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Commission on Local Government

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11:00 A.M.

Henrico Economic Development Authority
Henrico, Virginia

Members Present

R. Michael Amyx
Stephanie Davis, Ph.D., Chair
Ceasor T. Johnson, D.Min.
Diane M. Linderman, PE, Vice Chair
Rosemary M. Mahan

Members Absent

Call to Order

The Commission on Local Government (CLG) Chair, Stephanie Davis, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. David Conmy, Local Government Administrator at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) initiated a roll call vote. Mr. Conmy informed Chair Davis that a quorum was present.

Administration

A motion was made by Mr. Amyx and seconded by Ms. Linderman to approve the draft agenda. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Linderman and seconded by Mr. Amyx to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 regular meeting of the Commission. The motion passed.

Ms. Davis recognized Mr. Cody Anderson, Policy Analyst at the DHCD to read public comments submitted to the Commission. Mr. Anderson informed the Commission that no parties present expressed intention to speak during the public comment period. The public comment period was closed.

Mr. Conmy noted that staff has been working diligently to complete both the Martinsville-Henry County VSA report and the Mandatory Property Tax Exemption Study report. Mr. Conmy informed the Commission that there are two possible boundary line/reversion/annexation cases on the horizon that may come before the Commission in 2022; however, for confidentiality purposes, no further details can be provided at this time.

Notice of City of Martinsville's Intention to Petition for an Order Granting it Town Status Within Henry County

Staff provided the Commission with a full overview of the draft report on the Martinsville-Henry County Voluntary Settlement Agreement (VSA) report, which includes the reversion of Martinsville City to Town status. Staff noted that if the Commission approves the report, it would then go before a three judge panel for final dispensation.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Amyx and seconded by Dr. Johnson to approve the Martinsville-Henry County VSA report with technical amendments as presented by staff. The motion passed.

Mandatory Property Tax Exemption Study

Ms. Wheaton and Mr. Conmy provided an update on the Mandatory Property Tax Exemption Study. Mr. Conmy noted that a draft report will come before the Commission for review and approval at the November 4 regular meeting.

Other

There were no other items.

Schedule of Regular Meetings

Mr. Cody Anderson, Policy Analyst at DHCD, informed the Commission that their next regular Commission meeting would take place on November 4. Mr. Anderson also noted that the schedule for the 2022 calendar year would be under consideration at the November 4 meeting.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Mr. Anderson noted that the 2021 Virginia Governor's Housing Conference is scheduled to take place from November 10 through November 12 and that the Virginia Association of Counties Annual Conference is scheduled to take place from November 14 through November 16.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission adjourned.

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