan perspective, from only a policy perspective,

[00:47:18] place types to determine where data centers would and would not be appropriate. It was to change data centers from any other use listing in the general plan to a conditional use. And the third was to make data centers a special exception in the three current zoning districts where they are by right. Those three were the only three things that were included in phase one. We were in front of you in July for some confirmation on that. The board did make some changes for the mapping component of that, but otherwise directed us to forward that to the planning commission for

[00:47:51] hearing, which we have done. Phase two, it was to look at any other policy or regulatory matter beyond those three things. So it's staff's intention to kind of go back and look at what was adopted last December with the new ordinance to see if there's anything that might need a tweak, if there's anything that was missing, and also just to look from a policy perspective to make sure we have adequate policy to support anything that's in the ordinance now or anything that we might add as part of this process. So in September staff briefed the planning commission at their work session which is before their public hearing and then they had their public hearing on phase

[00:48:30] one just last week. What I really want to highlight for the board is that essentially a number of the the commissioners expressed some concern about limiting themselves to the three items in phase one. A lot of them, looking at all their comments, expressed a desire to look at things far more holistically. I've detailed in the item, I'm not going to go into this level of detail now, but a number of their questions,

their concerns, their requests, so that the board can kind of understand what level of feedback and concern that they are experiencing right now.

[00:49:11] And then Ms. Marsh and I spoke to the Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair earlier today actually to talk through, and I thought something that the Vice Chair said might in some ways kind of explain all of this. It's that, you know, the board and DPZ staff have been having this conversation about this data center project for years now, off and on.

[00:49:29] Things have changed, but we've been having this conversation. So staff and I think the board are very comfortable with understanding what the goal is, why there's a phase one, why there's a phase two, and things of that nature. And the commission just is not quite there. We've tried to explain those things in the two conversations we've had thus far, and we will continue doing so.

[00:49:49] But I think the commission's leadership overall thought that that was maybe just the biggest stumbling block, was that the commission, this is still very new to them as opposed to the conversations that we've been having since the TELUC data center series a few years ago. So within the project plans that DPZ brings before you, the direction I've given the staff is always to build in essentially four meetings on the end of those projects when it comes time for recommendation and action.

[00:50:18] A hearing and a work session at the commission and a hearing and a business meeting at the board. the commission and board however not are not beholden to that it is up to both bodies to add additional meetings they could take action at the first hearing you know you have flexibility we don't try to assume how much or how little time you're going to take there so that's why the project plans are made that way and i've had that discussion with the commission as well our intent and i think our hope based on the board's guidance had been that phase one would go through pretty fast because i know that at least a majority of the board that passed those

[00:50:53] motions wanted to take action on the conditional uses and special exceptions pretty quickly because of the just the concern that the board has about the speed at which data center development is happening and and the commission wants more time to to consider it to ask questions to think about it so i highlight all of that for you because at this point a lot of the things that i've detailed in the staff report will take time but staff can address them there were two requests from individual commissioners. One was to potentially have some sort of economic impact study done

[00:51:30] to start with before they get started so they would have an understanding of what this effect just for phase one might have. Another was to bring on a third-party consultant as someone that was not as invested in these decisions both from an applicant standpoint, obviously wants to go faster, would love to get their approvals as much as they can. The board, whether it's data center specifically or the external effects, such as the conversations we've been having about power and transmission lines. There's a lot of stuff built into this, so the recommendation was that maybe a third-party consultant that didn't come from these past few years of background would be able to be a little bit more objective as part of this conversation. I mention that

[00:52:09] just because we did not put funding in the project plan for either of those things, so if the board supported that and wanted to pursue them, then we would need to seek that guidance from you I think I'll pause there that's sort of my summary overall of where things stand we have not they the Commission did send this project to a work session they did not specify one we have a brief conversation with leadership today and we will partly depending on y'all's feedback tonight work on scheduling that

work session but I just wanted to highlight that that difference of opinion and desire I guess from the two bodies to see if the board

[00:52:48] had any questions and guidance that you wanted to provide tonight. Okay. Thank you very much. I think there's lots of questions up here actually on the dais. Mr. Turner, Chair of Delac, I'll start with you, sir. Gosh, I don't know if there's questions as there is commentary, but I'll try and frame it in the form of a question. So your assessment is that these data

[00:53:21] center discussions began in the spring of 2022 and have been going on almost continuously for over two years now but the the consents and i don't want to put you on the spot here but your sense is the planning commission does not feel like they have sufficient information to be able to move forward on phase one yes at least not as expeditiously as the board i am shocked at that I don't doubt your assessment at all.

[00:53:52] I am shocked. If they truly do not know what has been going on for two and a half years on this subject, I'm just flabbergasted. Be that as it may, I just want to emphasize you're absolutely correct in your assessment of the board's intent on phase one.

[00:54:12] We have been inundated with by-right development of data centers for the last two and a half years, and we believe that an updated map and a special exception and conditional uses are the core to get managerial oversight back to the board of supervisors in this county on its most important business sector and it has a real sense of urgency um i just took a rough guess and based on the recommendations i'm seeing and the questions that need to be answered for the planning commission that would probably add three to four years to the project and that's just okay but that's the

[00:54:50] board is is that's unacceptable to this board i believe so i just wanted to clarify if in fact and you have that that's where the planning commission is thank you thank you mr crony uh thank you chair randall so i noticed that um the commission was asking for um the creation of a subcommittee numerous committees of the whole sessions uh having uh inviting numerous organizations so what what's your assessment as far as the delay that this might cause for phase one so at the

[00:55:29] moment i've i've just built in a three-month um edition i think at a minimum that's what's likely to happen i i think in individual conversations versus in this environment i think the individual comments are a little bit more positive about their ability to move quicker than you might get the sense if you're hearing just all of the questions and commentary that comes from all of them at once. But I do think that there's just a lot of concern about taking a step that's not, that they don't fully understand the repercussions of. And they're largely fearful that if phase one

[00:56:06] moves forward as it is, that they're somehow missing something that should be there now that safer phase two i don't think that that's a significant concern since some of it is education so we've been we've offered individual briefings we've met with some of them we will continue trying to do so um but i i just think there's a lot of concern about any any um unnecessary or unintended consequences of acting on phase one without additional consideration of a lot of the things that are currently in phase two you mentioned uh hiring a third party consultant

[00:56:42] consultant i know that we're doing um it sounds like dpz is doing some work on mapping out transmission line location so i assume we have a consultant for that i think i think so we do and we actually have a consultant that was um brought on board for this when we broke it into phase one and

phase two we were reserving their use more for phase two and research um on the policy and regulatory sections as opposed to just the mapping and these simple changes because technically they They are simple.

[00:57:10] They do have larger ramifications, so I don't want anyone to misconstrue what I'm saying. But from a technical standpoint, it's some very simple text tweaks and a few mapping changes that we could handle in-house. So that's why we were not initially using consultants for phase one. Right.

[00:57:26] But I mean, if they have questions about power, transmission line, energy, those kind of questions, it sounds like we have a consultant anyway helping with another project that maybe could help the planning commission with some of the questions um without hiring another consultant we can if they're if they're relevant to that aspect of the conversation yes absolutely i think some of the questions go beyond just the electrical transmission concern um but yes you're you're right we have and some of the information we have already started to provide them has come from some of that other work as well right and so i think the intent was to fast track kind of phase one

[00:58:03] and then maybe some of these issues that i saw could be addressed in phase two and it sounds like you're trying to move it that way right where we could move forward with phase one and then wrap up mr groney some of the issues could be addressed in phase two that's how we framed it based on on the discussion with the board and the board's previous motion thank you okay i'm set uh thank you madam chair dan the the planning commission is its own independent entity and even if the board were to

[00:58:38] Direct them to move more quickly than they are comfortable with I am assuming they have the independent decision-making ability to Take whatever time they feel they need as this is not an applicant's Application or do you believe they could be?

[00:59:03] Unwillingly required to move faster than they want to I knew I was going to be asked that question, and I intended to have something pulled up. If you give me just a moment, I can do that. If you have any other questions, I'm happy to talk through it now. The other thing while you're doing that is when it comes to aesthetics for data centers, I've spoken with some data center representatives who say they would love to be able to partner with elementary school kids and project the artwork that these kids produce

[00:59:40] in art class up on the walls of the data centers. But when I looked into that, talking to county planning staff, they believed that would be prohibited currently by our ordinance. So this is just a suggestion.

[01:00:00] I would hope we could examine that as we look through any changes addressing aesthetics. Dan, have you found what you were looking for? So partially. For the State Code Authority for Comprehensive Plan Amendments, when the governing body desires the amendment, it can prepare it or can refer to the commission essentially to prepare it and then must submit it to the public hearing within 60 days or such a longer time frame, which is essentially what we've done.

[01:00:32] the commission it must be in the zoning section under the comprehensive plan section there's not something that specifically states here that you can that you can limit the time but there there is a part that I'm going to try to find I'm very sorry about this I totally intended to have this up that you can set a deadline as part of your actions for them to consider within if you want to if you want to get back to us on that I don't I don't want you to have to do that tonight but I

[01:01:08] appreciate your effort thank you very much that's all i have miss brixman thank you madam chair um actually we've been talking about this since 2021 when buddy riser's office came with the initial item on the mapping oh sorry if i was coughing made him bark um so this have the staff i understand four planning commissioners have gotten a staff briefing do we think that that has helped at all with the understanding of what we're trying to accomplish I would like to believe

[01:01:45] it's helped I think any of that conversation is helpful but as I think you all experience planning and zoning is just not something that's most people have a lot of innate knowledge about so there is just a bit of confusion we do have a few news whenever we have good conversations yeah I agree I first of all I don't want phase one and phase two to be combined which is what I read that they want to do. And I think that we would have to combine them, correct? At our board, we would

[01:02:18] have to combine them. They cannot combine the two items. So I think that is at the board's discretion. Okay. Just hypothetically, if the message back tonight was take all the time you need, then we could... That is not the message. I understand. So I think if the board gave us that direction, we could, without formally redoing the project plan or anything, we could move forward in that way i i like the way we have it with the two phases separate um so that's good to hear um it does the planning commission have the authority to make a subcommittee they do okay does the planning commission have the authority to hire a consultant

[01:02:55] no the money the board would have to allocate the money through the process we usually and as supervisor to crony was saying we already have a consultant i thought the consultant was working on phase one, the one that we hired to accelerate the process. So whenever we first brought this, the project plan forward, when everything was combined, their work was more of the mapping and more front loaded. After we split it into phase one and phase two, their work became more of the policy and things, as I mentioned, since the technical aspect was so simple for phase one. And that was just staff's choice. We thought that was the best way to allocate the resources. I think it would behoove everyone up here who's interested in this project getting

[01:03:33] done faster and phase one getting done faster that we should call our planning commissioners and have a conversation. That might be the easiest way to impart that wish. A couple questions about the rest of the work plan, if I might. What does TBD mean in the work plan? Because I don't know that the St. Louis village plan is not TBD in the sense that we think some of these other things are TBD. You'd be accurate in that assessment. It's it is truly to be determined in that case um i i honestly do not have a good estimate for you so

[01:04:10] that was my choice to take a time off rather than just putting an arbitrary one up there i think we need another definition of tbd meaning we're not going to work on it versus tbd that we actually will work on it at some point i'm out of time thank you so miss miss glass is your planning commissioner new from last term is there a new person or you have the same one i have the same Okay, so that makes, so then it's five then.

[01:04:36] Five of the nine planning commissioners are new. So a majority of planning commissioners are new. And so I want us to be really careful that we're saying that we've been working on this since this date. We have, and we were all reelected, but we then put in five new planning commissioners. So for them, they haven't seen this for that long. This is new for them.

[01:04:57] And so I want us to remember that. And I don't, you know, we put these people up here. And so I want to be real careful to not criticize the very people that we appointed to sit on this to be a planning commission. So especially when a majority of them are new.

[01:05:14] I do believe that there is two things going on. You know, I always say get it right. I'm not worried about getting it too fast. I'm worried about getting it right. There's a limit to that discussion as well. And so maybe the discussion to have with our planning commissioners, again, who we put here, can they shorten that timeline and how we help them get there?

[01:05:40] Do they need to meet with us to find out why we made decisions we made in the past? Do they need to sit with staff some more? Do they need to go watch old meetings so that they understand some of the things that's already happened and how we've reached some of these goals in the past so that they don't feel like they have to plow the entire field again and may not know why we did what we did in 2021 or 2022.

[01:06:06] And so instead of kind of criticizing them, let's help them get there faster because you're right, we do not want to take the time that this is going to take. I also don't want to tell the planning commissioners or my planning commissioner that they don't get to have all the information they need to make the decisions they need to make.

[01:06:22] And so this might be one of these moments that's incumbent on all of us to try to help people get caught up who don't feel caught up on our planning commission, and so that we can move this along a little faster. This timeline's too long, but at the same time, I want them to know what they need to know.

[01:06:39] And so I think that's a better way to try to approach this when we have a majority of people who have not even been sitting up here as our planning commission for even a year yet. The second thing is, Ms. Brickspin's right, TBD does mean to be determined, but I don't want to freak anyone in St. Louis out to mean that there is no timeline.

[01:07:03] We have a meeting to thank the task force, is it next Monday? Coming up very soon. And we have all been talking about this. And so we know that St. Louis will be having answers much quicker than some of the other ones.

[01:07:19] And I want to make sure people know that TBD literally means exactly what it means. It doesn't mean it's not on the agenda or coming up anytime soon. So that's important to say that. So I don't feel like we've given you direction.

[01:07:37] So let's try to get to the place where you feel like you have a little more direction because otherwise you all just kind of go away not having that direction. So, supervisors, are we saying to our planning commissioners that we believe their timeline is a little more extended than we'd like it to be?

[01:07:57] Is that what we're saying to our planning commissioners, yes? Okay, as a body. Are we saying as a body that we're going to work with each of our planning commissioners to ask what they need to have to get to where they need to go faster? Are we saying that with each person who might need that?

[01:08:15] Okay, are we saying that? Okay, then the question, Mr. Galindo and everybody, the question is, what do you need from us to let you know that we'd like the Planning Commission to get what they need, but shorten this process? Just me saying that, or is it something in a motion?

[01:08:34] How do we help you get to where you need to get with the Planning Commission? Because it feels like right now there is, you know, truthfully, your answer to Ms. Umstead wasn't completely correct.

We can actually pull this and kind of instruct them what to do.

[01:08:53] We can. We just want to do that in the most respectful way possible. So how do we, do you have all that you need right now from us to know that we want a tighter timeline? Or do you need something else from us? Or how can we help?

[01:09:08] So I would be happy to convey that message. I do think it would be more, I don't want to use the term forceful, but it's what's coming to mind, if it was by a motion or if it was by written correspondence from the board to the commission where it was not coming straight from me, where I could be coloring it or anyone's doubts could be.

[01:09:30] Well, I think that's actually, I think you got that right. I think to roll this into the verbiage of a motion right now would be really hard. I think the better thing to do is for me to sit down with the TLAC chair. We craft a letter for the planning commission, let everyone see it, and then it gets sent to the chair and vice chair of the planning commission and then to the full planning commission as well.

[01:09:52] Might be a better way to do that because trying to craft words and emotion on the spot is never pretty. And so is that okay with you when we get together and get something from the board written? Now, I will say, colleagues, we cannot write a letter.

[01:10:08] Nine people can't write a letter, right? So the T-Luck chair and I will work on the letter, and if you see something that's just glaring or that you just think is absolutely no, let us know. But otherwise, we'll try to get a letter that includes everyone's kind of thoughts. And then if we get five of us to sign up on that letter, that would be a letter from the board, even if not every single person agrees with it, it would be a letter from the board, And then that would be sent to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

[01:10:37] And we will try to get that done. Mr. Turner, if we can get this done in the next maybe 10 days, that would be really helpful for them. Does that sound like something that can be? Yes, ma'am. Okay, wonderful. All right, having said that, Mr. Turner, I'm going to go to you for a motion. I just, if I might, just a point of clarification.

[01:10:54] Could we, perhaps, we had this discussion about Phase 1 and Phase 2. Would you mind if we got a consensus on the board about combining or splitting those projects and and it should i believe be mentioned in the letter is there anyone who doesn't believe there should be a phase one and phase two okay then we'll make sure we clarify that in the letter sure all right mr mr um turner would you like to make a motion thank you madam chair i move that the board of supervisors approve the current list of projects listed in tables one two and three on the department of planning and zoning work plan as identified in the october 1st 2024 board of

[01:11:33] of Supervisors business meeting action item, comma, with the exception of item number two, table number two, the purchase of development rights program, semicolon, I further move that the board defer consideration of item number two, table two, purchase of development rights program to the October 16th board meeting.

[01:11:56] I will second that. It's not the way I thought it was going to happen, but sure, I'll second that. Mr. Would you like to have a motion -- would you like to have an opening on that motion? - Just very briefly, there's been quite a bit of discussion about the Purchase Development Rights Program. I think it's worthy of additional conversation, so I'm fine with that, and I would like to acknowledge, I agree with

Chair Randall's statement, which I hadn't considered that five of the Planning Commission members are brand new, and that does change the equation for them, and so I respect that.

[01:12:26] And then just one additional comment that I would like to see in the letter a deadline if I heard correctly, that we have the authority to establish a deadline. And it doesn't have to be egregiously short, but it also shouldn't be extensively long.

[01:12:42] And I think if we have a deadline to work to, understanding the old military axiom that a job will expand to fill exactly the time that you have given it to be completed. But still, I think a deadline in a letter would be a good idea, but that's to be determined. So thank you, Madam Chair.

[01:13:01] Mr. Crony. Thank you. So, point of clarification, the PDR part of this is being moved to the October 16th business meeting. Okay. So, one thing I would encourage my colleagues to do is to meet with PEC before that meeting so you can understand kind of what we're talking about with a pilot and a phased approach to the PDR program focusing on the suburban policy area.

[01:13:31] i think it's it's a really good concept um and and i would encourage you to meet with them before the october 16th meeting thank you thank you miss brixman thank you madam chair i just want to clarify with staff because um i was going to make a friendly to the original motion and i want to make sure that the motion that supervisor turner made accomplishes what was in the friendly um so The friendly would have been to exclude the PDR project,

[01:14:08] which shall be added to the October 16, 2024 board business meeting for further discussion. And in the interim period between now and October 16th business meeting, staff is to defer any and all work toward a purchase of development rights program, including any meetings and research.

[01:14:25] So we already TBD'd line item two. That's already TBD. What the friendly, my intention with the friendly is to cease discussions and meetings and development of items about a pilot program until the rest of us can catch up, basically.

[01:14:48] So does that motion cover that, or do you think you need the friendly? I'm not going to hold in, because you don't need to answer that, because that puts staff in a really uncomfortable position. How about you just ask Mr. Turner, will he be fine with that friendly? Are you okay with that friendly? I'm not. Okay.

[01:15:03] Okay, well, then she can make it in terms of a motion, okay? Do you want to finish your comments before you make the motion or do you want to make that motion? Sure, sure. I guess I don't, okay, the difference we can talk about later. But in watching the TLUC meeting, I had some concerns that when we sent this item to TLUC, we had a discussion about staff not working on items and doing research for a PDR program because line item two is TBD, because the majority of the board does not believe that a PDR program is the best use of taxpayer dollars

[01:15:40] and county resources to preserve the land that we're looking to preserve. So that is why I wanted that section that was written on page eight. I want that work, and the majority wants that work not to happen until we have the opportunity to meet with PEC for us to decide if that's the best way forward.

[01:16:07] Shall I reread the motion? So you're actually arguing a motion that you haven't made yet right now. I am so sorry. Okay. I'll go ahead and make the motion. Okay, before you do that. Is it an alternate motion? No, it would be an alternate motion. Before you do that, I actually want to speak on the original

motion first, and then I'll go back to you. Mr. Turner, or Mr. Galindo, let me ask you, Has the Planning Commission had even a discussion for the timeline for the data centers?

[01:16:33] Let alone a drop-dead date or a goal date? They haven't, right? No, nothing specific. Yeah. You know, Mr. Turner, you and I are going to craft this letter so we can craft it how that looks. But I don't know if I want to – I don't want to promise we're going to put a date in there yet until we talk to our Planning Commissioners and see where they're at.

[01:16:53] It might be that we get there, but I'd like to have those discussions before we get there. And you and I can, within the next two days, what I'd like to have is everyone talk to the planning commissioners, and then you and I write this letter, and it's hilarious because I'm saying you and I, when we both know it's going to be more you than I.

[01:17:12] I'm going to write this letter. But let's talk about whether there's a timeline, a date after we talk to them, because we don't know what they need before we tell them a timeline and a date yet. So I don't want to promise that yet. It might be or it might not be.

[01:17:27] Is that okay? Okay. Having said that, I'm going to go to Ms. Bricksman because now what's happening is there's an alternate motion on a motion that includes already part of the alternate motion you're going to make because part of the alternate motion is to table this to the next business meeting.

[01:17:50] That's already part of the motion, but you can, if you need to wrap that up into the alternate motion, you can. So, this is not-- - What a parliamentary answer. - Well, I get what you're saying, 'cause is this a motion to table?

[01:18:09] I got you. - I believe it is. We asked for a motion to table that section of the DPZ work plan until October 16th. This is the motion that staff gave me to table that portion. Why don't you read the part of the motion that does not talk about the fact that we're already tabling it to August 16th?

[01:18:30] Because otherwise, what you would be doing is making a motion to table, of which there's no discussion on a motion to table, and I know you want to have discussion. I'm fine either way. So how about you read the part that does not include the August 16th part, so there's an alternate motion and not a motion to table.

[01:18:47] Does that make sense? I'd be happy to offer a little assistance. I think the missing part is just at the end of the motion where it's directed us out not to do any work. Exactly. That's exactly right. Well, I need to read that as part of the motion. You need to read that as part of the motion.

[01:19:03] You don't need to read the date of when this is going to be moved to as part of the motion. Otherwise, you're making a motion to the table. Okay. Okay. So I move that what is not being done. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the current list of projects listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3 of on the department of planning and zoning work plan identified in the October 1 2024 board of supervisors business meeting action item excluding the purchase of development rights project would

[01:19:32] show can i help you yes please can i can i have that just for a second thank you ma'am um so something like um i move that um staff is to defer any and all work towards the purchase of development rights program, including any meetings and research and any item development until after the October 16th, 2024 business meeting may be the motion you're trying to make right now.

[01:20:04] Until after. All right. Is that the motion you're trying to make, Ms. Bricksman? That's the motion I'm trying to make. Is there a second on your motion, Ms. Bricksman? There's a motion and a second for Ms. Bricksman. Discussion on the motion, Ms. Bricksman. Thank you, Madam Chair. I think I laid out my case earlier. Again, for me, this is not so much about staff time, although that is a little bit of a concern.

[01:20:25] It's more of a concern for me that the board has given clear direction that a PDR program is not the best way to move forward. With our concerns about land preservation, this board gave that direction, and what was in the DPZ work plan is basically counter to what board direction was.

[01:20:46] And so I believe that for staff to be doing work on this, and bringing an item back to teluc full board direction needs to be given so we will have the opportunity to research um ourselves on that and then on october 16th hopefully we can have a vote okay um discussion further discussion on the motion mr turner i've lost my train of thought the uh at the teluc meeting um we had a fairly long discussion because we were cognizant of

[01:21:22] board's direction not to staff not to task staff to continued work on the pdr program and we had a discussion mr hempstreet if you don't mind i'll bring you into this about whether asking them to get the pec presentation was in fact tasking them to do extra work my understanding out of that discussion was no that's not tasking to do extra work it's providing them with information um so i don't think there's any intent here to have the staff work uh in a violation of the board's very clear directive not to work on the pdr program i don't

[01:21:58] think there's any intent to have them do that in the intervening time between now and october 16th it's just deferring the discussion with the understanding that the staff is not allowed to work on the pdr program in the interim and it gives us some time as you said to allow the the staff to receive more information is that a correct interpretation incorrect interpretation in your mind of what went on at tuck mr museum street uh yes that is that is my i i agree with what you just stated however vice chair brisman has given offering a more specific motion which

[01:22:34] would restrict us from even meeting with anybody thank you thank you madam chair that's that clarifies thank you um so there's no one who doesn't know that i want a pdr program i put a pdr program up my very first term i want a pdr program the reason i'm going to support Ms. Briggsman's motion today is this. Mr. Crony just said that she hopes every supervisor meets with PEC between now and the 16th. Staff can do all the work they want to if the supervisors

[01:23:09] haven't actually sat with PEC and done the work. The staff giving us a briefing doesn't really help a whole lot. And so in the next two weeks, just because staff's not doing the work doesn't mean each supervisor cannot go sit and meet with PEC. And I, for one, am going to, to find out what is different um about what they're what they're putting forward now i'm not even sure what pec is putting forward should be called a pdr program nor am i sure why they thought they would should have called it the pdr program i don't know what they're trying to put forward at all because i've not met with them yet and so it doesn't make sense for staff to do work for us just after us after we

[01:23:47] meet with pec we go yep we don't want to do that because now we have waste of staff's time and so So I'll support the motion while encouraging my colleagues to go on and meet with PEC to see what they're saying because we also don't need to slam the door on whatever they might be saying when we don't know what they're saying yet.

[01:24:05] That's the first reason I support the motion. The second reason I support the motion is because it is my practice that when I have a colleague who is not on the dais with us and I know they want to speak to an issue, I try to give them every opportunity to do this.

[01:24:21] I know Mr. Letourneau wants to speak to this issue. He and I don't agree on the issue. We never have on the PDR program. But it is professional courtesy, in my opinion, to allow a colleague who is not here speak on an issue. And that's always been my practice, and that will be my practice tonight.

[01:24:39] It never matters whether I agree with them or not. It matters that I have a colleague that I know wants to say something about something, and I will give them that chance. And so I will support this motion, and I will encourage all of us to meet with PEC.

[01:24:56] And then after the 16th, after we meet with PEC, it is very possible that the majority of this board will go forth because this is not really a PDR program, it's something different, or, oh, this is a much more boiled-down PDR program than we ever thought before, or this won't use that amount of tax money, or, oh, we found some grant money.

[01:25:17] We have no idea what we might even say. We don't even know if this will cause a taxpayer a dime because we haven't talked to PEC yet. So let's everyone go talk to them. Let staff not do the work until they do talk to them. Let's not make any opinions of what should happen yet or shouldn't until we at least give them the respect of having that conversation.

[01:25:37] And then on the 16th, let's come back and have the conversation. This is a motion, so she gets to close. Madam Chair, could we have a restatement of the motion in its final form? Can you restate the motion in your final form, Ms. Berksman? Point of order, Madam Chair.

[01:25:53] Yes, sir. Is this an alternate motion or is it an amendment to my original motion? This is an alternate motion. So if this passes, then my motion dies? If this passes, that... My motion is replaced. Well, the reason we only read that part of your motion is that everything else in your motion stays, and this is added to the motion.

[01:26:14] motion does not die, which is why I was very careful to read only the back side of this alternate motion. Everything else remains that you said. Then this is an amendment, not an alternate motion. Well, no, it's an alternate motion. It's an alternate motion.

[01:26:30] It is. She can read the whole thing. It's an alternate motion. Yeah, it is. Okay. Would you like to read it one more time and then do a closing? Yes, ma'am. Thank you. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the current list of projects listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3 on the Department of Planning and Zoning work plan as identified in the October 1, 2024 Board of Supervisors business meeting action item.

[01:26:55] No. Why am I not supposed to read that? Because that was in the motion. I know, but this is an alternate motion, so I need to read the first part of the motion. No, no, we just discussed the motion I read, And you said, basically you made Mr. Saines second it.

[01:27:14] You have to, which is why I didn't read the first part. Okay, read the whole thing. Now you're making a different motion now. You know that, right? Isn't the first part of my motion the same as the first part of his motion? I think it is. Was it the same?

[01:27:29] Yes. It was the same. That's my intent, is to do the same first part with a different second part. I'm fine. Point it there again. I'm fine with that, treating it as an alternate motion, and we're just voting on

the alternate motion. Okay. Will you read it all? I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the current list of projects listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3 on the Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan, as identified in the October 1, 2024 Board of Business Meetings Action Item,

[01:28:02] Excluding the Purchase of Development Rights Project and any further discussion, and in the interim between now, any further discussion, staff is to defer any and all work toward the Purchase of Development Rights Program, including meetings, research, and item development until after the October 16th, 2024 business meeting.

[01:28:31] Would you like a closing? Thank you, Madam Chair. Like a closing? Yes, Madam Chair. So, in discussions with staff and the county administrator, if staff were to meet with PEC, they would, by default, have to bring back an item to the TLUC committee.

[01:28:52] So, this is not just about the meeting, this is about an item coming back to TLUC that was not authorized by the entire board. So, that is the point in making sure that everyone has the opportunity to meet with PEC, and then we will decide if we want to direct staff to do this work.

[01:29:10] Thank you, Madam Chair. - All right, the motion was made by Supervisor Brixman, seconded by Supervisor Sains, kinda, but you all got what we got, okay. All in favor, please say aye. - Aye. - Opposed?

[01:29:27] - No. - Okay, Ms. Glass, did you vote? You said aye. Ms. Umstead, did you vote? All right, that motion will pass 5-2-2 with Mr. Crony and Mr. Turner voting against the motion, and then Mr. Kirchner and Mr. Letourneau being off the dais.

[01:29:53] Thank you very much for everything. All right, it's 5.30. We're going to do some resolutions. Way more fun. All right, resolutions. Let's see. Let's see, let's see, let's see.

[01:30:13] All right, Ms. Glass. Do you have your Proclamation for Disability Employment Awareness Month?

[01:30:31] Yes, Madam Chair. You do? And is everybody here who received a FAME award? Okay. Let's all meet down front for that. And then after that, what we will do next is Breast Cancer Awareness, Fire Prevention Month, National 4-H Week.

[01:30:53] If you guys could pass me that from where it was sitting, National 4-H Week, and then Hispanic Heritage Month.

[01:31:49] All right. You want everyone to come down? Do you want to give those to Ms. Glass? There we go. Ms. Glass, there you go.

[01:32:06] Hi, how are you? Come on both sides if you can, please. Both sides would be great. Both sides? Yeah, yep, yep, yep, yep. All right. We're going to read the proclamation, and then, Ms. Glass, I'm going to let you.

[01:32:22] I don't know how you want to do the Fame Awards because we haven't actually had a chance to talk about how you want to do the Fame Awards. I know, and when you're going to read some, oh, I shouldn't call you, I'm sorry. You're going to read some things for the Fame Awards and then people will come up and, is that right?

[01:32:38] And I almost called you Ms. Gipour because, Sahar, you're going to come over here and you're going to read those one by one and how you guys want to do that after she meets the proclamation. I bet

you stand right here with me. Okay, let's read the proclamation first.

[01:32:55] Good evening, everyone, and thank you for coming out today. Proclamation, whereas the talents of all people, including those with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy where every day individuals with disabilities add significant value and talent to our workforce and economy.

[01:33:19] And whereas hiring employees with disabilities strengthens businesses, increases competition, and drives innovation, And by providing accommodations to existing employees returning to work after experiencing an illness or injury helps retain valuable talent.

[01:33:38] And whereas National Disability Employment Awareness Month is led by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment with this year's theme being access to jobs for all, which ensures disabled workers have access to good jobs every month of every year.

[01:33:55] and whereas the Loudoun County Disability Services Board created the full accessibility and inclusion moving toward equity, fame, award to recognize businesses that demonstrate a commitment to hiring people with disabilities, providing them with opportunities to develop their skills and careers, and offering employees a welcoming and supportive work environment, and whereas Loudoun recognizes the disability services board 2024 fame award recipients burger is a burger five or burger fee

[01:34:32] always get it burger five jackson harlow salon and more better restaurant and beer garden now therefore be it resolved that the loudon county board of supervisors does hereby proclaim october 2024 as disability employment awareness a month in loudon county and urges the community and employers to support and value talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and society.

[01:35:01] Thank you so much, Supervisor Glass. Thank you, Chair Randall, Board of Supervisors, and our DSB board that's here tonight, and our recipients, and the ones that nominated our recipients. A disability-inclusive workforce is a strong workforce. All Americans with disabilities deserve dignity, respect, and an equal chance at providing for themselves.

[01:35:36] The DSB created the Full Accessibility and Inclusion, Moving Towards Equity, or Fame, awards so that businesses and organizations in our community that demonstrate a commitment to hiring people with disabilities are acknowledged. Every year in Loudoun County, we seek nominations and award companies in our community who make it a priority to hire qualified people who happen to have a disability. Our board of supervisors are also strengthening our infrastructure and transportation system, making it more accessible so that our aging and disabled community can get to work. In keeping with the Department of Labor's

[01:36:15] theme, access to jobs for all, on September 30th of this year, the U.S. Department of Labor announced the availability of a new tool that provides access to more than 700 accommodation ideas for workers with disabilities and their employers.

[01:36:33] Since the Americans with Disabilities Act requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations for disabled applicants and employees when requested, this new tool could help employers and workers learn what has worked for others in similar situations.

[01:36:52] They found that nearly half of the reported accommodations for workers with disabilities can be made at no cost. And that the median cost for those that require a one-time expense is only \$300. So I

am saying that so that you know that access to Jobs for All does not have to blow an organization's budget.

[01:37:13] As chair of the DSB, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to our 2024 Fame Award recipients and those who nominated these organizations for your commitment to hire talented individuals with disability in our community.

[01:37:36] So thank you so much. So if we could have Chris, we'd like to give you Chris. Oh, we don't have Chris. Okay, so the representative of BurgerFi. Are they here?

[01:37:52] Not here. Okay, well, I will accept that award, gladly accept the award on his behalf. All right, and Jackson Harlow Salon, congratulations. Okay. Yes.

[01:38:11] Would you like to say a couple of words? I thank you. Stay on television. I write a little, so yes. You wrote a little something?

[01:38:28] I did. Okay, well, then let me hold this for you. I can't hold that for you. There you go. She sent out the email. I was like, okay, I'm going to do this. So good evening. I'm honored to stand before you today to talk about something that has always been at the heart of Jackson Harlow. Our unwavering commitment to inclusion and diversity in the beauty industry at Jackson Harlow, we believe that beauty knows no boundaries and that extends for beyond the services we offer. It's about creating an environment where everyone, regardless of ability, has the opportunity to thrive, shine, and contribute to their unique talents. The beauty

[01:39:04] industry has long been celebrated for its creativity and self-expression. Yet at Jackson Harlow, we recognize the true beauty lies in our actions and values. That is why we are committed to being leaders and supporting people with disabilities. We give opportunity to include individuals who might have been overlooked, not just because it's the right thing to do, but because they bring invaluable perspectives, creativity, and passion that enrich our team and our community. We are proud of the diverse team we've built where everyone, no matter their ability, has a place to grow, succeed, and lead. By fostering an inclusive workplace, we ensure that

[01:39:40] all voices are heard, that every stylist, technician, and professional can contribute to the vibrant fabric of Jackson Harlow. Our commitment goes beyond employment. It extends into mentorship, training, and career advancement, ensuring that those with disabilities are given the tools and support to flourish in this industry. At Jackson Harlow, we understand that diversity and inclusion are not just buzzwords. They are the foundation of innovation and excellence.

[01:40:05] By embracing all talents, we are not only changing the face of beauty, but challenging the industry's norms to create a future that is truly inclusive for everyone. Together, we are proving that beauty is not defined by limitation, but by the limitless potential in every person. Thank you. the next awardee is more better more better restaurant and bar i was gonna say more better

[01:40:39] beer but congratulations thank you so much i didn't write anything but sure um thank you and i just want to say that getting to work with mitchell over the past um year and a half has been amazing not only for me but for the rest of my staff and week in and week out he genuinely is an example for what all employees should be.

[01:41:14] So, thank you. Thank you. Congratulations. Thank you so much. That concludes our, you know, award ceremony. Now we go to more, better beer, right? I mean, I'm just kidding.

[01:41:31] Okay, first of all, congratulations and thank you to everybody up here. Two things. What you just said was so important because working with people with disabilities helps everybody. and so and we have this belief that it just helps the person with it but it's not true it helps everybody I also like that what you said Evelyn you said people who happen to have disability because like their whole self is not just that there are all these things and then they happen to have a disability I thought that was a really strong and powerful way to say that so good job and thank you to the board and thank you to everybody and let's take a picture

[01:42:04] oh she has jokes would everyone come down for the breast cancer awareness month please i do

[01:43:36] we're good we're fine we're good hi how are you come on over

[01:43:41] yeah yeah okay we're gonna do the um resolution good evening everybody thank you so much for

[01:44:30] coming. Whereas Breast Cancer Awareness Month, observed each October, is a key opportunity to recognize the progress made in preventing and treating breast cancer while emphasizing the ongoing need for education, awareness, and continued research to support those affected by this pervasive disease, which continues to impact hundreds of thousands of Americans annually.

[01:44:56] And whereas early detection through screening continues to be essential for improving survival rates. According to the American Cancer Society, when breast cancer is detected at a localized stage, the five-year relative survival rate can be as high as 99%, underscoring how annual mammograms and regular self-exams remain a highly effective screening tool. And whereas raising awareness about breast cancer and increasing funding for research has led to significant improvements in treatment and diagnostic procedures. For example, adjustments have been made for when and how often women are recommended to have mammograms.

[01:45:32] And in September of 2024, the Food and Drug Administration issued a new rule requiring health care providers to inform patients if they have dense breast tissue, which increases the risk of breast cancer. And whereas there are many organizations in Loudoun County committed to providing critical resources, education, and direct assistance to those impacted by breast cancer, including ANOVA Hospital, Loudoun Breast Health Network, Stepsisters, and Walk for Mountains, who will be hosting their annual walk for breast cancer on October 12th in Lovettsville, as well as Bishop's

[01:46:06] Events, who is hosting Miles for Mammograms on October 6th at Claude Moore Park. And whereas Loudoun County Board of Supervisors continues to support efforts that raise awareness about breast cancer prevention and early detection and encourages citizens, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to engage in efforts that promote education and prevention. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. So I will say a few words, if you don't mind,

[01:46:46] Madam Chair. I stand before you today as a breast cancer survivor. This time last year, I was undergoing radiation treatments for breast cancer. It was discovered early in stage one through my annual mammogram, and my mammogram about 14 months before that was normal.

[01:47:08] So as we were saying earlier, every year it's really important. It can grow in just a matter of 12 to 14 months. I had a lot of support, thank goodness, for my treatments, and I added this part about the

dense breast tissue because it's really important. I actually have dense breast tissue and I just went back to a visit to my breast surgeon last week or the week before and now because of that they inform me but also I need to get an MRI and a mammogram every year

[01:47:41] alternating every six months. I need to get either one so they will step up your care if they know that you have that and you should be asking your provider if you do. I do intend to join Walk for Mountains this year. I feel so much better. It's one of those things like you didn't know how bad you felt until you started feeling better. And I started feeling better probably around March or April. So thank you everyone for your support and thank you for all you do in the community.

[01:48:12] Real quick, Anova Loudon Hospital is very, very thankful to the county for continuing to make it very known that breast cancer awareness is important. I'm here today, unfortunately, because one of our amazing surgeons is currently in surgery and had to scrub in right before she came.

[01:48:29] Dr. Michelle Avgari sends her regrets, but she's doing what she needs to do. And as Supervisor Briskman said and alluded to, one in eight women will get breast cancer, so annual mammograms are incredibly important. - I'm with Loudon Breast Health Network.

[01:48:48] We are an all-volunteer organization That helps just Loudoun County residents. We don't go outside the county, but that's okay. And we raise a lot of our money through the schools. Yesterday I was at Tuscarora High School. Right now I'm heading out to Riverside for their pink powder puff game.

[01:49:08] And I want to tell you, if you want to see any hope in the future, go walk into a high school classroom. It's there, I promise you. It's wonderful to be around those kids. I also want to say the Walk for Mountains, it's a great opportunity.

[01:49:26] This isn't just a disease for women, though. This year we had two men that we helped, and it was kind of an enlightening thing for all of us. Like, this doesn't just happen to women. The other thing is, and I say this to everybody every year, it's a great month, and I love it, and all the excitement and all the good that's done.

[01:49:49] But November 1st, a woman will wake up with breast cancer. So even though we really highlight this month, it's 12 months out of the year. So thank you for including us. So I would say, because you didn't do it your own home.

[01:50:05] So when Stepsisters first really got started, and I really understood what you all were doing, I remember one of you said to me, like, you know, we go in and we take kids to their appointments and we clean the house and we mow the lawn, all that stuff.

[01:50:21] And it was so like eye-opening. It's like, oh, yeah. I mean, like, you know, you get this diagnosis, but your life doesn't stop. You still have to keep cleaning your house and making dinner and taking the kids and going, all that kind of stuff. And so what you all do so often is help women get through just their lives and men while they're dealing with breast cancer.

[01:50:41] So it is absolutely amazing what you all are doing. I also want to say that two years ago, I decided, you know, the first person I called was Dory, and I said, I have this idea of doing my mammogram on camera. It was a great idea until you walk into the room and somebody's behind you with a camera, and you're like, this was a bad idea.

[01:51:02] But it was you that I called first, and it was you that walked. You and I went through every step of doing that on camera, and that video was now playing at the health clinic of what it is Because so many women, I did that because I remember when I walked the mountains and I got my mammogram standing in line.

[01:51:23] There was a lady behind me that said she never had a mammogram, never. And I said, why? And she said, well, I'm scared. So I decided to do it just to show people that it's not that scary, right? And just to show what it was. And so thank you for that.

[01:51:38] And that video is still out there. I won't be doing that ever again. I'm going to mammogram again, but not on camera, not on camera. But that video still shows, and you all were wonderful for that. And we look forward to Walk the Mountains, and thank you guys for what you do. And let's take a picture. Mr. Turner, make sure you're in, because I know that you had a friend, a very good friend, who survived a double mastectomy, and this is an issue that is very important for you as well.

[01:52:05] Thank you. All right, let's get this picture.

[01:52:33] Everybody from Fire and Rescue, come down, please.

[01:53:01] And where are they? They're right here. Is that Fire and Rescue? it right here no that's fine I care just I think they're underneath the Mr. Sains do you have my fire and rescue here we go again here it is here it is right here um Laura can you can you reach this for me Mr. Sains can you reach this for me hi how's it going I'm well you know what I was thinking actually you may want to do the thing again when we did the um take vaccinations on camera because they the people who are getting flu shots is really low this year remember we did

[01:53:41] that during covid we did vaccination on camera it's really low this year people are not getting their flu shots and then the new covid shot and so we're talking about how to make the awareness and so that wasn't fun but i think i think jeremy gave me my shot so i might call yeah probably yeah jeremy or mike yes it wasn't yeah they were the hot shots at the time that's why they were calling themselves the hot shots hello chief johnson how are you all right proclamation for fire prevention there they are i was like where the dogs i know there they are proclamation for fire prevention month all right whereas fire is a

[01:54:19] serious public safety concern both locally and nationally and the county of loudon is committed to ensuring the safety of all residents and visitors and whereas loudon county's first responders work to reduce the occurrence of home fires and fire injuries through proactive fire prevention activities and life safety and education and whereas roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms and whereas having a working smoke alarm cuts the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half

[01:54:55] and whereas residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home and whereas Loudoun firefighters offer free smoke alarm inspection and smoke alarms to all Loudoun County residents. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 2024 as Fire Prevention Month in Loudoun County and the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors urge all residents to participate in various outreach events

[01:55:33] throughout the fire prevention month and remember smoke alarms saves lives yay chief johnson before i hand you the mic i want to tell you something a couple of years ago when we were doing

this i actually shared that when we were doing a fire safety drill in our house because you've got everyone aware and a little paranoid um a little paranoid that my son was not waking up to the smoke alarm sound he wasn't waking up and then I read that a lot of young people for whatever reason don't wake up to that tone

[01:56:12] and you told me to do one that is a voice activated instead the difference was amazing so it was like wake up Aaron wake up and it actually it actually it actually worked whereas It's just the dinging one did not work.

[01:56:29] So, yeah, you were correct, as always, as always. Here you go. They have them for the visually impaired and the hearing impaired. So whatever your impairment is, we have a working smoke alarm for you. And I'm going to turn it over to Lisa. Lisa Montalvo is our heart and soul, our public education manager.

[01:56:45] This is her life. She does every day, dedicates to fire prevention and smoke alarms. But I wanted to point out these two special guests. We have Luna, who is our new canine, and Aurora, who is our retired canine. See, she looks a little retired. So Leif is the handler, was the handler for Aurora.

[01:57:07] Aurora has a couple health issues, and I think I sent that to the folks. And so she's working through a thing now that she's retired. That happens in retirement. You go to see the doctor more. But we're hoping that she rests comfortably and that she goes on to live as long a life as possible.

[01:57:23] now that she's retired so uh we'll hand that down to lisa come on lisa there you go luna keeps right here front center there you go and you're going to be the one to hold this too when you're going to speak oh gotcha yeah so we do a lot of programs with loudon county fire rescue primarily our smoke alarm program and this year's fire prevention week theme is smoke alarms make them work for you sometimes we don't feel like they are when they're chirping or falsing false alarms so our smoke alarm program not only ensures that people have working smoke alarms but they also are working for them and they understand how they work so when they do have that chirp or they can avoid the chirp so they don't dismantle those we also have our fired up for safety program which goes

[01:58:03] to target every single first grade classroom here in loudon county that's all on top of our operational personnel going out into schools to do preschools kindergartens we are in hoas businesses our code inspectors are regularly checking emergency preparedness plans we are just hitting it on all fronts it is really a department system-wide thing that we all work together on especially in October we do it all year round but October is our real big push very good okay this is yours and anybody else we're good all right then let's take a picture

[01:58:35] for 4-H if you were here for 4-H yeah you go could you come down oh hello I am well I am well

[02:00:17] Mr. Crony is going to read the 4-H resolution while I fix this in this folder all right so thank you hello can you hear me okay okay so 4-h is the national youth development program of the land grant universities who are celebrating national 4-h week october 7th through

[02:00:53] the 12th, 2024. And 4-H focuses on the fourfold development of the head, heart, hands, and health of youth members ages 5 through 19. And 4-H is American's largest youth development organization, annually empowering nearly 6 million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

[02:01:15] And Loudoun County 4-H, through hands-on after-school and in-school programming, reaches over 25,000 youth annually, and National 4-H Week recognizes the ways that 4-H inspires youth to take positive action and highlights the significant impact that Loudoun 4-H members have on their communities.

[02:01:36] Now, therefore, be it resolved that Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 7-12, 2024 as National 4-H Week. Yay! So one thing I wanted to mention is my daughter does the 4-H camp in Front Royal.

[02:01:58] Yeah, that's a great camp. Isn't that a great camp? Yeah. So I don't know if you guys want to say a few words. Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you to all of our supervisors again for your constant support of our local 4-H program.

