



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 – 6:30 pm  
TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

*Please note there will be an opportunity during the meeting for citizens to address the Town Council when the Mayor declares public comments open. We request that anyone addressing the Council sign up, approach the podium when called, state your first and last name, and provide your complete mailing address.*

- A. WELCOME** – *Mayor Pillion*
- B. ROLL CALL** – *Kim Kingsley, Clerk*
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Councilmember Donna Quetsch*
- D. PRAYER** – *Pastor Steven Bednar, The Vine Church*
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – *Mayor Pillion*
- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - August 7, 2023
- G. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided; comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.
  - Town of Abingdon residents
  - Other public comments (e.g. property owners, organizations)
- H. PROCLAMATIONS**
  1. Proclamation on behalf of the Veterans Advisory Board recognizing September 10 – 16, 2023 as National Suicide Prevention Week
- I. PUBLIC HEARING** - Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided; comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person.
  1. Proposed special use permit for two comprehensive sign programs.
    - Located at 238 W. Main St. Abingdon, VA, Tax Map 012-1-127. Five signs will be added to the property illustrating the name of the marketplace and the presence and location of tenants. One sign will go above the main entryway on W. Main St. Another sign will go on the ground level pedestrian entrance on W. Main St. Two signs for tenants will go on the wall facing the Visitor Center closer to Remsburg, and one sign will be located at the entrance from Remsburg.
    - Located at 370 E. Main St. Abingdon, VA, Tax Map 013-1-82. Comprehensive sign at the property of 370 E. Main St. advertising the entryway to the shared parking area of

Sweet Bay Brewing Company, a bike shop, an adventure retail store, and The Girl & The Raven.

## 2. Proposed Zoning Text Amendment

### **Chapter 44. Article 6. Section 6-1-1 – 6-1-5**

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**Recreational Substances, Retail.** Recreational Substances uses (both Retail, Off-Site and Retail, On-Site) shall be subject to the following limitations and requirements:

- a. Must be located at least 2,000 linear feet from the property line of any public or private school (pre-K through Grade 12);
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- c. Hours of operation shall be limited to 8am to 8pm, Monday through Sunday;
- d. Are not allowed in the Old & Historic District or Entrance Corridor;
- f. May be permitted as a special use in parcels zoned B-2 unless visible from the Entrance Corridor road segments of Main Street and Cummings;
- g. Are permitted by right in M-1 (Limited Industrial) zones; and
- h. This does not apply to grocery stores, gas stations or pharmacies where greater than 75% of sales are non-recreational substances.

**Recreational Substances:** Recreational Substances includes the following:

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- Any product, including any raw materials from hemp that are used for or added to a food or beverage product, that contains hemp and has completed all stages of processing needed for the product.
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- Any pipe, vaporizer, other type of device, wrappings, or accessories associated with the consumption or inhalation of the abovementioned substances and materials.

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## J. RESOLUTIONS

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2. Resolution supporting the application for Transportation Alternative Funds for the Park Street Improvements, Phase 2 Project – *Michael Surrett, Director of Public Works*
3. Resolution supporting the application for Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds for Safety Initiative Projects – *Michael Surrett, Director of Public Works*

## K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. Consideration of proposed zoning test amendment to Chapter 44. Article 6. Section 6-1-1 through 6-1-5 - *Mayana Rice, Asst. Town Manager and Director of Community Development*

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#### **L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

1. Consideration of proposed amendment to the Town of Abingdon Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 – Solid Waste – *Mayana Rice, Asst. Town Manager and Director of Community Development*

#### **M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

#### **N. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **O. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

#### **Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

#### **R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Economic Development Authority
  - Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Nate Burg
2. Sustain Abingdon
  - Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Robin Raines
3. Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee
  - Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Richard Morgan

*If Council so desires, Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for position on Economic Development Authority, Sustain Abingdon and/or Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee.*

#### **S. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **T. ADJOURNMENT**