

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 – 2:30 pm  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 2:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion***
- B. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

Wayne Austin  
Donna Quetsch  
Derek Webb  
Vice Mayor Anderson  
Mayor Pillion

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 6:26 - 7:02)**

**On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, amended agenda to add a Proclamation to Item F honoring former Mayor Lois Humphreys, and approved as amended.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- F. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 7:17 - 9:39)**

1. Proclamation honoring Mayor Lois H. Humphrey (1931 - 2023). Mr. Webb read the Proclamation into record.

- G. PUBLIC HEARING**
- H. RESOLUTIONS (VIDOE 9:41 - 52:18)**

1. Proposed special use permit for a comprehensive sign program located at 370 E. Main St., Abingdon, VA, Tax Map 013-1-82. Comprehensive sign at property of 370 E. Main St. advertising the entryway to the shared parking area of Sweet Bay Brewing Company, a bike shop, adventure retail store, and The Girl & The Raven.

Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development Mayana Rice stated the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the application as presented with the conditions placed on the property, the staff and the Planning Commission requested a 15-foot-wide easement and a 24-foot-wide easement at different locations on the property. The applicants have agreed to those easements' widths so that portion of the project has been moved forward. The other item, a lighting plan to show where lights have also been submitted. The remaining condition would be for a final signature on actual easements to be placed across the property lines to ensure the one cohesive development as required for a comprehensive sign plan.

Mrs. Rice stated the Town Council is presented with a request for a special use permit by Cillian James Hagarty for signage located at 370 E. Main Street, Tax Map 013-1-82, which was tabled at the September 5, 2023 meeting.

Discussion ensued. Nathan Burg, Cillian Hagarty and Lawrence Patrick Atkins presented to Council.

**On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to table the approval of the sign contingent upon it becoming a combined partnership development.**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES (VIDEO 52:23 - 52:49)**

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*

**Special Limitations for Specific Uses.** The following uses shall be subject to the limitations as specified:

**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);

- b. Must be located at least 2,000 linear feet from the property line of an existing Recreational Substances use (both Retail, Off-Site and Retail, On-Site);
- 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:**

- Any product made of tobacco including cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and pipe tobacco.
- Any noncombustible product containing nicotine or vaping fluid that employs a heating element, power source, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from a solution or other form.
- 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.
- Kratom, and any product including any raw materials from Kratom that are used for or added to a food or beverage product, that contains Kratom and has completed all stages of processing needed for the product.
- Any pipe, vaporizer, other type of device, wrappings, or accessories associated with the consumption or inhalation of the abovementioned substances and materials.

**Recreational Substances, Retail, Off-Site Use:** Any establishment, facility, or location whose business operation involves (i) the retail sale of Recreational Substances and (ii) includes Recreational Substances as 25% or more of its total inventory or 15% or more of its total display shelf area.

**Recreational Substances, Retail, On-Site Use:** Any establishment, facility, or location whose business operation allows the on-site use of Recreational Substances.

**On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Webb, adopt the Ordinance as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**K. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

**M. OLD BUSINESS**

**N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER  
(VIDEO 53:55 - 54:32)** Town Manager Mr. Cochran noted the September 30th car show in  
Downtown Abingdon.

**O. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 54:32 - 55:52)**

Mr. Webb announced the tree giveaway would occur the first weekend in November. Mayor  
Pillion reminded everyone to volunteer at the Washington County Day of Service on October 14.

**P. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Q. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.

  
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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

  
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Mayor Amanda Pillion