[02:02:17] So in true youth development fashion, we're very excited to have one of our extraordinary teens here with us. She has been a longtime member of our club program, multiple clubs for probably eight or so years now, but she also serves in various roles at the state level through Virginia 4-H. She's currently a cabinet ambassador and a 4-H livestock ambassador, and you'll see in just a minute that she is an amazing public speaker. As we just told her about 15 minutes ago, we would like for her to share very quickly about the impact the program has had on her. So I will hand it over to Mary Grace. Thank you so much. My name is Mary Grace

[02:02:57] Menue. I've been a 4-H member for around eight years now, and 4-H has really helped me so much in gaining confidence, public speaking skills, and leadership abilities. Right now I'm serving as the Northeast District Ambassador for the Virginia 4-H Cabinet, where I represent 25 counties in Northeast Virginia. I'm also a 4-H Livestock Ambassador, and right now I just got elected as president of the laden county 4-h dairy club 4-h has really taught me so much about leadership and what it means to be a leader it's helped me discover my passions and i know that it will

[02:03:28] help me to succeed in the future so thank you so much i will also say that i know mr kirchner is gonna is missing today because his his boys are also in 4-h and so he had to miss today but i'm sure he would extend to you his thanks and his congratulations all right let's take a picture

[02:03:49] Actually, you're going to join me back down front is Hispanic Heritage Month.

[02:04:50] Jason, you should come down here. And actually, is Abby still here? No, that's too bad. Okay. All right. Hello.

[02:05:08] I think I brought my glasses. Hi, I'm here. Whereas Hispanic Heritage Month, or Mes de la Gerencia Hispana, Hispania was originally observed as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968, but was later extended to a month-long celebration by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, and whereas this year's Hispanic Heritage Month theme is Pioneers of Change, Shaping

[02:05:46] the Future Together, and this month we celebrate and highlight the impact and contributions of the Hispanic and Latino communities have made to Loudoun County, and whereas the Latino and Hispanic immigrant community provides the backbone to our success in the community.

[02:06:06] The work ethic, grit, and resilience of the Latino and Hispanic people contributes to a thriving economy in Loudoun County, and whereas the Hispanic Student Association of the Loudoun Campus of

Northern Virginia Community College have created a space for Hispanic students and culture to be represented, celebrated, and expressed, and whereas,

[02:06:31] The Year's Hispanic Student Association has accumulated Northern Virginia Community College students from a variety of different backgrounds and cultures and provided the opportunity for their voices to be heard through meetings, potlucks, and social gatherings.

[02:06:47] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim September 15th, 2024 through October 15th, 2024 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Loudoun County and recognizes the contributions of the Hispanic and Latino community.

[02:07:06] It's my understanding you all just reconstituted this group, right? So you guys just started to back up. You want to tell a little bit about why you did that and how that came to be? Yeah, so last year, I was just a regular member of the Hispanic Student Association at Northern Virginia Community College here in the Loudoun Campus. You know, the population of Hispanic students in our campus is really small, especially last year, only a few members were able to attend. And now this year, I am the president of the association. And this year, we have gathered

[02:07:44] over 30 people, and we're still counting. And you know, it's really great. We're trying to get as many people as we can. Right now we're working on doing social gatherings, more potlucks, and just ways so we can spread our culture throughout the campus. So I'm really glad that this proclamation has happened and I'm here today. Thank you. Somebody who really helped write this proclamation has worked really hard. Anything you want to say? Sure. I don't know what to say, but I appreciate the opportunity to have worked with Stephanie to write this and the

[02:08:22] other offices that joined me as well. My culture is very important to me. So I thank Chair Randall and Matt for all the support and the other offices as well that joined me on this and Stephanie and everyone at NVCC as well for being here. And if it wasn't for that support, I wouldn't have been

[02:08:55] able to do this. Thank you. Well, truthfully, if it wasn't for you, we actually wouldn't have done

[02:09:06] this no joke wouldn't have done this and so thank you all right let's get a picture okay we are

[02:10:45] going to go on and do our public speakers our public comments and then after that we i think we only have one more action so you may finish that before we take a take a break just give me one second i will call your names uh three people in advance when i call your name please come to the podium closest to you when you are finished speaking if you would really push the podium to the next person that would be very helpful the first person is James Russell followed by Matthew Noonan followed by well what I'm going to do is go to everyone in the room and then I will go to the

[02:11:18] web to the virtual so after Mr. Noonan I'll go to Fred Ferraris because I think the other people are actually on on the WebEx and so we'll go we'll do the everyone in the room first good evening Mr.

[02:11:34] Russell I'm wondering if we can acknowledge that these people exist I wonder if we could admit to the basic fact that among the constituency of Loudoun County, there are Palestinian Americans. It's not up for debate, and I wonder if we can acknowledge it. We cannot accommodate a conversation about a mostly symbolic gesture for a ceasefire resolution. We cannot acknowledge attempts for inquiry as to financial matters to determine whether or not Loudoun County is invested in

[02:12:10] the crime of the century, not in this economy. But can we acknowledge that these people exist?

[02:12:21] I, as have pretty much everybody else, spent my own time studying the racialized atrocities of the last 200 years, the chattel slavery of African Americans and the subsequent repression that goes on to this day, the continental scale of genocide against the indigenous people who inhabited these lands, including the land we are inhabiting right this moment, the Nazi Holocaust against European Jews, European Romany, LGBTQ people.

[02:13:03] and their partisan comrades. I, as everybody else, have spent time looking at these stories, wondering how such a thing could happen, wondering what I would do if I was living to bear witness to something like that.

[02:13:24] I believe there is a through line. There is a consistent quality over these atrocities. I believe they begin when the officials who represent those people, who take responsibility for those people, fail to acknowledge their identity.

[02:13:55] I believe that if we cannot acknowledge the identity of the Palestinian-Americans who live in Loudoun County, practically speaking, they would already be dead. Thank you, Mr. Russell. Matthew Noonan, followed by Fred Fiaris, followed by Marianne Manning.

[02:14:14] Good evening. Good evening. I just want to let you know that the tragedies that we're witnessing in the Middle East going on right now in the past day and weeks are all of our elected officials' fault. It's, of course, the federal politician's fault, it's our state officials' fault, and it's your fault for not speaking out.

[02:14:38] As long as we're silent, this is going to continue to happen, this is going to continue to get worse, and it affects your neighbors extremely intimately, people that you will hear today speak. They are terrified for their families.

[02:14:58] And, I mean, everything that I want to say, I've already said. I don't know how to say it another way, honestly. But it's extremely disappointing to hear this silence from our officials.

[02:15:21] And that's about it. Thank you. Fred Fiaris, followed by Marianne Manning, followed by Bill Hatch. Good evening, sir.

[02:15:36] Good evening, ma'am. My name is Fred Ferraris, and I live in Willowsford in the Little River District. I'm here representing the Loudon Invasive Removal Alliance. On behalf of Lira, I want to extend my appreciation to Chair Randall and the entire Board of Supervisors for the support that you've demonstrated with your time, energy, and financial commitment to the invasive initiative that Lira members and many residents of the county began discussing before the board around this time last year.

[02:16:03] Since we first presented, we've collectively come a long way. Lira's membership has grown and now includes members from every district in the county. We represent residents from Little River in the west to Sterling and Algonquian in the east, from Catoctin in the north to Dulles in the south. Lira presented our vision for a program, and you worked with us to provide an initial \$250,000 to fund the scope of the program.

[02:16:25] Members of the Lira board collaborated with county staff and representatives from Loudon Soil and Water District to provide structure for our vision and to develop a pilot program that will deliver impactful results. The first Scrape for the Grape event was organized by Lyra, Visit Loudon, the Extension Office, and various wineries.

[02:16:43] Participants from across the county helped to remove tens of thousands of egg masses, which mitigated the potential of over 2 million spotted lanternflies from hatching this year. Which, if anybody's looking around outside, they're around this year. However, the spotted lanternfly is only a symptom.

[02:16:59] The issue is the spread of invasive plant species, where invasive insect pests then nest. As we close out 2024, the pilot invasive program that you funded with \$150,000 will be conducted at six different locations. This program will help to inform the next steps for a larger program and identify ways to achieve success at scale across the county.

[02:17:23] As we look forward to 2025, LERA is aware that the Board of Supervisors is considering providing funding for a countywide invasive plant removal program. You have the full support of LIRA and our commitment to the success of the program to achieve the vision that we laid out here a year ago in October of 2023.

[02:17:41] We've assembled a few speakers to share more of what's transpired over the last year and to reiterate the importance of such a critical and time-sensitive program. Thank you for your time. Thanks for the support. Thank you very much. Marianne Manning, followed by Bill Hatch, followed by Roger Zanes.

[02:17:58] Good evening. Hi, good evening, Chair Randall, supervisors. My name is Marian Manning and I am board member with the Belmont Community Association in the Ashburn District. I am also a Lira board member, an alliance which now counts 53 HOAs representing over 200,000 homeowners throughout Loudoun County. It's been almost a year since Lira spoke to the board of supervisors about the pressing issue of invasive plant species that are widespread throughout Loudoun County and we are so grateful for the support you have given us since then.

[02:18:32] You listened, took action, and now a year later we are working with our partners at Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District on a pilot program that we firmly believe will demonstrate just how effective this program could be if it were to be rolled out on a county-wide basis in the spring of 2025.

[02:18:50] The economic and environmental impact of invasive plants is a big deal, but I wanted to reinforce that the health and safety of our residents is a hugely important aspect to mitigating the invasive plant species in the county. For example, Japanese barberry, which is prevalent throughout Loudoun County, has been shown to harbor and boost deer tick populations by enhancing their microhabitat and survival, spreading Lyme disease.

[02:19:17] Japanese Barberry is a perfect example of an invasive plant that is popular with developers, as it is an attractive shrub that is also inexpensive and grows quickly. In Belmont alone, where we have over 18 miles of roads, Barberry is one of the most common invasive plants in our community, comprising over 70% of the shrubs planted by the developer.

[02:19:41] Bradford pears, which have a weak wood structure and Japanese steel grass, which is highly flammable when it dries out in the fall, are just two other invasive plant examples that are hazards to human safety. Identifying and removing them will go a long way toward keeping our residents protected from the harmful effects of these plants.

[02:20:00] And as for LIRA, it has been exciting to be a part of this truly grassroots movement. In addition to working with the county and Soil and Water District to stand up this invasive plant mitigation program, the number of HOAs joining LIRA grows every week.

[02:20:17] Fairfax County has replicated LIRA with FIRA and is up to 35 members. Delegates like David Reed and Sue Haas have been getting involved at the state level, and we've even helped organize resident training sessions on topics of Tree of Heaven removal.

[02:20:34] In closing, we recognize that we wouldn't be here. Oh, am I done? You are. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Bill Hatch followed by Roger Zanes, and then we will go back to Sarah Bazaar.

[02:20:50] Good evening. Thank you. I'm Bill Hatch, and first of all, I want to show you a couple pictures. They'll be in, I'll hand them to the clerk so that everybody can see them. Yeah, they're disgusting. They're here in Loudoun County. These pictures were taken Saturday, last Saturday, the 30th, and they're pretty amazing.

[02:21:08] Grapevine, tree of heaven. As a lifelong farmer in the Catoctin district, we farmers have been fighting, destroying, crop-destroying invasive insects and plants for my entire life. Invasive species are one of the many risks of farming.

[02:21:25] I applaud all efforts to limit invasives and the economic damage to hundreds of Loudoun vineyards and our rural industry. The Scrape for the Great campaign promoted a huge amount of awareness for the Spotted Lanternfly and the Tree of Heaven because it is a magnet to the Spotted Lanternfly.

[02:21:46] The hack and squirt, which you all know about, for killing the tree of heaven within a few hundred yards of my home vineyard, Zephaniah Farm Vineyard, has had very good results. We are seeing many fewer lanternflies in our vineyard sucking life out of our vines.

[02:22:06] I fully support the continued elimination of the tree of heaven and other invasive plants and insects in Loudoun. Wine growing is farming, and viable farming is, in my opinion, the very best tool we have to preserve rural Loudoun.

[02:22:25] Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Hatch. I actually was incorrect. We'll do Roger Zanes and Beth Erickson, and then we'll go to the web with Sarah Bazar. - Good evening, Mr. Zanes. - Good evening.

[02:22:41] Do you hear me? Not known for my low voice. So thank you all very much for allowing me to present tonight. My name is Roger Zanes, as you know. I'm on the board of the Highlands of Round Hill HOA, which is in Supervisor Kirshner, Catoctin district.

[02:23:04] Our HOA is the 53rd, and the most recent HOA to join What has been introduced already is LIRA, the Loud and Invasive Removal Alliance, an organization I first learned of through an article in the Times-Mirror last week.

[02:23:20] I immediately saw an opportunity to help our neighborhood because we've got lanternflies out the yin-yang. And I contacted Mark. We got together real quickly. And the reason that the HOA wants to join is because we've had a huge infestation of the spotted lanternflies this summer that, quite frankly, has made it impossible to enjoy being outdoors ever since July.

[02:23:50] Our neighborhood is home to a number of what are called the Trees of Heaven, which is an aggressively invasive species of tree that is the preferred host of the spotted lanternfly. Throughout their life cycle, we of course would like to root of as many of these trees as possible Which we hope would also

decrease the density of spotted lantern flies in our development before learning of Lyra I was planning on cutting down all of the trees in my backyard with a chainsaw this winter

[02:24:25] Glad I didn't do it because I have subsequently learned that if you cut down a tree of heaven It puts up 50 suckers that all become trees of heaven and then you've got a real problem on your hands. Lear fortunately has a solution which I think was just introduced as the hack and spray method that is effective at getting rid of the trees and that's what we'd like to get involved in as soon as possible.

[02:24:53] Combating invasive species requires a multi-pronged effort as you all well know. So I'm confident that I speak for all of us in our group and for pretty much everyone Loudoun County that suffered the lantern flies that we thank you all for your attention to this important issue and you know that you recognize that this is an important economic environmental and health and safety issue for all the constituents in Loudoun County. So thank you very much for your possible additional funding in the coming year. Thank you so much Mrs. Zanes, appreciate it.

[02:25:29] oh okay yeah thank you time okay thank you um mr beth erickson followed by sarah bazar followed by rula nassar good evening madam chair madam vice chair and members of the board of supervisors i've often joked that if i had a one-line job description it would be making tourism visible what i will tell you over the course of the last two months certainly in leesburg throughout loudon County, as my colleague Mr. Hatch has shown, the spotted lanternfly has absolutely made

[02:26:03] invasive species visible. So Loudon was leading this effort well before the blooming of what is an attractive yet nuisance bug this past summer. And so I think what's really incredible is that what we knew, and we were really excited about the Scrape for the Grape, and many of my scrapers are here and are here as well was that the two million spotted lanternfly that we removed were just a drop in the bucket so this is the time for continued pressure and just making sure that

[02:26:40] there's awareness within the community and lira and the help of loudon county has really taken a huge step forward in that and this is um also virginia wine month month of october is virginia wine month. So it's really fitting for me to be before you to say thank you so much for helping to support the industry that is putting so much money back into our economy. And as we look to continue to raise the awareness, one of the things that I think is really, that gives me tremendous pride, as I'm sure it does to you as well, is how this program has become a model for other regions.

[02:27:16] And you think about with Fairfax coming online, if Pennsylvania had come online with something similar if maryland what we would be seeing in loudon county would be greatly reduced so um the time is now the time is ripe as frustrating as it is and as i'm sure many people have seen me kind of staggering down the sidewalk as i stomp on every single spotted lantern fly that i can find that continued awareness is important and i am so grateful for your support and i'm so grateful for the community so thank you very much and happy virginia wine month thank you miss erickson just give me one second so i'm going to be putting up a post

[02:27:55] tomorrow about the what are they called the egg masses because i was under the impression that these egg masses would only be found on the tree of heaven trees well in fact they are they can be anywhere that i have a picture here that i will put up tomorrow and they are on like the an awning of somebody's house, and so I think one message that we can put out is anywhere you see these egg masses, they don't have to be on trees to go on and kill them. If you don't mind, and if you know, and if you don't, I'll call Mr. Hatch back up. Can you tell us the timeline? Because I think

[02:28:33] that they're supposed to be dying out right now and laying eggs. Can you tell us? That is correct, and I think that where you're going to be seeing the spotted, I mean, the egg sacks really start happening is now and then as the foliage comes off trees and as you really start to look around the egg masses become more and more visible and it's really through that education that one of the speakers had also mentioned and through Virginia Cooperative Extension they really help to define what a spotted lanternfly egg mass looks like and what's important is each of those egg masses hold between 35 and 50 spotted lanternfly eggs. Is there

[02:29:13] any other way to kill an egg mass other than scraping? I cannot think of a more satisfying way to kill the egg masses than scraping them, or as we did in Bluemont, we collected them in cups and threw them into the fire.

[02:29:29] But that was also very satisfying. But when you looked at where we saw the largest concentration of egg masses was up in Bluemont, and they were on the posts of the vineyards, they were on the vines, they were underneath any really anything that was out there so they will go anywhere they can safely lay those egg masses okay well thank you very much for that information and madam chair i will say again virginia cooperative extension and lira have great visuals for what those egg masses look like a lot of my information i do actually get from lira i'm going to put some put some posts up

[02:30:06] tomorrow and i will ask that people share share the post far and wide so everyone can see what they're what they look like and we have more scrapes planned starting in december in january and i will ensure that i provide that information to you madam chair yeah yeah yeah thank you so much thank you so much all right let's go to um sarah bazar or bazar i don't want to say your name incorrectly so i'm sorry if you don't mind pronouncing your name for me i'd appreciate that And then after that, we'll go to Rula Nasser and then Lauren Taylor.

[02:30:45] Is it Andy who's doing the calls tonight? Is it Andy on the phone? Andy, can you hear me? Yep, I just put her through. All right, we're ready for you, ma'am. It's Sarah Hussain Bazar. Bazar. Thank you, ma'am. We're ready for you. Good evening.

[02:31:03] Conscious folk are here today to question the direction of our nation's priorities. In Loudoun County alone, \$8 million of our taxpayer funds are funneled into the Israeli occupation forces, contributing to the one-year-long genocide in Gaza and decades of occupation of Palestinian lands.

[02:31:23] This is money that could be used right here at home, on local initiatives, on rebuilding our communities, employing special education teachers, where we have a national shortage of, and even providing 138 scholarship opportunities to our high school graduates here in Loudoun County.

[02:31:41] Have we ever thought if a natural disaster was to hit our county? Well, just recently, Hurricane Helene took the lives of 128 Americans, causing millions of dollars worth of damages, particularly along the East Coast, with North Carolina being hit hardest.

[02:31:58] Our people are suffering, our infrastructure is crumbling, and yet our government continues to send billions of dollars abroad to fund Israel's ongoing wars in the Middle East. The genocide has now extended onto Lebanon. Are you happy? Are you proud of yourselves?

[02:32:17] Should we continue to write blank checks to Israel? We must ask ourselves, where are America's priorities? Why not invest those funds here where they're so desperately needed to save lives? Instead, back in 2018, Americans in Texas were being forced to pledge allegiance to Israel as part of their

employment contracts, as well as to receive government disaster relief funds in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

[02:32:48] This is a blatant violation of our Constitution. This is not what we as Americans stand for. Our First Amendment rights are being trampled in the name of foreign proxy wars. And in time, we say enough is enough.

[02:33:04] Israel is a proxy.

[02:33:16] We demand an end to this blind support for Israel's military aggression, a call for permanent ceasefire, an arms embargo, and divestment from all Israeli companies, starting with Viap, which received \$244,872 in fiscal year in 2024 alone. America must choose to take care of our citizens before it is too late.

[02:33:32] Ms. Basir, thank you. Thank you. I don't often correct a speaker because that's not really appropriate, but I'm going to do that right now because it's now been said twice, and I need to make sure it's clear because I did go check.

[02:33:51] Loudoun County does not hold any funds in any Israeli financial institutions or banks. We do not. I did check. And so I just want to make that clear, since tonight it's been said two times, and that's all I'll say.

[02:34:07] Our next speaker is Rula Nassir, followed by Lauren Taylor. Hello, it's Rula Nassir, and greetings to everyone in the room, especially to Aurora and Luna. I would like to address Chair Randall. I saw the powerful post you shared from the Ark of the United States, and it really resonated with me.

[02:34:26] It's so important to recognize the dignity and humanity of people with intellectual and physical disabilities and stand against any form of discrimination or devaluation. Given your stance, I'm curious how you feel about the recent attacks on disabled Palestinians by Israeli forces.

[02:34:42] For example, Mohammed Bahar, a 24-year-old Palestinian with autism and Down syndrome, was killed when an Israeli military attack dog mauled him in Gaza. Similarly, Iyab el-Najjar, a 37-year-old Palestinian with cognitive impairments and limited mobility, was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers.

[02:35:00] Both were vulnerable individuals whose disabilities left them defenseless, yet they lost their lives in brutal circumstances. Additionally, Noor Judeh, a Palestinian born with a leg deformity, was wounded in an airstrike that killed 45 of her relatives in Gaza.

[02:35:15] Due to her disability, she was unable to get herself out of the rubble after the strike. These are just a few examples of how disabled individuals are caught in the violence, often paying the highest price. There are innumerable babies, children, women, and men who have lost limbs and are disabled by Israel with our taxpayers' money on a daily basis for decades.

[02:35:38] How do you reconcile advocacy for those with disabilities when Loudoun County is contributing to harm? Surely it must weigh heavily on your heart and conscience as it does mine. The time is now to condemn violence of disabled Palestinians, and I look forward to hearing your voice, as many great leaders before you have done when faced with injustices.

[02:35:57] Silence is not an option where activism is a duty. I'd love to hear your thoughts on how we can better stand up for the dignity and rights of disabled individuals, regardless of where they live. Thank you for your time and for raising awareness on such an important issue. On another note, I would like to recommend two books for the board members to read.

[02:36:17] Jimmy Carter's book, Palestine, Peace, Not Apartheid, and the Israeli-Jewish historian Ellen Pappas' book, The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Lauren Taylor, and then there are two more speakers, Jeremy Jones and Samantha.

[02:36:38] I think that's, if I'm reading the handwriting, I think it's Saboli. Good evening, and thank you for this opportunity. My name is Lauren Taylor, and I'm the Executive Director of the Blue Ridge Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, or PRISM for short.

[02:36:58] I'm also a co-author of the Common Agenda Briefing Book Paper on Invasive Plants for the Virginia Conservation Network, a consortium of over 160 environmental organizations across the Commonwealth. Blue Ridge Prism is the first and only cooperative weed management area in the state of Virginia, and our on-the-ground work covers 12 counties, including Loudoun, and 3.6 million acres.

[02:37:20] We're also working at the state level on a bipartisan-supported signage bill to provide point-of-sale education to consumers about invasive plants in retail garden centers. The United Nations reports that invasive species cost the global economy \$423 billion per year, so it's extremely exciting to be partnering with the Loudon Invasive Removal Alliance and the Loudon Soil and Water Conservation District in the groundbreaking Invasive Plant Removal and Native Plant Restoration pilot project approved by the Board of Supervisors.

[02:37:51] And we are thrilled to be providing the site visits, the training, and the education needed to successfully treat and manage invasive plants across the thousands of acres of common areas in the LIRA network. HOAs have traditionally been a tough nut to crack when it comes to recognizing the impact of invasive plants.

[02:38:09] And I give full credit to LIRA for bringing 53 HOAs and half the population of the county to the table for this important work. LIRA is having an extraordinary impact in just a short period of time. From their county-wide engagement in the Scrape for the Great campaign, to their exponential growth, to their successful removal this summer of dozens of Tree of Heaven, and forging the way for this pilot.

[02:38:32] We're already seeing the ripple effect spread to HOAs in other counties, and we could not be more grateful. Last but far from least, I'd like to thank each member of the Loudoun Board of Supervisors for your foresight in addressing this critical and urgent problem of invasive species, and for taking action.

[02:38:50] You're setting a tremendous example for other counties across the state, and we look forward to making a significant impact in Loudoun County. Thank you. Thank you. And then we have our last two speakers, Jeremy Jones and Samantha Ciboli.

[02:39:08] Good evening. Good evening. Firstly, I would like to... Mr. Jones, pull that microphone a little bit closer to you.

[02:39:23] There you go. Thank you. Firstly, I would like to make a correction to your correction. we are invested in data centers that are invested in Israeli companies. So really, even if it's not a direct connection, you know, like, there's still a tie there.

[02:39:45] There are many things we take for granted. In the past year, that has become abundantly clear to me. Clean air, water, food, family, housing, and the ability to wake up after going to sleep.

[02:40:01] All things this country has a history of depriving from others. 77 years ago, the Palestinian genocide began. This was called the Nakba. One year later, President Truman recognized Israel as a state.

[02:40:19] 15,000 people were killed. More than 75% of the indigenous Palestinian population forcibly evicted from their homes. The anti-Zionist organization, Jewish Voice for Peace, and the UN both recognized that the Nakba never ended.

[02:40:37] its desolation spanning seven decades into the present. Not just because we take the value of human life for granted, but because the American State Department's capital gain is top priority. If the entire population of Leesburg were wiped off the map, would you take their lives for granted?

[02:40:59] If all of Richmond died of starvation and disease, would you scream into a smoke-blanketed sky begging for help? There are no bystanders in genocide, only enablers. not take the humanity of the palestinian people for granted free palestine thank you mr jones and our last speaker is samantha saboli good evening good evening thank you i actually didn't

[02:41:37] plan on speaking tonight but thank you jeremy for reminding everyone that palestinian americans reside in this district and i'm one of them i've actually been living in loudon county and specifically, Sterling Park, since 1999. And so I have been an LCPS student, and I'm also an Iranian-American. So I have a very different perspective, I would think, but I'm not the only one in this district. And my ancestors came here fleeing political unrest and for better economic opportunities, and of course, the freedoms and protections afforded by this country.

[02:42:15] but today I don't feel those things. I am one of many contributing residents that represent the Palestinian diaspora, and I want to just talk to each of you, right? You all ran for a public office. Somewhere deep down, I ask you to dig down and remember past the self-ambition why you ran for office. It's to represent your people. It's to represent your district, and I'm asking you

[02:42:54] to please remember that. And if you can't think of anything but self-ambition, then you're part of the problem. Chairman Randall, I think that we have clarified a couple of things, but we are specifically talking about tax money too, because in Sterling alone, \$292,000 has gone to the genocide. And Viab has been funded by Virginia State in our budget since 1996. And just for 2024 alone, \$224,000 have been taken away from what we could allocate to affordable housing,

[02:43:34] health equity, combating environmental devastation, invasive species. And imagine if we just invested into small businesses. And finally, to close, the amount of diversity we have here in Loudoun County is amazing, but that turnout that I just saw for the Hispanic Heritage Proclamation is pretty sad.

[02:43:57] it's really sad. So I'm asking, are we connected to our community organizations in this county? Because I'm not seeing that. We have a lot of work to do. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. All right. That was all of our speakers. Supervisors, Mr. Kirshner would like to be part of a closed session. He's working to do that. And so I'm going to try to make that happen.

[02:44:22] We're going to finish the agenda before we go to closed session, but we do need a break. So let's take a 10-minute break, and then we'll come back and finish the agenda before we go to closed session. Thanks.

[02:44:34] Can we get everybody back to the dais who belongs on the dais, please?

[02:56:43] Things taste just alike. I don't like them. They all taste just alike.

[02:57:07] We are. We're doing any? Yeah. Yeah. Well, we have other things we can't do, but Mr. Well. What did she say?

[02:57:32] I wasn't sure if it was Burger Fee or Burger Fee. Did you say Burger Fee up here? I said Burger Fee. I said both. It's just like a Marine, Semper Fi, always faithful. It's Burger Faithful, which I am. You guys sounded, okay, that was ridiculous.

[02:57:49] You guys sounded like you just learned, like, the meaning of life. Oh. Okay, we are back, and we're going to do, let's go in and do nominations.

[02:58:05] and then we will go and then we will do uh the next item we have nominations please put your light on miss um step thank you madam chair i'd like to nominate tom solitario for the communications commission and thomas saxon for the leesburg executive airport commission that's it thank you i'd like to nominate ken britz for the sterling seats oh no excuse me this be at one of the at-large seats for the art advisory

[02:58:44] committee and i'd like to nominate bob saltzman for uh an at-large alternate seat on the board of equalization okay mr turner thank madam chair i nominate ray hon hater to the loudon health commission to fill the ashburn district representative position and i nominate william Alan Cochran on behalf of Supervisor Kirshner to the Historic District Review Committee to fill an at-large position. Thank you. Ms. Tacroni. Thank you, Chair Randall. I nominate Jean Galan

[02:59:21] to the at-large seat on the Heritage Commission. I nominate Elizabeth Ellers to an at-large seat on the Historic District Review Committee and Richard Smith Wilkinson for the at-large seat on the art advisory committee and i nominate teen uh tia ehrman um to the farm bureau representative seat all right supervisors let's uh do more comments real quick before we go to do anything else because then we can do once we do the do the action item and then close session we're then done

[02:59:53] so it would be would be done so um let's go with miss glass first thank you madam chair on tuesday september 24th uh two two disclosures i met with representatives from cyrus one to discuss the cyrus one broadlands application on october 1st my staff met with representatives from van meter to discuss the orm commercial application um regional updates of me or

[03:00:29] my staff have gone to a number of regional um meetings one's naco arts and culture commission meeting clean air partners board meeting the metropolitan washington air quality committee listening session which was on september 21st which was really interesting it was a group that wanted to discuss air quality and our take on what we're doing in Loudoun County

[03:01:05] and how we can focus on air pollution and they are talking to other groups in other areas of the region. I went to the NACO Health Services and Education Committee meeting, the joint veco education and finance election steering committee meeting the women of naco meeting and the northern virginia regional commission meeting thank you madam chair okay

[03:01:36] no comments about anything else just in general because your board comments uh no i can't think of anything right now no comments okay thank you very much miss umstop no no disclosures and no board comments thank you mr saints i did that on purpose just for the kick and the giggle

[03:02:13] mr saints no nothing nothing no not at all mr crony thank you chair randall uh on september 23rd and 24th i met with colleen gillis angela rajas and others regarding fleetwood north On September 25th, I met with Colleen Gillis, Amanda Williams, David Ramsey, and James Brothers regarding the Arcola Center application. So I am happy to announce the official opening of the Beaver Dam Reservoir Park to the public on Tuesday, October 22nd. There will be a ribbon cutting on

[03:02:51] Monday, October 21st. This is going to be a great new park next to Brambleton and Ashburn, and since 2019, the design teams and construction crews have been hard at work creating Loudon's first waterfront park at the 350-acre Beaver Dam Reservoir. This park is being funded and constructed under a partnership between Loudon Water, which owns and maintains the reservoir, and Nova Parks, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Reservoir Park will have an access point by the

[03:03:28] ball fields at Brambleton Community Park off Belmont Ridge Road and North Star Boulevard, and it will feature new entrance, parking lot, welcome center, restroom building, crew rowing facility, boat rental facility, pavilions, trails, waterfront, boardwalks, a bridge, and educational exhibits. There will be a natural surface trail that will run around the lake in a seven mile loop called the Reservoir Circuit Trail.

[03:03:56] And the area is also a very valuable habitat for a wide variety of wildlife. So I hope everybody will come out on the 22nd for the official opening. I know people have been waiting and have been emailing my office.

[03:04:11] It's gonna be a great park for the community. I wanna thank everybody who came to the Dulles South Community Park Town Hall. We had a great showing, and I want to thank staff who came and helped answer some questions.

[03:04:28] And then I also want to thank the speakers who came out tonight. I really value your voice and your feedback. Thank you. Thank you very much. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. Wednesday, September 19th, my staff met with Denise Harover from Van Meter Companies to discuss the application for Orem Farm rezoning.

[03:04:47] On Friday, September 20th, my staff and I met with Colin Gillis and Ben Wales from Curata Partners, Tim Rowe and Angela Rassus from Toll Brothers, as well as Ryan Connor from Urban LTD to discuss the application for Fleetwood North. On Tuesday, September 24th, my staff and I joined with Supervisor Glass and her staff for a meeting with Kathleen Leonard, Dominic Miner, Colton Ford, Melissa Stevens, Andrew Molinares, Robert Barksdale and Wesley Allen from Dominion Energy, Brad Hout, Eric Heger, and Steve Schmidt from Cyrus One, Brian Clifford and Antonio Calabrese from DLA Piper, Bruce McLeod

[03:05:23] and Jim Lamb from Commonwealth Consulting, as well as Ron Meyer from RMA LLC to discuss the application for Cyrus One. On Monday, September 30th, I met with Philip McCauley, John Stevenson and Caitlin Monahan from Vantage Data Centers to discuss the application for Vantage VA3.

[03:05:39] That's all I have. Thank you. Thank you very much. Ms. Brixman. Thank you, Madam Chair. By way of disclosures. On September 19th, I met with Colleen Gillis about a potential future application in Algonquian District. On October 1st, I had a meeting with Mike Romeo about Belmont Executive Plaza. Last week, staff joined us along with representatives from Navaja and an affordable housing project organization for an attainable housing town hall at the Senior Center at Cascades.

[03:06:13] It was really informative. Got a lot of great feedback. It's really nice to be able to have a conversation and answer questions when we're not, like, on the dais, limited to the time clock and limited to the specific application we're talking about.

[03:06:28] So I thank staff for coming to that. And the recording is on my Facebook page if anyone wants to watch the live stream. We had the LCPS Recovery School Roundtable, which was productive, discussing

that initiative in LCPS.

[03:06:47] And I know you will all be excited to know that you are sitting on the dais with, I believe, the county's first supervisor, who is a certified tourism ambassador. So I attended.

[03:07:03] Yeah. I looked in the Quran, I'm like, are you? i got the button i got the button i got the i got the pin anyway i had heard uh you know folks from visit loud and talking about this um over the past couple of years and i thought well i think i will ask if i can go get certified and of course you know ms erickson said of course come and so i was out at bluemont station um the other day for a half day um training session talking all about

[03:07:35] you know tourism uh nationally and tourism for the county and um i think i can get points if i go to the waterford fair this weekend i can get points toward my um recertification anyway so it was it was super helpful i you know if you guys ever have time to do it it's really a nice thing to do just to have an understanding of sort of the other lens um that that our business owners are looking through and our restaurants and our breweries might be looking through and how things work with Visit Loudon and how things work on the national level. It was really, really interesting and informative. And yes, I do plan to go to the Waterford Fair this weekend.

[03:08:15] I think I'm going on Friday. As far as the gun violence archive statistics, there have been 12,776 total gun deaths this year in 2024. That is also, we had 411 mass shootings. The deaths include 183 children under the age of 11 and 876 teens ages 12 to 17 my staff did tell me that from the last business meeting to this business meeting 600 of those deaths occurred thank you madam chair thank you i have one disclosure on friday september 27th my chief of staff met with

[03:08:51] application from the Arcola Town Center residential. A couple things. One, the many, many thousands of people in our country are dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. It hit areas that we did not expect, it was not forecasted to hit, especially in North Carolina. And so all of our prayers and thoughts are with them. I am trying to watch out for any opportunities that I will post and put up and send out. Usually, when something like this happens, they don't want to have you

[03:09:27] send things. They want to have you send money to different organizations. It's really important to make sure those organizations are correct organizations that are going to do the right thing with the money. But as I keep trying to look, I will post those organizations.

[03:09:43] And we are all just devastated by what we're seeing in Georgia and Florida and North Carolina and Tennessee. The devastation is widespread and probably will take even quite frankly decades to clear up if it would ever be the same. Some Asheville, I think North Carolina was almost completely wiped out. As of coming to the dais tonight, there was 130 people who had been confirmed dead. There probably would be many more because there were many more missing and so it is just it's just it's just horrific i also want to make note that today is

[03:10:22] the 100th birthday of jimmy carter jimmy carter i think is one of the most amazing men and i think he's probably had the most influential and and important post-presidency of any president we've ever had i don't know any president's ever done as much as he has post-presidency he has a lot of things that he has said, but I want to read one of my favorite comments from him. He said, this is from Jimmy Carter, I have one life and one chance to make it count for something. My faith demands

[03:10:56] that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can, whatever I have to try to make a difference. That's amazing, and he really has made quite a difference, and so we all want to just acknowledge that we have somebody who turned 100 years old and such, such a good man from all the work he has done through the Carter Center, Habitat for Humanity, that just in 2023 built 13 million homes just in 2023 alone. So Jimmy Carter is truly a magnificent

[03:11:32] human being. And finally, I want to say that Loudoun County was very well represented, or will be very well represented, and the 50 most influential people from Northern Virginia. Dr. Aaron Spence, who is from our superintendent of LCPS is one of them, as is Buddy Reiser, who is, you know, a continuous, complete, all the time rock star.

