

Therefore, Supervisor Hyland moved that the Board:

- Direct staff to expeditiously process the community's application and petitions, and prepare the signs for installation.
- Authorize the advertisement of a public hearing to be held before the Board on the Laurel Hill RPPD District on January 26, 2010.

Chairman Bulova seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

89. **HOLIDAY SAVINGS AT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' MARKETPLACE** (9:17 p.m.)

Supervisor Hyland said that recently a friend at the National Association of Counties (NACO) shared with him a flyer that allows employees of member counties in NACO to leverage the shared purchasing power of all member counties and their employees. The website, Government Employees' Marketplace, at www.govmarket.com, allows employees to save an additional 7 percent on top of generally advertised Dell Home and Dell Office computers, electronics and accessories, save 15 percent at FedEx Office, obtain and enjoy the benefits of a #1 Hertz Club Gold Membership for the best rates on rental cars, save 5 percent at Office Depot retail stores or online, save 15 percent discount on monthly T-Mobile bills, and receive discounts with VPI Pet Insurance. County Government Employees can create an account and, after verifying they work for the County, enjoy the discounts and promotions.

Therefore, Supervisor Hyland asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to disseminate this information to all County employees. Without objection, it was so ordered.

90. **MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION OF AN OUT-OF-TURN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE OLD DAIRY QUEEN SITE (MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT)** (9:18 p.m.)

Supervisor Hyland said that several years ago, the Comprehensive Plan was amended to recommend relatively intense development of several parcels located between East Lee Avenue and Preston Avenue on Richmond Highway. Subsequently, the parcels were rezoned to the PRM District to allow mixed use that includes residential and retail uses. In the intervening years, the project has not proved to be workable, and the owners now wish to pursue less intense retail use on the property.

Given that the South County Area Plan Review Cycle is getting underway, Supervisor Hyland requested that this Plan amendment, if supported by the Board, be accepted by the Planning Commission for review and recommendation as a part of that process.

Therefore, Supervisor Hyland moved that the Board:

- Authorize an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to consider retail use at an intensity up to .35 floor area ratio (FAR) for parcels 93-1((18))(D)117, 126, 130, and 138.
- Direct staff to consider low density residential use at the periphery of the subject area as a possible transition from parcels fronting Richmond Highway to the existing residential neighborhoods.

Supervisor Smyth seconded the motion.

Following discussion, Supervisor Hyland clarified that his motion proposed an out-of-turn plan amendment.

The question was called on the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

91. **SPECIAL ELECTION ON A RESTAURANT MEALS TAX TO FUND EDUCATION** (9:21 p.m.)

Supervisor Hyland said that unlike almost all of the neighboring localities, the County has not imposed a restaurant meals tax, and this has forced the County to rely more heavily on property taxes than those other localities. He expressed the opinion that the County should seek to diversify its revenue resources by imposing a similar tax on restaurant meals.

Supervisor Hyland noted that *Virginia Code* § 58.1-3833 permits the County to impose such a tax only if such a tax is approved by the voters. That enabling legislation also permits the referendum to link the revenues from any such a restaurant meals tax to particular projects and/or purposes.

The Board is scheduled to conduct several public hearings on the adoption of its Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Budget beginning on April 6. The Board then is scheduled to approve its FY 2011 Budget and to approve the transfer to the School Board on April 27.

Therefore, Supervisor Hyland moved that the Board ask the Circuit Court to schedule a referendum on March 16 to ask the voters whether the County should be authorized to impose a tax on restaurant meals as authorized by Virginia law with the revenues from such a tax to be directed to public education projects and/or purposes. Supervisor Foust seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding referring the issue to the Legislative or Budget Committee for further review.

Discussion ensued regarding the process to schedule a referendum, with input from David P. Bobzien, County Attorney and Michael Long, Deputy County Attorney.