



Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

This week's meeting was the first since the County Executive presented the FY2010 Budget to the Board. Therefore, much of the content of the meeting focused on advertising public hearings on aspects of that budget. There are already over 200 people signed up to testify over three days of public hearings during the week of March 31st. It will be a long week, but an important one. Many of you will not make it to the public hearings and have already written to me with your thoughts and priorities. Each week, I read the emails and letters you send and do draw on those when thinking about how to manage this budget. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about information in this update or need any assistance.

Cathy Hudgins

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3-9-2009 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **March 9, 2009 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. To reach the item-related back-up material, please go to the County's *Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule* section on the County's BOS webpage for the specific Board meeting at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2009.htm> Some County links may not be active until later in the week. For items that relate to other Districts, see the Agenda or Board Summary at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>

PRESENTATIONS

I sponsored a resolution to recognize **Fairfax Cares** for its leadership and initiative to raise community awareness in assisting residents with basic immediate needs.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board>

Admin 1: Authorization to advertise a proposed Board of Supervisors public hearing on March 30, 2009 @ 2:30 p.m. to consider amending Chapter 61, Building Provisions, of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia **to increase Fire Marshal fees** for performing plan review and inspection services outside normal business hours, per reviewer or inspector. The change will more closely align the fees with the cost of performing the various services. The proposed amendments to Chapter 61 adopt language to allow the rate to automatically adjust with any base hourly fee adjustments that affect plan reviews and inspections. The revenue enhancement initiative stems from the FY 2010 Lines of Business Review. Note Fiscal Impact: Increase of \$475,000 per year is anticipated if proposed amendments are adopted.

Admin 2: Authorization to advertise a proposed Board of Supervisors public hearing on March 30, 2009 @ 2:30 p.m. to consider amending Chapter 62, Fire Protection, of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia as amendments to the **Statewide Fire Prevention Code and Fire Marshal Fees**. The County ordinances must be reviewed and updated to realign the County amendments to ensure compliance with the state amendments. In addition, increases to the current fee structure are proposed. This is a revenue enhancement initiative that stems from the FY 2010 Lines of Business Review. The fee increase will more closely align the fees with the cost of issuing permits and performing inspections. Fees range from \$25 for a home day care inspection to \$600 for a wholesale fireworks permit. The majority of permits will increase from \$100 to \$125 per permit. Note Fiscal Impact: Increase of \$475,000 per year is anticipated if proposed amendments are adopted.

Admin 3: Authorization to advertise a Board of Supervisors public hearing on March 30, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m. on the **proposed creation of a Stormwater Service District** within Fairfax County, with the exception of Fort Belvoir, federal property. The Stormwater Service District would levy its own tax to provide a stable funding source for stormwater management, including reinvestment in the existing stormwater systems, and design and construction of new systems to improve stormwater quality and county streams. Funding for these programs is necessary to ensure compliance with state and federal stormwater mandates. The Department of Tax Administration (DTA) advises that it is able to bill and collect the stormwater tax rate as part of the normal billing process. Note Fiscal Impact: The proposed levy of \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed value, to fund the Stormwater Service District, will provide approximately \$20 million in typical budget year for capital project implementation and reinvestment, an amount roughly equal to the value of the dedicated penny. The remaining funding from the service district will support the staff and operating costs.

Admin 4: Authorization to advertise a Board of Supervisors public hearing on March 30, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m. on the **proposed establishment of a Tax Rate on all Real Property situated within the Stormwater Service District** of Fairfax County within all of Fairfax County, with the exception of Fort Belvoir, federal property. The stormwater Service District would levy its own tax to provide a stable funding source for stormwater management, including reinvestment in the existing stormwater systems, and design and construction of new systems to improve stormwater quality and county streams. In conjunction with Admin 3, above.

Admin 5: Authorization to advertise a public hearing to consider the adoption of Article 17.2, Chapter 4, of the Fairfax County Code to **establish local vehicle registration license fees (Formerly decal fees)**.

- This is a revenue enhancement initiative that stems from the FY 2010 Lines of Business.
- 57 other jurisdictions in Virginia currently impose a decal fee without actually requiring the display of a physical decal.
- Base state rate is now \$33 for passenger vehicles of 4,000 pounds or less, and \$38 for heavier passenger vehicles.
- Estimated that fee will generate approximately \$20 million per year.

