

County board rejects alcohol restrictions

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A proposal pushed by Board of Supervisors Chairman Kelly Miller that would have required a conditional use permit to sell alcoholic beverages within 500 feet of schools, daycare facilities, churches and residential neighborhoods died due to lack of support from other board members last week. Miller's motion on the proposed amendment to the existing ordinance did not get a second, which is required for a vote.

Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren called for more study while Midlothian Supervisor Don Sowder cited the negative impact it would have on economic development.

During the public hearing, members of the business community lined up solidly against the amendment. Speaking for the Chesterfield County Chamber of Commerce, President Lenita Gilreath said the chamber had "strong opposition" against the "unnecessary ordinance." Bermuda Supervisor Dickie King agreed with the chamber's position.

Dave Anderson, a partner with Roseland Development Company, said the "ordinance misses the mark... [and impacts] live entertainment" at his company's proposed mixed-use development.

Amy Satterfield, executive director for the Midlothian Village Coalition, said her group wanted to promote neighborhoods that allow residents to walk to nearby bars and restaurants.

Last May, the planning commission recommended against the amendment on a vote of 4-1.

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federal and state governments for encouraging illegal immigrants by not enforcing existing laws. "We need more publicity for the county on this issue," he added.

Deputy County Administrator Becky Dickson outlined seven recommendations to attack the problem, which is estimated to cost Chesterfield at least \$2.1 million annually. A major cost is educating illegal immigrants, but that cost is not included in the previous figure because federal and state laws prohibit asking students or their parents if they are in the country legally.

Last year, there were 2,105 students enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) courses in the county at an average cost of \$10,409 per student, about \$2,400 more than the English-speaking students. However, school officials have cautioned that it should not be assumed that ESL students are illegal immigrants.

After listening to Dickson's presentation, Miller recommended the county take five actions. Though it would be largely symbolic, he wanted the county to adopt English as its official language.

Miller liked the recommendation amending the zoning ordinance so occupancy limitations would be similar to the building codes, ensuring "safety and quality of life." That provision would likely limit the number of people living in a residence on a square footage basis, eliminating a determination of whether people living in the home were related by blood. Large families could appeal for an exemption from the county.

Miller asked that the county implement a contract certification clause for those businesses having contracts with Chesterfield, certifying that the companies do not employ illegal immigrants. That action would require approval from the Gen-

Road priorities

The board adopted a road priority list totaling \$666 million that will be forwarded to the county's congressional and state legislative delegations and the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The entire Richmond District will only receive an estimated \$394 million over the next six years.

In a good year Chesterfield receives \$20 million. It costs \$8.45 million to build one-mile of a two-lane road.

The top priority was widening Route 10 from Route 1 to I-295, estimated to cost \$47 million. The second priority was to widen Route 60 to six lanes from Courthouse Road to Old Buckingham Road. The third priority was to provide an interchange for the Meadowville Technology Park with I-295.

Vehicle restrictions

The board delayed a vote until Nov. 14 on proposed new restrictions for the operation of motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and go-karts on land zoned residential or agricultural. The amendments would prohibit physical improvements like dirt tracks, lights and grandstands and paths on residential lots and near other residential lots that adjoin agricultural land. The goal is to reduce the noise, light and dust associated with the vehicles' use.

During a public hearing last month, three citizens generally spoke in favor of the restrictions. The commission previously voted 4-1 in favor of the amendments.

New clerk

The board selected Janice Blakely, the deputy clerk, to become the clerk to the board. She replaces Lisa Elko who begins a new job with Virginia Commonwealth University next week.

eral Assembly. Miller also wanted an "audit provision" included.

Midlothian Supervisor Don Sowder was concerned about the cost of auditing businesses because additional county employees would have to be hired. Dickson estimated contract certification would raise the cost of county contracts by 12 percent.

"Contractors would pass along the cost of compliance," she explained.

"We could implement more aggressive policies by the police and sheriff's department," Miller suggested.

While some measures might be possible, Police Chief Thierry Dupuis indicated federal and state laws limit what Chesterfield can do. "You can't arrest yourself out of this problem," he said.

Police believe many of their arrests for driving infractions may involve illegal immigrants when the violators don't have a driver's license or registration. They often don't show up for their court dates.

"We can arrest them [for the driving violations] if we suspect they are illegals and take them before a magistrate," he explained, "but after the magistrate determines there is justification for the arrest, 90 percent of the time they'll be released anyway."

County police are not authorized to make arrests on persons they think might be here illegally in the country.

Miller also wanted more pressure put on state legislators to solve the problem or give more authority to local law enforcement. He hopes to add Chesterfield's voice at the state level to a growing number of local governments seeking action by the General Assembly.

Before any recommendations are implemented, Chesterfield would hold public hearings on the matter.

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