

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular Council meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME - Mayor Lowe

B. ROLL CALL – Cecile Rosenbaum, Asst. Town Manager/Clerk

Members of Council Present:

Mrs. Cathy C. Lowe, Mayor
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys, Vice Mayor
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mrs. M. Cindy Patterson
Mr. J. Wayne Craig

Administrative/Town Staff:

Greg Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile Rosenbaum, Asst. Town
Mgr/Clerk
CJ McGlothlin, IT Department
Chuck Banner, Director of Finance
John McCormick, Fire Chief
Matt Bolick, Dir. of Public Services/Const.
Kim Kingsley, Paralegal/Deputy Treasurer
Jayne Duchring, Director of Tourism
Tonya Triplett, Community Dev. Coordinator
Floyd Baily, Director of IT
Tony Sullivan, Police Chief

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Sullivan.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 2:15 – 2:45)

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council, approved the minutes of the September 5, 2017 Regular meeting as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided and comments are limited to three (3) minutes. (VIDEO 3:00 – 6:40)

- **Richard Macbeth, 1139 Panorama Drive**

At this time, Mayor Lowe commented that she wished to deviate from the agenda requesting a Motion to hear a matter scheduled for closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) for the purpose of discussing actual or probable litigation involving personnel as the Council's attorney was present at this time. (VIDEO 6:52 – 1:03:05)

Mr. Humphreys made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howard, to move the Closed Session scheduled for later on the agenda and listed as Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) for the purpose of discussing actual or probable litigation involving personnel, to the beginning part of the meeting.

Mrs. Patterson inquired whether personnel will be in the closed session and expressed her concern that Brad Stallard may have a conflict of interest in representing the Council as he worked closely with the employees and also represented the Council regarding the Meadows lawsuit.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council went into Closed Session per Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussing actual or probable litigation involving personnel.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Let the record reflect that Brad Stallard, Attorney for the Abingdon Town Council, and Chris Johnson, Attorney for Councilperson Cindy Patterson joined Council members in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, 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, Asst. Town Manager and 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

**E. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES –
NONE**

F. SECOND READINGS - NONE

G. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS (VIDEO 1:03:14 – 1:11:45)

a. Consideration of bids for Abingdon Urban Path project – *Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services and Construction*

Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services and Construction, stated the bids on the project were received and noted that Inland Construction of Abingdon, Virginia was the lowest bidder with a bid amount of \$493,590.00. Mayor Lowe, Mr. Howard and Mrs. Patterson inquired about the specifications of the project and Mr. Bolick noted that any additional funds in the budget for this project could be used for decorative features.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council accepted the bid of Inland Construction Company in the amount of \$493,590.00 for the Urban Path Project and authorized the Town Manager to execute any and all documents pertaining thereto upon recommendation by our consulting engineer and approval by Virginia Department of Transportation.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

b. Consideration of bids for Asphalt resurfacing for the 2017-2018 fiscal year – *Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services and Construction*

Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services and Construction, stated the bids on the project were received and noted that W – L Construction was the lowest bidder with a bid amount of \$2,021,000. Mr. Bolick stated that this contract is designed to be a renewable, three-year contract that allows for a fixed unit price for several different types of asphalt and gives town staff the opportunity to prepare costs estimates for repaving work with a higher level of confidence. Mr. Bolick noted that the proposed phased approach contract does meet procurement guidelines and the work will be performed on a work order basis and will not exceed the Town's yearly asphalt resurfacing budget.

On motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Council awarded the contract for the Asphalt resurfacing for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to W –L Construction the amount of \$2,021,000.00 and further authorized the Town Manager to execute any and all documents necessary for the execution of the contract.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye

Mr. Humphreys **Aye**
Mayor Lowe **Aye**

**H. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER/ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER
(VIDEO 1:11:47 – 1:17:58)**

1. **Consideration of award of contract for Survey, Design, Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Pedestrian, Road and Storm Drainage Improvements for Park Street and Tanner Street – *Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services and Construction***

Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services/Construction reported that the Park Street project was moving forward and recommended that Council consider awarding the contract for Survey, Design, Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for the pedestrian, road and storm drainage improvements for Park and Tanner Street to Thompson-Litton, Inc. Mr. Bolick stated the engineering services provided include surveying, design services, environmental coordination, permitting, bidding or negotiating services and construction contract administration.

Councilman Humphreys declared that if a transaction applies to a group of 3 or more and a council member or employee is in that group, he or she may participate upon certifying that he or she is “able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest pursuant to Code of Virginia §2.2-3112(A)(2), 3115(H), and certified that he has an interest in the Park Street area.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council awarded the contract for Survey, Design, Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Pedestrian, Road and Storm Drainage Improvements for Park Street and Tanner Street to Thompson-Litton, Inc. and further authorized the Town Manager to execute any and all documents necessary for the contract.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

I. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia as an Endorsement of the Construction of Pedestrian, Road and Storm Drainage Improvements along Park Street and Tanner Street (UPC #105675) – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*
(VIDEO 1:17:59 – 1:21:28)

Greg Kelly, Town Manager, stated that the proposed Resolution is an Endorsement of the Construction of Pedestrian, Road and Storm Drainage Improvements along Park Street and Tanner Street was standard to access Virginia Department of Transportation funding.



**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
AS AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN, ROAD AND
STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG PARK STREET AND TANNER
STREET, PROJECT U000-140-276
(UPC 105675)**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a resolution be received from the sponsoring local jurisdiction or agency requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to establish a project in the Town of Abingdon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Abingdon requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the construction of pedestrian, road and storm drainage improvements along Park Street and Tanner Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Abingdon hereby agrees to provide its share of the total cost for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction of this project in accordance with the project financial documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Abingdon hereby agrees to enter into a project administration agreement with VDOT and provide the necessary oversight to ensure the project is developed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local requirements for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Abingdon will be responsible for maintenance and operating costs of the facility as constructed unless other arrangements have been made with VDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Town of Abingdon subsequently elects to cancel the project, the TOWN of ABINGDON hereby agrees to reimburse VDOT for the total amount of costs expended by VDOT through the date VDOT is notified of such cancellation. The TOWN of ABINGDON also agrees to repay any funds previously reimbursed that are later deemed ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration or VDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Abingdon hereby grants authority for the Town of Abingdon Manager to apply for funds and execute project administration agreements, as well as other documents necessary for approved projects.

On motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Craig, that the Council adopt the Resolution as read into the record by Mayor Lowe.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of proposed Tourism Zone – *Jayne Duehring, Director of Tourism and Tonya Triplett, Director of Community Development* (VIDEO 1:21:29 – 1:38:55)

Jayne Duehring, Director of Tourism, addressed the Council regarding the proposed "Tourism Zone" ordinance. Mrs. Duehring stated that considerable research had been completed by town staff/committee to determine what actions could be taken that would help downtown businesses to locate on Main Street, inspire growth and increase employment opportunities for downtown businesses. Ms. Duehring noted that the research had revealed that Tourism Zones, for Abingdon, were not the most viable way to accomplish this mission. Mrs. Duehring stated that she felt that the best method to reach the goals discussed would be to explore possible solutions by working with the members of the town's Economic Development Authority. Mrs. Duehring advised Council that she would provide an update in the upcoming months and keep Council apprised of the progress with the EDA.

Tonya Triplett, Director of Community Development updated the Council regarding several events planned for the upcoming months, including a Holiday downtown merchants event, the business challenge, and continued work with small businesses to locate in Abingdon. Ms. Patterson noted that merchants could do advertising for Christmas gift purchases by shopping downtown.

K. CLOSED SESSIONS

- Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2 3711(A)(7) for the purpose of discussing actual litigation in the matter of *Kevin Sandinaw v. Cathy C. Lowe, Richard Humphreys, Robert Howard, Deborah C. Icenhour, and Town Council of Abingdon*. (VIDEO 1:38:56 – 1:41:32)

Mr. Humphreys stated that he did not feel that this matter needed to be discussed in Closed Session.

Mr. Humphreys made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howard, to appeal the General District Court findings to the Washington County Circuit Court in the matter of *Kevin Sandinaw v. Cathy C. Lowe, Richard Humphreys, Robert Howard, Deborah C. Icenhour, and Town Council of Abingdon*.

Mr. Craig stated that he was not in favor of appealing the decision of the General District Court and noted he estimated costs up to \$20,000 to appeal. Mrs. Patterson stated that she agreed with Mr. Craig about not appealing the decision and commented taxpayers should not pay for an appeal.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

- Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7) for the purpose of discussing actual or probable litigation involving personnel. **(Matter was heard earlier in the meeting)**

L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Consideration of Council's endorsement of a letter as prepared by the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks – **Cathy Lowe, Mayor (VIDEO 1:41:39 – 1:46:55)**

Mayor Lowe stated that she had been contacted by the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks about sending a letter in opposition of allowing an increase in truck length or weight on the nation's interstate systems. Mayor Lowe read the letter into the record.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, Council agreed to endorse a letter as in opposition to allowing an increase in truck lengths and width and as prepared by the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. Consideration of up to date, independent, financial analysis of Town of Abingdon's participation in joint development project – **Wayne Craig, Council Member (VIDEO 1:47:14 – 1:55:03)**

Mr. Craig read the attached statement requesting an up to date financial analysis of the Town's participation in the Meadows Development. (*See also* Position Statement from Friends of Abingdon, Inc. requested to be made a part of minutes by Mr. Craig). Greg Kelly, Town Manager, advised Council that David Rose with Davenport and Associates has agreed to do a presentation to Council in December 2017 relative to the financial viability of the Meadows project. Mr. Kelly further stated that Fred Parker, Treasurer of Washington County, Virginia, has completed an independent analysis regarding additional revenues.

Mr. Craig stated that he would accept David Rose presenting to the Council in December. Mr. Humphreys suggested that the Council invite Mr. Parker to the presentation. Mr. Kelly stated that Mr. Rose would be speaking with Mr. Parker directly.

M. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator (VIDEO 1:55:13 – 2:09:10)

- Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Dr. French Moore, Jr. – *tabled from the September meeting*

Motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, to appoint Gary Lester as a Town representative to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, to appoint Don Adams to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator.

Mayor Lowe declared that she was the Director of the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator and therefore would only be presiding and not voting on this matter. Discussion ensued. Mayor Lowe stepped away from the dais to address the remaining members of Council stating that Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator had a meeting scheduled on Thursday to address a vacant member-at-large position. Let the record reflect that Mayor Lowe returned to the dais.

Discussion ensued regarding both proposed persons for the Incubator seat.

The substitution motion to appoint Don Adams to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion to appoint Don Adams to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator failed due to tie vote.

The motion to appoint Gary Lester to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion to appoint Gary Lester to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator failed due to a tie vote.

Mayor Lowe requested that next month's packet include the information about the Member-at-large. Mayor Lowe stepped away from the dais to address questions from Mrs. Patterson to discuss how the members of the board were selected. Let the record reflect that Mayor Lowe returned to the dais.

2. Tourism Advisory Committee (VIDEO 2:09:11 – 2:12:08)

- *Moving Janet Woolwine from Retail representative to the now vacant B & B representative;*
- *Appoint Kalonn Roberts, Barter Theatre employee, to Attractions now vacant representative to replace Addie Lee that is no longer available to serve;*
- *Appoint David Matlock, Executive Director of the Virginia Higher Education Center, to Higher Education Field representative to replace Sean Webb who is no longer available to serve;*
- *Appoint Chris Cannon, Executive Director of Heartwood, to at Large member;*

- *Appoint Carrie Baxter, Director of Abingdon Main Street, as the Abingdon Main Street representative*
- *Reappointment of Joel Jerkins who is eligible for another three-year term*
- *Reappointment of Martha Keys who is eligible for another three-year term*

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, Council agreed to move Janet Woolwine from retail representative to the B & B representative; appoint Kalonn Roberts as attraction representative to replace Addie Lee who is no longer available to serve; appoint David Matlock as Higher Education Field representative to replace Sean Webb who is no longer available to serve; appoint Chris Cannon, Executive Director of Heartwood, as member at large; appoint Carrie Baxter, Director of Abingdon Main Street as the Abingdon Main Street representative; reappoint Joel Jerkins for another three year term and Martha Keys for another three year term.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

3. Housing and Redevelopment Authority (VIDEO 2:12:12 – 2:13:27)

- **Reappointment of Vickye Hall who is eligible to serve another term**

Mayor Lowe stated that Vickye Hall has contacted the Council and does not wish to be reappointed. Cecile Rosenbaum advised Council that another appointee does not want to serve and that a Notice of Vacancy be posted and placed on the December agenda for consideration. Mr. Humphreys requested that Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority be notified and that Don Adams be considered for a spot on that Board.

4. Historic Preservation Review Board (VIDEO 2:13:28 – 2:13:51)

- **Reappointment of Jeff Johnson, who is eligible to serve another term.**

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, Council agreed to reappoint Jeff Johnson for an additional term on the Historic Preservation Review Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (CONTINUED) (VIDEO 2:14:06 - 2:30:00)

Mr. Craig stated that he is enjoying the Infrastructure Committee that meets once a month.

Mrs. Patterson stated that the Veteran's Day celebration at the Veteran's Park will be November 11th at 11:00 am. Mrs. Patterson reported that the Tree Commission was keeping some inventory of trees at the Veteran's Park. Mrs. Patterson attended the meeting regarding the Community Center and hopefully they can come up with some way to keep the Meals on Wheels program.