Admin 6: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on March 30, 2009 at 2:30 p.m., to consider the adoption of Article 17.3, Chapter 4, of the Fairfax County Code to **impose a license tax on certain motor vehicles not otherwise displaying current license plates**.

- Board authorization of a public hearing on an ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Fairfax County Code to impose a \$100 annual license tax on certain vehicles that do not display current Virginia license plates and that should display such license plates. This is a revenue enhancement initiative that stems from the FY 2010 Lines of Business review.
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- DTA has no license plate enforcement authority, but Virginia law does allow the County to impose a license tax of \$100 per year and DTA can assess and collect this tax, along with the normal personal property tax.
- DTA currently assesses taxes on approximately 2,400 vehicles in this category.

Admin 7: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on March 30, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., to consider amending Section 4-17.1-9, Chapter 4, of the Fairfax County Code concerning **late payment penalties for delinquent personal property taxes**.

- This is a revenue enhancement initiative that stems from the FY 2010 Lines of Business.
- Board authorization to advertise a public hearing to consider an increase of late payment penalties on personal property taxes from 10% to 25% when delinquencies are more than 30 days past due.
- Under Virginia law, DTA has the authority to waive late filing penalties and/or late payment penalties if the failure to file or pay on time was due to no fault of the taxpayer or if it was due to some fault on the part of the County.
- Could generate approximately \$1.5 million in additional annual revenue.
- Already been factored into the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan.

Admin 8: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on March 30, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. to consider to amending Section 82-1-32, of the Fairfax County Code, to **increase fines for parking violations.**

- Increases all parking fines to \$50 for each violation.
- County Code currently fines for parking violations that range from \$20 for parking meter violations to \$40 for all other parking violations except for Disabled Parking Violations at \$500.
- Late fee of \$25 is imposed on persons who do not pay within fifteen days from the date of the issuance.
- Maximum state penalty for traffic infractions is \$250 per violation.
- Estimates to generate additional \$590,000.
- This revenue has not been included in the FY 2010 Advertised Budget.

Admin Item 9: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on March 30, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., to consider amending Chapter 8.1, of the Code of the County of Fairfax, Security Alarm Systems, to **increase the alarm registration fee and revise the false alarm violation fee scale.**

- This is a revenue enhancement initiative that stems from the FY 2010 Lines of Business.
- Proposed registration fee for Fairfax County would be \$25, well within the range of \$0 to \$50 of neighboring jurisdictions. County currently averages 6,000 new alarm registrations annually.
- The County applies a progressive fee scale for false alarms, increasing the fees with each occurrence. The number of false alarms is expected to reduce, freeing up police to concentrate on other duties.
- Registration fees would generate \$90,000 additional annual revenue.
- County raised \$743,000 in FY 08 from false alarm fees for 4,211 violations.
- Using the same violation rate, the amended false alarm fees would generate an additional \$632,700 under the proposed fee schedule.
- Additional revenue has been included in the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan.

Admin 10: Authorization to advertise a Board of Supervisors public hearing to consider amending the Fairfax County Code for Regulatory Services dealing with private schools and child care, onsite sewage disposal systems, well water supply systems, food service establishments and water recreation facilities relating to fees charged for certain **regulatory services provided by the Health Department.** Current fees have not been increased since 2003 and would provide partial cost recovery for these services. Note Fiscal Impact: Increase will generate a projected \$301,000 in FY 2010, which is included in the FY2010 Advertised Budget.

Admin 11: Authorization to advertise publication of the **FY 2010 Budget and Required Tax Rates.**

- Board authorization to advertise the following items, during the weeks ending March 13 and 20, 2009.
 - 1) A brief synopsis of the FY 2010 Budget, including information as it relates to the impact of the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) and the percentage of state "Car Tax" subsidy on qualifying personal property tax levy.
 - 2) Real estate tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100.00.
 - 3) Notice of public hearings on the Advertised Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010 - 2014 (With future fiscal years to 2019).

