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**Louisa Town Council
&
Town of Louisa Planning Commission
Joint Meeting May 22, 2018**

**A Continuation of the May 15, 2018
Louisa Town Council Meeting**

Present: Jessi Lassiter, Vice-Mayor; Mary Jane Clarke, A. Daniel Carter, James S. Artz, Bud Dulaney, Council members; Tom Filer, Town Manager; Carter Cooke, Planning Commission Chairman; Cochran Garnett, Ronald Bullock, Maxine Butcher, Planning Commission members

Absent: R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor

Vice-Mayor Lassiter called the meeting back to order at 5:03 p.m.

Carter Cooke, Chairman, called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Vice-Mayor Lassiter asked Mr. Filer to present the zoning amendment ordinance for the joint public hearing.

Mr. Filer stated that, "In recent reviews of the town's zoning ordinance by Legal Counsel, it was noticed that a general provision allowing for waivers or modifications from the strict application of zoning provisions if it would result in an undue hardship by not allowing a particular use. State law authorizes "modifications" from the zoning ordinance if the Town ordinance includes such a provision. Currently, the town has a similar provision, but it only applies to the PUD district. The proposed ordinance will span all zoning classifications and not limit the "modification" to one section. This is particularly helpful for business zoning areas and commerce expansion."

1 Vice-Mayor Lassiter then opened the Town Council public hearing at
2 5:05 pm. Chairman Cooke opened the PC public hearing at 5:05 pm.
3 Vice-Mayor Lassiter asked if anyone present would like to speak for
4 or against the zoning amendment ordinance. Hearing no response,
5 Vice-Mayor Lassiter and Chairman Cooke closed their respective
6 public hearings at 5:06 pm.

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8 Chairman Cooke called for discussion from the Planning
9 Commission.

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11 Planning Commission member Cochran Garnett made the motion to
12 recommend that Council approve the zoning amendment as
13 advertised. Planning Commission member Maxine Butcher
14 seconded the motion. The vote carried all in favor.

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16 Vice-Mayor Lassiter then called for any discussion from Council.

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18 Mr. Filer fielded questions from Council member Artz and Vice-Mayor
19 Lassiter before the following action took place:

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21 Council member Carter made the motion to approve the zoning
22 amendment ordinance as proposed and advertised. Council member
23 Artz seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Clarke, for;
24 Artz, for; Carter for, Dulaney, for.

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26 **ADJOURNMENT**

27 Hearing no more discussion, Vice-Mayor Lassiter and Chairman
28 Cooke adjourned their respective meetings at 5:10 pm.

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33 Vice-Mayor Lassiter

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35 Clerk