[03:11:57] You cannot pick up any publication or magazine or anything that you do not see Buddy Reiser. We are so lucky to have him. He is just the maestro in so many ways. And Beth Erickson, who was just here tonight from Visit Loudon, she is also one of them.

[03:12:13] Beth, although she thinks spotted lanternflies are good-looking bugs, which who knows what that's about. No, it's not. They're just bugs. Beth is, what she has done with Visit Loudon has been absolutely amazing.

[03:12:32] Everything from the wine tours to the weddings. And she and Buddy, I think, over the past year, took some undue incoming. And I think that this is so gratifying to me that they have both been chosen, as has LCPS and Dr. Spence.

[03:12:50] And we also have a couple of people who are from our nonprofits in Loudoun County. So Loudoun County will be very well represented at the event on October 10th. So I want to say congratulations to all of them. All right, we're going to go on.

[03:13:06] Madam Chair, I think you forgot something, Madam Chair. I did not. I did not forget anything. Point of clarification, Madam Chair. No, no, no. No, you're out of order. Madam Chair. You're out of order. You are out of order. So we're going to go on and do item number 5A with everyone on 5A, which is a federal aviation administration community process to mitigate air traffic noise.

[03:13:28] Come down to the front, please. Madam. Madam Chair, can I say a comment? No, no, this is about this item. It's about this item. Yeah, can I say something before staff goes regarding this item?

[03:13:45] Because I have to make a phone call real quickly. If you want to make a phone call. Can I make a comment real quickly? Yes, if you want to make a comment before staff presents, you want to point a personal privilege. I guess that's what you want to call it. That's what I said. Point a perfect privilege. Okay, so real quickly, I'll just say the last time this item was up, I asked a question, got an answer from staff, so I reacted to the answer from staff, but it turns out the answer from staff is not 100% accurate, so I let my motions get the better of me, and I said that the company in question was not, I questioned their integrity.

[03:14:18] I would like to retract that statement, saying that their integrity is not on board, and just say simply that my antennas are up, and I'll leave it at that. Thank you. Okay. All right. Hi, how are you?

[03:14:33] Good evening, Chair Randall, board members. And we are ready when you are. Okay, there's no PowerPoint tonight. I'll just offer some brief prepared comments so that I can offer some context, and then we'll ask the board to give direction.

[03:14:50] So as you indicated, Chair Randall, this is a continuation of the discussion on staff efforts to address airport and overflight noise in the area of Dulles Airport. This item was last before the board May 23rd, and at that May meeting, staff presented on an expanded community engagement plan that the board endorsed and directed staff to proceed with.

[03:15:18] The board also directed staff to include the Aloft Group as a subcontractor on that project team. So that happened toward the end of May. So right after that, we were off and working with the contractor team to establish the new work agreement.

[03:15:35] The item came back before the board for discussion, not as a staff item, but the board discussed this effort generally at both July business meetings and provided direction to staff. So to recount that direction, on July 2, the board provided direction to staff that effectively restricted any additional county residents who live in the project's defined study area from participating as paid contractors in the same project.

[03:16:05] So that was the July 2nd direction. On July 16th, the board forwarded discussion of that motion to the September TLUC meeting, and the board's discussion on that motion on July 16th contemplated that an NDA, a nondisclosure agreement, may be sufficient to address concerns about proper dissemination of information.

[03:16:27] In that week right after the July meeting, staff was working with the contractor team. The binary change order proposal now includes a confidentiality clause that was prompted by the board's July 16th discussion.

[03:16:49] And that confidentiality clause establishes expectations and responsibilities for the treatment of project team correspondence and confidential information. unauthorized sharing of project information by either the contractor or the subcontractor would be a breach of contract by the contractor. So we have that clause in the work agreement now. It was prompted by the board's discussion in July. So we did go to the September TLUC meeting. That was September 18th and TLUC recommended 5-0. The board rescind its July 2 direction to staff regarding

[03:17:25] contractor eligibility subject to execution of a non-disclosure agreement between the contractor and the subcontractor or a similar instrument deemed appropriate by the county attorney's office. So that was the TLUC recommendation is that the board rescind its July 2 direction to staff.

[03:17:49] Staff is not providing a recommendation on that specific point. What we're doing is we're back here to ask for the board's full direction. TLUC did recommend 5-0 to rescind the July 2 direction. That's the motion that's in your packet is to carry that forward.

[03:18:07] And so staff's request is that the full board discuss and provide direction to staff on that point. Okay, thank you, sir. We could probably go to a motion. Mr. Turner, would you like to make a motion? Thank you, Madam Chair.

[03:18:22] I move the recommendation of the Transportation and Land Use Committee that the board of supervisors rescind the July 2nd 2024 direction to staff regarding contractor eligibility subject execution of a non-disclosure agreement between the contractor and subcontractor or similar instrument deemed appropriate by the county attorney's office second sorry Mr. Turner made and seconded his motion just slipped out seconded by Mr. Crony discussion on the motion Mr. Turner thank you Thank you, Madam Chair. In a nutshell, TELUC, in consultation with staff, basically said

[03:19:00] what we really, the relationship between the county staff is with Vionair, the principal contractor. Whatever relationship they establish with their subcontractor is between them and their subcontractor. And there's a confidentiality agreement between county staff and the contractor, And we felt that it's up to the contractor to decide which members of the community that are part of a loft group, or a loft group is free to decide whoever they want to hire in accordance with the contractor's wishes.

[03:19:33] And they certainly can solve the problem with a nondisclosure agreement or a confidentiality allied agreement between the contractor and the subcontractor. However, that is not the county's purview and it's not our interest. We leave that up to Vionaire. The only caveat with that is we need to review the nondisclosure agreement between the contractor and the subcontractor to make sure that it doesn't have provisions in it that are directly in conflict with the county's non-confidentiality agreement with the contractor.

[03:20:00] As long as those are in alignment on the details and don't leave us open to any legal issues, then our relationship is with the contractor and we'll allow the contractor to do what they will do with the subcontractor and everybody was in agreement that it's probably the cleanest and easiest way to to move forward thank you thank you for all the explanation sir mr crony uh thank you chair randall so um yeah thank you um supervisor turner i think we've finally come to a place that where we can move forward um bionair stated that a loft will add value because

[03:20:36] it's part of the community and they have such great aviation knowledge to really bring this project to accomplish the goals of the project, and Bioneer keeps supporting the Aloft group in the project team because of their physical presence in the area, so I think it makes perfect sense to keep them on as a subcontractor and leverage all the work that they've done to date, and a non-disclosure agreement is something that's standard in the industry. We have tons of nondisclosure agreements with other other sub other contractors so this is this is common

[03:21:15] um and i think a lot of meetings will be public i want to put that out there so it's not like there's any confidential information i feel that nothing's nothing's being kept secret or away from the public and i do want to thank um engaged community members particularly carolyn mcculley and tom lintler who have invested significant time to help us understand the complexities the problem and help us move forward with solutions I support their community involvement and I look forward to accomplishing the objective of reducing

[03:21:50] aircraft noise so I I think this is a great way to move forward and thank you thank you miss um step thank you madam chair I just want to make sure that the county attorney uh that his advice is consistent with this motion mr rogers absolutely yes it is

[03:22:18] all right thank you miss brooksmen thank you madam chair so the other issue that we the reason i feel as if the reason we voted this way on july 2nd was also because we didn't want residents who already had a strong advocacy role on the committee or something like that does this eliminate that as well does this motion eliminate that rule for lack of a better word that wasn't

[03:22:57] so this what the non-disclosure agreement would get at is the dissemination of information because one of the people that we were considering on the contract team has other enterprises such as a podcast yeah so we just wanted to make sure that there was some codified protocols in place with just how to treat information okay it also in the item it says um county staff understands that by an air and county staff together can deliver the full project without the addition

[03:23:34] of a sub of subcontractor support you still are of that belief yeah uh that could happen so the board has options okay i mean i i guess i'm fine with it but i i mean i know that the physical presence of the aloft group here is i guess good but we also are here right like we we represent constituents that live in the whole county so i don't know that that would sell me on aloft being the experts that are needed but um anyway i i guess i guess that's fine i'm good

[03:24:10] thank you. So I will simply say that we have so many citizens in Loudoun County who are willing to work on their own time for something that they care about. And, you know, often what you care about is what impacts you because the community you live in. So it's right in front of you. So it's not unusual to work on things that are impacting your community. That's not unusual at And in fact, we want to encourage people to work on things that are impacting their community.

[03:24:47] And you know, it would be almost, I mean, I guess somebody who is not at all impacted by aircraft noise could come over and work on that. But that's not normally the way that happens. And so I would just simply say that, you know, not to make assumptions that just because somebody may get a benefit from something because they live in an area does not mean they're seeking any other types of benefits because that is just not something that we can never know for sure.

[03:25:20] And so I am really glad that staff and the citizens and TELUC and everybody kind of worked in a really effective and I think positive way to try to clear up some things here.

[03:25:37] And I think this is a really good outcome. So I'm really happy about this one. Hey, Mr. Kirshner, how are you doing? I'm sure I'm great, but I'm tired. But I'm glad to be here with you. I'm glad to have you here. I'm going to assume you're going to abstain on this vote because you – I'm going to abstain. Okay, wonderful. I don't even know what we're talking about.

[03:25:52] Oh, I see. I didn't think so. The motion was made and seconded by Mr. Turner, but I'm going to give the second to Mr. Prony. Mr. – would you like to have a closing? I'm like the spotted lanternfly, I'm attracted, but a nuisance.

[03:26:12] Closing comments, I just want to thank everybody, the Aloft Group, Tom and Carolyn, and Vineyard, Jim and Vineyard, and the whole Vineyard team, and county staff. This has been a heavy lift. I think most of us knew it was going to be this when we voted in the AOD, seems like decades ago.

[03:26:34] But we really do appreciate the hard work. I'm hoping this will bear fruit here before too long. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right. All the people say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstention? So that would be 6-1 with Mr. Kirshner and Ms. Brixman abstaining and Mr. Letourneau not being on the dais.

[03:26:59] I am going to ask Ms. Brixman to read us into closed sessions. Where did he go? I got a call.

[03:27:16] Yeah, 1 and 2. I move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A7 and 8 of the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel, employed or retained, and staff members pertaining to actual or probable litigation and a zoning ordinance amendment requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel.

[03:27:43] I further move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to sections 2.2-3711A7 and 8 of the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel employed or retained and staff members pertaining to actual or probable litigation and a zoning ordinance amendment requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel.

[03:28:07] Motion is made. Is there a second on the motion? Motion is made. Seconded by Mr. Sainz. Discussion on the motion. All in favor, please say aye. Aye.

[03:28:22] Any opposed? Okay, we are in closed session. We're back. Ms. Brixman, will you please read us out of closed session?

[04:25:04] Yes, I move that the closed session be adjourned, that the Board of Supervisors reconvene its public meeting, that the minutes of the public meeting should reflect that no formal action was taken in closed session, and further move that the resolution certifying the closed session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this public meeting.

[04:25:22] Is there a second? Motion made, seconded by Supervisor Sainz, discussion on the motion. So let me say before we vote and certify that Mr. Kirshner was here when we voted to go into closed session. He was then called away, so he did not attend closed session with us at all.

[04:25:41] So he does not need to certify that nothing happened because he never stepped foot in closed session at all. So first we'll vote, and then we will affirm. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Would everybody please affirm, Ms. Umstead?

[04:25:57] Affirm. - Affirm. - Affirm. - And I affirm as well that vote will pass 603. I think that is everything. We are adjourned.



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