At a Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; Keith F. Marshall, Vice Chairman; Eduward M. Van Hoven; Crystal D. Hale; and J. Bryan Nicol. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Glenda E. Bradley, Deputy County Administrator; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Ms. Hale, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as modified. Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Marshall, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None.

RE: OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Glenda Bradley, Deputy County Administrator, continued the PowerPoint presentation from the Budget Worksession on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, which included information on the following: capital improvements planning; capital project categories; capital project ranking; the Capital Improvements Plan budget process; the capital projects included in the current iteration of the budget; new debt service; changes in debt service; outstanding debt; and a review of capital and debt funding policy compliance.

Stephanie Straub, Assistant County Administrator for Operations, reviewed several specific Capital Improvements Plan projects related to Public Works, starting with the project to update the public entrance at the Landfill and to relocate / enhance the convenience site on Porter Road. Discussion ensured among the Board regarding: the benefits of making the proposed entrance and convenience site improvements; the number of receptacles that would be installed at the improved convenience site; and where the convenience site would be relocated on the property.

Ms. Straub continued her presentation, moving on to the proposed Capital Improvements Plan project for use of the Unionville property, which included a combination fire and rescue station, a community park with multi-purpose fields, and relocation of the existing convenience site. Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: removal of the Ruritan Building and the cannery and any historical significance of those structures; consolidation of the current fire and rescue stations; benefits of the proposed location of the combination station; and the needs of the combination station, as far as size, bays, etc.

Ms. Straub continued her presentation, moving on to the proposed Capital Improvements Plan project for the Field House / Recreation Center. Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the multiple uses of the space; revenue potential for use of the center; the proposed location of the facility; programming possibilities; and lessons learned from construction of other facilities that could be avoided.

The Board recessed its Worksession at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

Ms. Straub continued her presentation, moving on to the proposed Capital Improvements Plan project for the Government Center. Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the departments to move to the center; plans for the existing buildings that would be vacated; distinction between “citizen services” staying in the Town and “administrative services” relocating to the proposed center; challenges with the existing spaces occupied by staff; and master planning to consolidate space and create efficiency.

General budget discussion ensued among the Board regarding: personnel-related requests in the upcoming budget; recommendations from Administration on the requested positions; the current gap in the budget and use of Fund Balance; the improved reassessment cycle and natural increases in revenue; fire apparatus decisions and restructuring of the apparatus allocation; Fund Balance in the Fire & EMS Levy; identified increases in user fees included in the budget; the difference in fire apparatus versus rescue apparatus; aircraft taxation options; analysis of the tax rate for data centers; and other budget considerations facing the Board.

By consensus, the Board agreed to schedule its next Budget Worksession on March 26, 2024.

RE: HEALTH CENTER COMMISSION

Chairman Johnson stated there was previously a requirement for appointed members of the Health Center Commission to be residents of Orange County. However, when the Resolution governing the Commission was amended last year, said residency requirement was inadvertently omitted. He requested the Board's consideration to revise the Resolution again to add back the residency requirement.

By consensus, the Board agreed to include an item on the next available meeting agenda to consider an amendment to the Resolution governing the Health Center Commission in order to add language requiring members to be residents of Orange County, as presented.

RE: APPLICANTS FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator, explained that the applicants for County Attorney had previously been shared with the Board. As such, he was seeking direction on the Board's desired interview process.

By consensus, the Board agreed that staff would schedule interviews with the three (3) previously identified applicants for County Attorney, to be conducted during a Special Meeting on March 27, 2024.

RE: ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Van Hoven, seconded by Ms. Hale, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Marshall, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None.

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R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

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Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator