NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold public hearings on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the following:

Special Use Permit – 1561 Gilmer Circle (Major Family Day Home in R-1)

Public hearing to consider a request from Paulin Mupenda Makungu and Beni Ndjoni Tamnwe for a special use permit per Section 10-3-34 (6) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a major family day home in the R-1, Single Family Residential District. The +/- 16,140-square foot property is addressed as 1561 Gilmer Circle and is identified as tax map parcel 91-L-24.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Period of Validity for Special Use Permits for Residential Projects

Public hearing to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to modify regulations associated with the validity of the special use permits, specifically related to residential projects. The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments would modify Section 10-3-130 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow residential request 36 months to be established or commenced before the special use permit expires.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – To Allow and Regulate Urban Honeybees

Public hearing to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance by creating new definitions and adding regulations to allow keeping of honeybees as an accessory use on any property occupied by a single-family detached dwelling and any property determined to be a nonconforming agricultural use, subject to the regulations set forth in proposed Article FF, which includes, limits on the number of beehives, requirements for the location and maintenance of beehives, and requirement to apply for a permit that shall be renewed annually. Additionally, Article BB of the Zoning Ordinance, which regulates Business Gardens is proposed for amendment to allow keeping of honeybees.

Applications and other information are available for review by contacting the Department of Community Development, 409 South Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call (540) 432-7700 to obtain a copy by email or by appointment. More information is available at www.harrisonburgva.gov/public-hearings. Interested parties will be able to attend the meeting and to watch the meeting on Public Education Government Channel 3 or on the City's website at www.harrisonburg-va.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.

Publication dates:

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 Wednesday, September 4, 2024