



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: June 4, 2013
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Fiscal Review Process Study Gets Underway - The possibility of developing more centralized data sources is one of the areas that a fiscal impact review task force will examine over the next several months, following the group's initial meeting on May 24 in Richmond. City Manager Beverly Cameron and David Blount, legislative liaison for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, represent VML on the task force.

Budget language included in the 2013 Appropriation Act directed the Commission on Local Government to set up a task force to determine a process for preparing fiscal impact estimates for bills and budget items that would require additional local expenditures or result in net reductions in revenues for localities. As part of the process, the task force will examine how bills and budget items should be identified for review and whether it would be feasible to use outside consultants to prepare fiscal impact estimates. Task force members plan to meet with representatives of the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Virginia Department of Taxation to see if it would be possible to make better use of data already compiled by those departments in the fiscal process.

Also discussed was the possibility of supporting a return to the requirement that bills with a local fiscal impact be required to be filed by the first day of session. This requirement was eliminated several years ago. As a result, bills with fiscal impact are often introduced fairly late in the legislative process.

The task force has an ambitious schedule. It has to complete its work in order for the Commission on Local Government to review the report at its November 18 meeting. The task force set meeting dates for June 21, July 26 and Aug. 26. The plans are for the meetings to last from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with locations to be announced. Information on the task force will be posted at: <http://1.usa.gov/147caWQ>.

Police Host Bike Rodeo – On May 25, the Community Police Officers hosted a cookout and Bike Rodeo in the Darbytown neighborhood, followed by an outdoor movie night. Approximately 30 children participated in the Bike Rodeo, which featured an obstacle course that offered contestants the opportunity to win prizes for speedy and successful finishes.

Contributions from local sponsors included food and cookout supplies from Wegmans, and two new bicycles were donated by Walmart and raffled off to lucky rodeo participants Hunter and Sanaa. There were also employees on hand from Bike Works to perform free inspections and make needed repairs to bicycles belonging to the Bike Rodeo attendees.



CPOs Heather Lloyd and Kenny Camp demonstrate their skills