Mr. Howard stated that District III may have to cut services and/or increase their fee for next year. Mr. Howard also represented the Abingdon Fire Department during the Saturday event hosting Vice-President Pence.

Mr. Humphreys stated that the Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration was a success with 1,650 students and 350 adults attending. He also attended the Feed America event held on October 13th with David Millsap, Director. Mr. Humphreys also stated that he was pleased to announce that Dr. French Moore is doing better and may be accepting visitors.

Mayor Lowe stated the Council was invited to the Barter Theatre reveal of the 2018 season on October 20th. Mayor Lowe noted that she spoke at

the Mustering Grounds ceremony and attended the Tobacco Commission meeting, and was appointed by the Governor to the Cultural Heritage Foundation through July 2019. Mayor Lowe stated that she had provided a map to the Tobacco Commission regarding available lots in the Technology Park.

Mr. Kelly stated that he was honored to escort Robert Duvall through the Town building and present him with a key to the Town during his recent visit to the Barter Theatre.

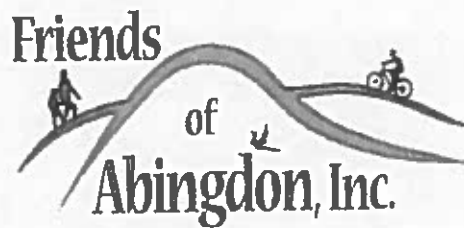
Mayor Lowe declared the meeting adjourned.


Cathy C. Lowe, Mayor


Cecile Rosenbaum, Clerk

Wayne Craig Report

Last Thursday's newspaper had a big article about Bristol's struggles with their debt from the Falls project. As I read the article, I became more concerned about the debt that Abingdon is about to take on in the Meadows Development. None of the choices that Bristol faces is without significant pain because revenue and expense projections for the project were grossly inaccurate. Now, City Council is facing the difficult choices of cutting essential services or increasing already high taxes or a combination of both. I believe the situation in Bristol should serve as a warning to us as we approach spending on the Meadows Project. The situation in Bristol is not the only sign that we should proceed with caution. Other signs have become apparent to me such as: 1. Articles in major newspapers across the country indicating that on line retail trade is increasing rapidly and is cutting into sales at local stores. 2. There is visible increase in vacant retail space in our area. 3. There are vacant outparcels for sale in major retail developments all around us including the Walmart development at Exit 19. 4. Help -wanted signs are all over the place in retail establishments which indicate that businesses are not able to pay an attractive wage. Based on these visual observations and recent public comment, I suggest that we get an up to date financial of the Town's participation in the Meadows Development as soon as possible.



POSITION STATEMENT
Meadows Financial Analysis

September 5, 2017

Friends of Abingdon, Inc. (FOA), recommends that the Abingdon Town Council contract for an independent comprehensive financial analysis of the Meadows project — something not undertaken up to now. The sensitivity analysis run early last year was insufficient at best. What this Council needs is an in-depth cost/revenue timeline analysis of the entire project including the underlying assumptions used to calculate the costs and revenue streams. Many changes have taken place during the past two years: (1) Publix abandoned its planned shopping center near exit 7 because Publix could not fill-up the outparcels. We must ask, how many of the proposed Meadows outparcels are under contract so far? Has the Town Council received details about the status of outparcel contracts? (2) The Washington County Administrator has stated that area retail is saturated. Re-evaluation of the Meadows project is in order. (3) Existing Abingdon retail/fast food merchants are having trouble filling existing positions, as evidenced by the many current “help wanted” signs — so Abingdon has no need to create more of these kinds of low-paying or part-time jobs. (4) More than half of Bristol’s debt is the result of the Falls Plaza at exit 5. Bristol has no choice but to deal with their problem; however, this Town Council has the opportunity to re-evaluate the merits of the Meadows project and avoid placing Abingdon at risk of falling into the same trap.

The recent Davenport Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) reveals that the proposed roadway entrance into the Meadows development and sports complex is insufficient and will need to be redesigned. When will examination of the TIA and redesign of the road system be initiated? How will this affect the cost/revenue analysis of the project?

Based on the changing retail picture and new information received from the Davenport TIA, FOA believes it would be reckless and irresponsible for Town Council to continue to encourage and facilitate this project without the guidance of an up-to-date comprehensive financial analysis. Further, allowing the developer to claim confidentiality or to withhold assumptions and data necessary to complete an independent comprehensive financial analysis would be a failure to exercise the Council’s fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Abingdon.

Approved by the Board of Directors,

J. W. (Joe) LeVine
President

Friends of Abingdon, Inc.