

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2025

At a Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; Eduward M. Van Hoven, Vice Chairman; Crystal D. Hale; Keith F. Marshall, and J. Bryan Nicol. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Amy Wilson, County Attorney; and LaToya M. Smith, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE DISCUSSION

Jason Capelle, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was present for this portion of the meeting, along with Michelle Mixell, Director of Development Services, and Josh Frederick, Planning & Zoning Services Manager.

Ms. Mixell presented the second iteration of the draft Zoning District concepts, which have been revised by the Planning Commission, based on the Board's feedback from the March 25, 2025 worksession. The draft documents are organized to show the Board's comments, as well as the associated Planning Commission responses relative to the respective districts: Agricultural 1 (A1) District, Agricultural 2 (A2) District, Rural Residential (RR) District, Rural Service (RS) District, and Technology (T) District.

Ms. Mixell also presented a draft of possible Overlay Districts, noting that the creation of new Overlay Districts is outside the scope of this Zoning Ordinance Update process. However, the draft documents are provided for future consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to clarify the intent of the proposed updates to the Zoning Ordinance.

Reference was made to the County's vision *to be a vibrant community that delivers effective, reflective services to improve the quality of life for all citizens, while sustaining its rural character, promoting a diversified economy, and remaining responsive to local needs*. The following focus areas were identified in the Board's most recent strategic planning session: (1) A Vibrant Community; (2) Effective, Reflective Government; (3) Sustainable Land Use; and (4) Enhanced Quality of Life.

Board members then presented additional feedback regarding the draft Zoning District concepts, focusing on the Technology and Rural Service districts. It was agreed that additional worksessions would be necessary, particularly concerning the Agricultural districts. The consensus was that it would be appropriate to review the Agricultural (A1) and (A2) districts before reviewing the Rural Residential district.

RE: ADJOURN

Chairman Johnson adjourned the worksession at 4:47 p.m.

R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

Glenda B. Paul, County Administrator