- If the number of individuals wishing to speak warrants additional time, the public hearings could be extended by recessing the Board meeting on April 1 to another date and time, or by adding new public hearing dates: April 2 and April 4, times TBA.
- Public hearings on the Third Quarter Review will be held on March 30, March 31 and April 1, 2009 in conjunction with the FY 2010 Budget, CIP and proposed tax rates for FY 2010.
- The following rates are recommended to increase:
 - I-95 Landfill ash disposal fee from \$11.50 per ton to \$13.50 per ton.
- The following rates are recommended to decrease:
 - McLean Community Center from \$0.026/\$100 assessed value to \$0.024/\$100 assessed value;
 - Energy Resource Recovery Facility fee from \$32 per ton to \$31 per ton.

Admin 12: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on March 30 at 7:00 p.m., and April 1 at 3:00 p.m., to **amend the current appropriation level in the FY 2009 Revised Budget Plan.** The advertisement encompasses both the County and the Schools' *FY 2009 Third Quarter Reviews*. Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia requires that a public hearing be held prior to Board action to amend the current appropriation.

Admin 13: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on March 30, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., on the **Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2010** as forwarded by the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC). Funds identified in the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2010 include:

- Community Development block Grant (CDBG) - \$5,928,982 entitlement and \$310,071 estimated program income,
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) - \$2,448,682 entitlement and \$52,211 estimated program income,
- Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) - \$265,518,
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) - \$180,000 funds, and
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program - \$2,807,300 (New CDBG funds)

Admin 14: Authorization for the Department of Family Services, Office for Children to apply for and accept grant funding from **Child Development Resources, Inc.** for the **Virginia Infant and Toddler Specialist Network Regional Office Sub-Contract.**

- Award is \$234,600: \$46,920 from approximately April 1 through June 30, 2009 and \$187,680 from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
- Funding in the amount of \$234,600 will provide financial assistance to establish a Virginia Infant and Toddler Specialist Network office in the Northern 1 Region: encompassing Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, and City of Falls Church.
- No local cash match or in-kind match will be required.
- Creates 3/2.5 SYE new grant positions.

Admin 17: Approval of installation of "\$200 Additional Fine for Speeding" signs, and "Watch for Children" signs as part of the Residential Traffic Administration Program. The County Executive further recommends approval for a "Watch for Children" sign at the following intersection (Attachment III):

- Brookmeadow Drive (Hunter Mill District).

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: Approval of a parking reduction for Promenade at Tysons West, Tax Map reference number 029-3((1))0001B and 0001C. The review of the parking analysis indicates that the parking accumulations of the uses justify the 11.7 percent parking reduction.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Information 2: 2008 Virginia Pollutant discharge elimination system permit annual report for Fairfax County, Virginia - Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services prepared the 2008 VPDES Permit Annual Report for submission to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) in compliance with Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit VA0088587, Part I, Section C.4. The annual report documents activities performed by the County between January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008, to satisfy requirements of its VPDES permit to operate a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).

Information 3: Consolidated Plan Certification for the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Annual Plan update for federal fiscal year 2009.

- On March 5, 2009, FCRHA was to approve submission of its Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Annual Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2009 (FCHRA Fiscal Year 2010) to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Certification that the plan is consistent with the Fairfax County Consolidated Plan is part of the required submission which is due by April 15, 2009.
- No comments were received during the public comment period.

Information 5: Contract Award - Dental Services for the Homeless Healthcare Program.

- Solicitation notice sent to approximately 500 firms, and 2 responded by closing date of November 21, 2008.
- NVDC is currently providing dental services to the unsheltered homeless at 30 percent of market value, and has proposed similar rates for new contract.
- Contract is a four year contract with five (5) one-year renewal options.
- Estimated amount of this contract is \$270,000.00.
- There is an annual contract requirement of \$30,000 associated with this contract: available within the Department of Health budget.

BOARD MATTERS introduced by Supervisor Hudgins and approved by the BOS:

I asked the Board of Supervisors to direct the Department of Planning and Zoning to expeditiously process Se 2008-HM-024 and PRC A-502, **United Christian Parish of Reston (UCP) "Redeemer Site"**, for concurrent and simultaneous processing with the pending Special Exception and PRC. The proposed application is to expand the church building and expand the physical size of the nursery school with a current enrollment of 135 students.

I moved that we ask VDOT to consider an exception to the states' traffic calming policy allowing for **Old Courthouse Road** to be included in the traffic calming program so that implementation of methods being employed by one jurisdiction on the road can be consistently applied on the same road in Fairfax County. Within the limits of the Town of Vienna, in an effort to calm traffic, the Town has placed two speed humps. The roadway characteristics do not change between the residential areas within the Town and county and yet Fairfax County is limited, because of the road classification, on its options to address the issue.

I moved that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services to accept any site plans and building plans for concurrent processing with PRC 86-C-121 – **Oracle, USA** site. The pending PRC application seeks final approval to construct a third office building and second parking garage, consistent with the amended Concept Plan.

I recommended the Board approve an expedited Board of Supervisors public hearing and concurrent processing with the special exception amendment for Sunoco Inc., SEA 95-H-066-02. Due to changing market conditions and the need to better serve customer demands, **Sunoco, Inc. (R&M)** has filed a special exception amendment application to convert the quick service food store and service bays to a larger quick service food store that contains a total of 2,765 square feet of gross floor area. The enlarged quick service food store will be constructed within the same footprint as the existing quick service food store and the service bays combined, thus there is no additional impervious surface added to the subject property. The applicant does not propose to modify the location of the service station canopy, the existing fuel dispensers, or points of access.

I moved that the Board of Supervisors request staff to prepare a certificate for presentation at the **35th anniversary celebration of The Closet of Herndon**, to be held on April 4, 2009, recognizing the exceptional role The Closet plays in supporting the Herndon-Reston community. Every year the Closet donates approximately 90% of its proceeds after expenses to a variety of worthwhile causes in the community including Herndon Free Medical Clinic, FISH and scholarships to students at local high schools.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4:00 p.m. SE 2008-PR-033 Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation on behalf of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority - **Category 4 Special Exception** for an electrically powered regional transit facility for the proposed **Tysons East** Metrorail Station and a Category 6 Special Exception to allow construction of associated lines in the floodplain. The station is proposed in an area adjacent to Scotts Run floodplain located on the northern and southern sides of Route 123. The proposed electrically powered regional rail transit facility will be the easternmost station in the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Silver Line which proposes to extend the Metrorail system past the Dulles International Airport to a terminus in Loudoun County. The project will be developed in phases and the proposed Tysons East Metrorail Station is also the easternmost station in Phase I. Phase I proposes to extend Metrorail from a point east of the existing station at West Falls Church through Tysons Corner to a proposed Wiehle Avenue stations.

4:00 p.m. SE 2008-MD-034 - Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation on behalf of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority - **Category 4 Special Exception** for an electrically powered regional transit facility for the proposed **Tysons West** Metrorail Station. The proposed electrically powered regional rail station facility will be westernmost station in Tysons Corner in the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Silver line which, as currently designed, proposes to extend the Metrorail system past the Dulles International Airport to a terminus in Loudoun County. The project will be developed in phases and the proposed Tysons West Metrorail station is in the first Phase, which proposes to extend Metrorail from a point east of the existing station at West Falls Church through Tysons Corner to the proposed Wiehle Avenue station. The proposed station is destined to be accessed primarily by pedestrian and bus riders. The station is composed of the station and platform in the right of way of Leesburg Pike (Route 7) with elevated pedestrian bridges over Route 7 with the station entrances on the north and south sides of Route 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunter Mill District Meeting on the FY 2010 Budget: I will be hosting a District Meeting on the FY 2010 Proposed Budget on Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m., at Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Fairfax Department of Management and Budget will review and answer questions on the County Executive's proposal. I will provide the Board of Supervisors' perspective and listen to your comments and concerns. Please RSVP to the Hunter Mill District Office at 703-478-0283.

Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 17th, 7:30 p.m., at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. For details on the agenda and cases to be considered, see the Land Use page of the Hunter Mill District website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/landuse.htm>

Annual Hunter Mill District Pedestrian and Bicycling Summit will be on Tuesday, March 24th, 7-9 p.m., at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, in Reston. The Summit focuses on progress made on priority sidewalk and trail connections and suggestions from the community and is held in conjunction with the Reston Station of Fairfax County Police stations' Crosswalk Safety Week, March 21-28th. Sponsored by the Hunter Mill Supervisor's Office, Reston Association, and Reston Town Center Association. Contact the Hunter Mill Office for information, 703-478-0283.

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