

**TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE  
JOINT MEETING WITH  
TOWN COUNCIL and PLANNING COMMISSION  
Public Hearing to take public comments on the three separate applications for  
proposed rezoning  
OCTOBER 10, 2023  
6:00pm  
Independence Volunteer Fire Department  
329 Davis Street, Independence, VA 24348**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ronald Sexton, Vice Mayor, Jim Meier, Jason Cassell, Mark Miller, Joan Collins, and Kit Marshall.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:** Tim Cooper, Chairman, Laura Ratcliffe, Anne Beamer, and Sandra Venzie.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Buddy Halsey.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** James Johnson, Lesa Dalton, Brad Nester, and Mark Davis.

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** Laura Ratcliffe, Town Manager, Roger Brooks, Town Attorney, Kim Phipps, Assistant to the Town Clerk, Matthew Adams, Police Chief, and Terry Osborne, Utility Supervisor.

**CITIZENS & GUESTS:** Steve Marshall, Jennifer Snow, Teresa Osborne, Jessica Newton, and Michelle Pridgen.

Mayor Sexton opened the public hearing to order this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023. Mayor Sexton stated the public hearing was to take public comments on three separate applications for proposed rezoning at:

- 1) 119 Journey's End Drive, Independence, from General Commercial to Single Family Residential.
- 2) Change the Core Commercial Zoning to include Animal Services
- 3) 109 Hilltop Drive, Independence, from Single Family Residential to Core Commercial.

Mayor Sexton turned the meeting over to the Planning Commission.

Tim Cooper, Planning Commission Chairman, asked if anyone had any questions regarding the proposed changes. No one commented.

**SANDRA VENZIE made a motion to change 119 Journey's End Drive, Independence, VA from General Commercial to Single Family Residential. Anne Beamer seconded; motion carried with all ayes.**

**SANDRA VENZIE made a motion to change the Core Commercial Zoning to include animal services. ANN BEAMER seconded; motion carried with all eyes.**

**SANDRA VENZIE made a motion to change the zoning at 109 Hilltop Drive, Independence, from Single Family Residential to Core Commercial.**

With no public comments, Mayor Sexton, and Planning Commission Chairman, Tim Cooper closed the Public Hearing.