



**TOWN OF SMYRNA**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING**  
**MINUTES**



**April 2, 2026**

**5:00 PM**

**Smyrna Town Hall**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 05:01 PM. The Invocation was led by Councilman Sullivan. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Building Official, Kristi Worrell.

**2. Roll Call**

The roll was called by the Town Clerk and the following Town Council Members were present: Council Member Racquel Peebles, Council Member Steve Sullivan, Council Member Gerry Short, Council Member HG Cole, Council Member Jerome Dempsey, Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins and Mayor Mary Esther Reed.

**3. Old Business**

**3.a. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Sign Ordinance Chapter 3 General Provisions, Sections D and E, and Chapter 7 Temporary Sign Provisions, Sections A, B, and C.**

The Town Council next considered on second and final reading an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Sign Ordinance Chapter 3 General Provisions, Sections D and E, and Chapter 7 Temporary Sign Provisions, Sections A, B, and C. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of this item.

At this time, Mayor Reed recessed the meeting without objection, and a public hearing was opened related to the agenda item. No citizens spoke relative to this agenda item. At this time, the public hearing was closed without objection, and the Council meeting was resumed.

Following discussion, Council Member Gerry Short made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second and final reading; the motion was duly seconded by Council Member Steve Sullivan. After further discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

A copy of said Ordinance, as approved on second and final reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "1." (Ordinance #26-18)

**3.b. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Municipal Zoning Ordinance Article V Zoning Districts,**

**Section 5.051.4.C regarding accessory apartments in the R-4 Medium Density Residential District.**

The Town Council next considered on second and final reading an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Municipal Zoning Ordinance Article V Zoning Districts, Section 5.051.4.C regarding accessory apartments in the R-4 Medium Density Residential District. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of this item.

At this time, Mayor Reed recessed the meeting without objection, and a public hearing was opened related to the agenda item. No citizens spoke relative to this agenda item. At this time, the public hearing was closed without objection, and the Council meeting was resumed.

Following discussion, Council Member Jerome Dempsey made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second and final reading; the motion was duly seconded by Council Member Steve Sullivan. After further discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

A copy of said Ordinance, as approved on second and final reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "2." (Ordinance #26-19)

**3.c. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Municipal Zoning Ordinance Article II, Definitions, Sections 2.020 and 2.036.12 and Article V Zoning Districts, Sections 5.052.1, 5.052.2, 5.052.4, and 5.052.6 regarding bail bond agency requirements.**

The Town Council next considered on second and final reading an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Municipal Zoning Ordinance Article II, Definitions, Sections 2.020 and 2.036.12 and Article V Zoning Districts, Sections 5.052.1, 5.052.2, 5.052.4, and 5.052.6 regarding bail bond agency requirements. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of this item.

At this time, Mayor Reed recessed the meeting without objection, and a public hearing was opened related to the agenda item. No citizens spoke relative to this agenda item. At this time, the public hearing was closed without objection, and the Council meeting was resumed.

Following discussion, Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second and final reading; the motion was duly seconded by Council Member Racquel Peebles. After further discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

A copy of said Ordinance, as approved on second and final reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "3." (Ordinance #26-20)

**3.d. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Municipal Zoning Ordinance Article II Definitions, Sections**

**2.020, 2.036.14, and 2.036.23, Article IV Supplementary Provisions Applying to Specific Districts adding Section 4.210, and Article V Zoning Districts, Sections 5.052.7, 5.053.1, and 5.053.2 regarding tobacco, vape, and cannabinoid retailers.**

The Town Council next considered on second and final reading an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Municipal Zoning Ordinance Article II Definitions, Sections 2.020, 2.036.14, and 2.036.23, Article IV Supplementary Provisions Applying to Specific Districts adding Section 4.210, and Article V Zoning Districts, Sections 5.052.7, 5.053.1, and 5.053.2 regarding tobacco, vape, and cannabinoid retailers. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of this item.

At this time, Mayor Reed recessed the meeting without objection, and a public hearing was opened related to the agenda item. No citizens spoke relative to this agenda item. At this time, the public hearing was closed without objection, and the Council meeting was resumed.

Following discussion, Council Member Jerome Dempsey made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second and final reading; the motion was duly seconded by Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins. After further discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

A copy of said Ordinance, as approved on second and final reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "4." (Ordinance #26-21)

**4. Public Comment**

There was one public comment speaker, Ms. Sharon McGinness, relative to Lake Farms Estates.

**5. Other**

There was no other business before the Council at this time.

**6. Adjournment**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Attest:

  
Amber Hobbs, Town Clerk

Town of Smyrna, Tennessee

  
Mary Esther Reed, Mayor