

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

MAY 10, 2022

At a Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; James P. Crozier, Vice Chairman; James K. White; Keith F. Marshall; and Lee H. Frame. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: STA 21-01; AMENDMENT TO THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE CONCERNING PRIVATE ROAD STANDARDS

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator, explained that the Board had previously conducted its public hearing on this proposed amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance concerning private road standards. He noted that much discussion had occurred regarding the third-party inspection, warranty, and road bond requirements. Mr. Voorhees also acknowledged that other related matters had been identified as part of the Board's overall discussion, including, but not limited to, the need to define the term "serve." Overall, he highlighted the current text amendment at hand, indicated staff's understanding of the additional text amendments, and turned the matter over for discussion by the Board.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the purpose of this particular section of code; the idea there were three classifications of travel ways and the need was to determine which classification applied; issues with the current interpretation of "access" by staff; requirements for number of lots served to be indicated on plats; the various types of VDOT entrances; legal access; developing a definition for "serve"; use of a checklist to help make the type of travel way determination; road bond requirements; and how to determine the appropriate time to release the road bond.

By consensus, the Board directed staff to work with Supervisor White to amend the language currently proposed for STA 21-01 and to develop proposed language for the other related amendments that had been identified, including, but not limited to, the definition of "serve."

RE: DISCUSSION OF PRIVATE STREET REQUIREMENTS IN THE R-4 ZONING DISTRICT

Supervisor Frame expressed a desire to remove the requirement contained in the Subdivision Ordinance that rights-of-way be required to be dedicated to public use, citing that some may be interested in developing private communities and maintaining their own roads.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the fact that the specific language in question was under the heading of "public roads" and, therefore, the language regarding dedication to public use was necessary in this specific example; acknowledgement that an additional classification of road should be added to address roads in private communities that would be managed by a homeowners association; and the need for a definition of "driveway."

By consensus, the Board directed staff to work with Supervisor White to develop proposed language regarding driveways and roads in private communities.

RE: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the Board concluded its Worksession and continued to its Regular Meeting at 4:55 p.m.

R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator