

**Orange County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 4, 2022**

Present: Jason Capelle, Donald Brooks, George Yancey, Adam Bryington, Bryan Nicol

Absent:

Staff Present: Eric Lansing, Assistant County Attorney, Keri Ragland, Planning Services Manager, Eric Bittner, Planner; Kyra Davis, Planner; Tracey Newman, Planning Commission Secretary

1. Call to order and determination of quorum:

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of agenda:

Mr. Capelle made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Mr. Nicol gave the second. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Approval of minutes:

a. July 21, 2022 regular meeting:

Mr. Nicol pointed out a scrivener's error and then made a motion to approve the minutes. The second was from Mr. Capelle and the motion passed 5-0.

4. Public Comment: none

5. Public Hearing:

- a. **STA 22-02:** A Subdivision Text Amendment to Sec. 54-121 and Sec. 54-6 to allow for the Board of Supervisors to authorize exemptions to the private road limitations of Sec. 54-121-4 for certain developments, including private communities.

Mr. Bittner presented the subdivision text amendment requested by Board of Supervisor Lee Frame. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Capelle made a motion to recommend approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nicol and carried on vote 3-2.

Ayes: Capelle, Brooks, Bryington

Nays: Yancey, Nicol

6. Work session:

- a. Education for Planning Commissioners: Land Use Planning

Planning Services Manager Keri Ragland gave a presentation on Virginia Code Chapter 22, Articles 3 thru 7, in reference to the Comprehensive Plan, Mapping, Capital Improvement Plans, Land Subdivision and Development, and Zoning.

After the presentation, Assistant County Attorney Eric Lansing thanked the Planning Commission for their support during his absence.

7. New Business: none

8. Old Business

Mr. Yancey advised the solar facility that was approved by the Board of Supervisors is now owned by Dominion Power and that the layout of the panels is being revised. Ms. Ragland stated staff is aware but will not approve a layout change as a new Special Use Permit (SUP) would be required.

Mr. Yancey also referenced Franklin County and Chesapeake County solar ordinances. He stated there is no solar benefit to the County or its citizens. A lengthy discussion about solar in Orange County ensued.

9. Reports

- a. Board of Supervisors report – Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Johnson
- b. Planning and Development Report - none

10. Commissioner Comments:

Mr. Yancey gave best wishes to Ms. Ragland as this was her last meeting as a staff member.

Chairman Brooks wished Ms. Ragland luck. He also advised processes are in place and for the Planning Commissioners to stay consistent in their thought processes.

Mr. Bryngton wished Ms. Ragland luck and said he was impressed with her handling of SUP 22-04.

Mr. Nicol stated Ms. Ragland will be missed, and welcomed Mr. Lansing back.

Ms. Ragland said she is grateful for the opportunity to work for Orange County and that the Planning Commission is very fortunate to have a good planners on staff.

11. Next Meeting date – September 1, 2022

12. Adjourn

On a motion of Mr. Nicol to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bryington, and with 5-0 vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Donald Brooks, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allison A. Simpson", written over a horizontal line.

Planning Commission Secretary

The events of this meeting were captured via digital audio recording. These written minutes shall serve as the official record of actions taken during the meeting.