

Upcoming Council Sept.7th Meeting- Study Session Downtown Zoning

On Wednesday Sept. 7th the Town Council will be conducting a Study Session on the proposed draft ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission (PC) regarding zoning in the downtown area. The objective of this study session is to provide the Council and public an opportunity to review and “study” this complex zoning issue without having to formally consider the draft ordinance. It also provides the flexibility for the Council to request additional information or ask that the PC consider or reconsider policy issues related to the ordinance.

As this item is listed as a study session, *the Town Council will NOT be taking any action to approve any zoning amendments.*

The staff report on the item (#13) will be available on Friday, September 2nd at www.townoffairfax.org under the Calendar Notes on the Home Page. The meeting is televised live on the governmental channel as well as streamed on-line.

Town Center Plan Workshop October 1st

The goal of the upcoming Town Center Plan Workshop #2 is to receive community input needed to distill the list of “issues and opportunities” that came out of Workshop #1 into possible design options for improving the Town Center area. This second Workshop is where the creative thinking (e.g., “brainstorming”) will take place. We encourage you to attend this workshop to share your thoughts with others.

We also wanted to provide you with some clarification regarding the proposed zoning amendments for the downtown and the Town Center Plan. The two issues are related, but there are 2 distinct processes for each. *The study session mentioned above is the process for the zoning amendments.*

The workshop is the process for creating a Town Center Plan. Please note there is no adopted Town Center Plan. The “to-be-developed” Town Center Plan should not be confused with the Town Center Element. The Town Center Element is part of the General Plan and identified policies to consider in the creation of a Town Center Plan. Specifically, one goal of the Town Center Element is to “Define and Implement a Town Center Plan.”

We realize this distinction can be confusing or blurred at times and will try to make it more clear in future correspondence. Please remember that workshops are intended to encourage community participation and that *the Town Council will NOT be taking any action regarding the Town Center Plan at any of the workshops.*

If you are interested, the background materials from Workshop #1 are available at www.townoffairfax.org under the Government, Town Council tab. Click on Meeting Archive and select the June 14th special Council meeting packet link. The materials include the policies from the Town Center Element.

The Town Center Plan Workshop is October 1st from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Women’s Club.