

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

JULY 27, 2021

At a Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: James P. Crozier, Chairman; R. Mark Johnson, Vice Chairman; James K. White; Keith F. Marshall; and Lee H. Frame. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Eric M. Lansing, Assistant County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Jeff Mendonca, President of the Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association, presented a PowerPoint presentation, which included information on the following: status of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association Grant; status of the FEMA Grant; development of the Orange County Recruitment and Retention Plan and associated Committee; financial and non-financial incentives; efforts of the Fire Chiefs Association; networking with outside organizations; other major initiatives; and a timeline for moving forward.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the cost of various incentives; the extension of incentives to immediate family members; publication of the Chiefs Association Message in the Free Lance-Star, in addition to The Orange Review; the impact of incentives on recruitment and retention; development of promotional materials for recruitment; the desire to receive feedback from the Chiefs Association throughout the process; creation of an orientation session for volunteers; and the desire for the volunteers to be able to focus on responding to calls and maintaining certifications and training.

The Board thanked Chief Mendonca for his presentation.

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE REGARDING PRIVATE ROAD STANDARDS

Josh Gillespie, Planning and Development Services Director, presented information to the Board regarding a proposed amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance concerning private road standards. He indicated this amendment was initiated by the Board 1) to recognize undeveloped subdivisions platted with private roads prior to the adoption of new road standards in 2018, and 2) to establish a timeline for the development of such private roads under the standards in existence prior to 2018. Mr. Gillespie presented the proposed language, which would allow the development of these platted subdivisions with private roads for a period of five (5) years from the date of adopting the new road standards in 2018, and then opened the floor for discussion.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: concern with the length of the proposed time limit of five (5) years; impacts associated with not honoring the previously-approved plats; change to the proposed amendment to remove the time limit; timing of road construction with plat approval; and enforcement of road maintenance agreement requirements.

By consensus, the Board initiated Planning Commission action on the proposed amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance regarding private road standards, as modified.

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLINGS

Josh Gillespie, Planning and Development Services Director, presented further information to the Board regarding the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance concerning accessory dwellings, which followed the Board's previous discussion at its Worksession on July 13, 2021. He indicated the Board had inquired about independent, standalone units and how the units could be developed. Mr. Gillespie offered additional research on the recognized standards for accessory dwelling units, reviewed the previously proposed definitions and concepts, and then opened the floor for discussion.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: definition and interpretation of dwelling unit and the “standalone” concept; amendments to the existing definition of accessory apartment; accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and tenant housing definitions; and work among the Board to further refine the proposed definitions before initiating Planning Commission action.

By consensus, the Board agreed that members would work directly with Planning and Development Services staff to refine the proposed definitions before bringing the matter back at a future meeting for further consideration.

RE: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the Board concluded its Worksession and continued to its Regular Meeting at 4:52 p.m.

James P. Crozier, Chairman

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator