

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
RECESSED MEETING/COUNCIL RETREAT
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017 – 9:00 AM
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR**

A Recessed Meeting/Council Retreat of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Friday, April 14, 2017 at 9:00 am at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator.

A. Welcome by Mayor Lowe

B. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present:

Mrs. Cathy Lowe
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys (late)
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mrs. M. Cindy Patterson
Mr. J. Wayne Craig

Administrative/Town Staff:

Greg Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile Rosenbaum, Asst. Town
Manager/Clerk
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney
Kim Kingsley, Paralegal/Deputy Treasurer

Presenters/Visitors:

Walter Erwin, City Attorney, City of Lynchburg
and Mark Flynn, Woodley & Flynn, PLLC

The following topics were presented to and discussed by the Council:

Virginia Freedom of Information Act
Virginia Conflict of Interests Act
Parliamentary Procedure
 Good governance
 Council meetings
 Dealing with difficult citizens
 Ethics / council relations

On motion of Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, Council went into closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2.-3711(A)(1)

for the purpose of discussing the actions of the Town Manager. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mayor Lowe	Aye

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council reconvened in regular session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mayor Lowe	Aye

Cecile Rosenbaum, Clerk, read the following certification to be adopted by the Council members:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia has convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and

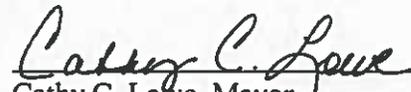
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.

The certification was as follows:

Mr. Craig	I so certify
Mrs. Patterson	I so certify

Mr. Howard	I so certify
Mr. Humphreys	I so certify
Mayor Lowe	I so certify

Mayor Lowe declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Cathy C. Lowe, Mayor


Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk