



**Town of Townsend  
Townsend Council Public Hearing  
Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
Via Town Hall & Conference Call**

7:00 p.m. Townsend Town Council Public Hearing

- I. Call to Order 7:07 pm
- II. Opening Ceremonies
  - A. Roll Call: Mayor S. Lobdell, Councilman M. Chapman, Councilman J. Bangura, Councilman M. Suhr, Town Solicitor L. Hatfield, and Town Clerk M. Rivera.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance: all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - C. Recognition of Visitors: John Holmes
  - D. Announcements:
    - i. CM Mertz congratulated Townsend Elementary who won first place at the Odyssey of the Mind Tournament.
- III. Additions and Deletions to published Agenda.
  - A. CM Bangura made a motion to adopt the agenda. CM Mertz seconded the motion. Voice vote of Council: all yea's.
    - i. Council adopted the agenda.
- IV. Public hearing Ordinance 2024-002, An Ordinance to Amend Section 24.0.060 of the Town Code to Add the Definition of Commercial Vehicle.
  - A. CM Mertz advised there is a discrepancy with 24.04.090 in which changing item G. is a conflict with item F.
  - B. CM Mertz provided a reading of the comment letter received by James Reyes.
  - C. CM Mertz provided a reading of 24.04.090.F and the proposed ordinance item G3.
  - D. Council discussed possible amendments to the ordinance.
    - i. TS Hatfield confirmed changes discussed are not major and advised changes must be posted to the website and a second reading must be performed. Furthermore, Council is allowed to make motions and changes during a hearing.

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- E. *CM Mertz motioned to strike G2 of the proposed ordinance in its entirety and take and add the following after “and prohibited” of G3 to add “parking on the street” and strike “Storage of the vehicles listed in this paragraph is allowed” through to “garage”. CM Chapman seconded the motion.*
- i. TC Rivera provided a new reading of section two of Ordinance 2024-002, An Ordinance to Amend Section 24.0.060 of the Town Code to Add the Definition of Commercial Vehicle.
  - ii. *Voice vote of Council: all yea’s – CM Bangura abstained.*
    - 1. Council amended Ordinance 2024-002, An Ordinance to Amend Section 24.0.060 of the Town Code to Add the Definition of Commercial Vehicle.
- V. Public hearing of Ordinance 2024-004, An Ordinance to Amend Board of Adjustment Appeals.
- A. Mayor Lobdell provided a title reading of Ordinance 2024-004, An Ordinance to Amend Board of Adjustment Appeals.
  - B. Mayor Lobdell advised this ordinance is to change the language to align with the State’s Requirement of Appeals.
  - C. TS Hatfield noted a clerical change to Ordinance 2024-004, An Ordinance to Amend Board of Adjustment Appeals from “347” to “328”.
  - D. *CM Mertz made a motion to close discussion. CM Chapman seconded the motion. Voice vote of Council: all yea’s.*
    - i. Council closed discussion of Ordinance 2024-004, An Ordinance to Amend Board of Adjustment Appeals.
- VI. Public hearing Ordinance 2024-008, An Ordinance to Annex 6170 Summit Bridge Rd.
- A. Mayor Lobdell provided a title reading of Ordinance 2024-008, An Ordinance to Annex 6170 Summit Bridge Rd.
  - B. Mr. Holmes advised the existing zoning and land use of the parcel is suburban reserve and raised concern for the possible endangered species on the property.

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- C. *CM Chapman motioned to close discussion. CM Mertz seconded the motion.*  
*Voice vote of Council: all yea's.*
- i. Council closed discussion of Ordinance 2024-008, An Ordinance to Annex 6170 Summit Bridge Rd.
- VII. Adjourn at 7:30 pm
- A. Council adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:32 pm.