

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016 - 5:30
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Arthur Campbell meeting room of the Municipal Building.

A. Welcome - Mayor Morgan

B. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present:

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor
Mrs. Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mrs. Jayne A. Duehring

Administrative/Town Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile Rosenbaum, Assistant Town Manager
Tonya Triplett, Deputy Clerk
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney
Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning
Chuck Banner, Director of Finance
Floyd Bailey, Director of IT
John Dew, Dir. Of Construction/Public Services

Visitors:

Rich Macbeth, Martha Keys, Chase Mitchell, Stephen Jett, Wayne Craig, Cindy Patterson, David Rose, Jimmy Sanderson, Webster Day and others

The following was discussed by Council:

Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney distributed proposals from two auctions companies, Counts Auction Group of Abingdon and Meade Realty of Abingdon pertaining to 24.18 acres of town owned property, Lot 5 of Harmony Hills Subdivision. Mr. Humphreys reported that David Millsap has offered to mow the property and use the bales of hay in lieu of payment.

1. **Closed Session** - Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, section 2.2-3711(A)(1), "Discussion and consideration of the performance of employees of any public body", for the purpose of discussion with the Town Manager regarding his evaluation of personnel performance issues within the Town Police Department."

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Council went into Closed Session Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended,

section 2.2-3711(A)(1), "Discussion and consideration of the performance of employees of any public body", for the purpose of discussion with the Town Manager regarding his evaluation of personnel performance issues within the Town Police Department."

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

The Town Attorney, Deb Icenhour, 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:

Mrs. Duehring	I so certify
Mr. Howard	I so certify
Mr. Humphreys	I so certify
Mrs. Lowe	I so certify
Mayor Morgan	I so certify

2. Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as

amended, the Council will convene in a closed session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or threatened litigation.

On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council went into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the Council will convene in a closed session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or threatened litigation.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

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

Mayor Morgan I so certify

3. Greg Kelly, Town Manager introduced David Rose, Jimmy Sanderson with Davenport and Company and Webster Day, bond counsel who reported on the proposed issuance of bonds. Mr. Rose and Mr. Sanderson with Davenport and Company reported that the town had received excellent bond ratings from Moody's and Standard & Poore's. Mr. Rose commented that the town was well positioned to borrow the proposed funds. Mr. Rose reported four (4) proposals had been received for interim financing. He recommended Carter Bank & Trust, who proposed a five (5) year line of credit with a locked in interest rate of 1.4%, which is the same rate the federal government can borrow at. The interim financing is very flexible and would allow the town to only pay interest on the amount borrowed, would satisfy the time frame, would allow time to plan and prepay at any time without penalty. The loan can also be converted at any time. Webster Day reported the resolution that was included in the packet states intention to borrow up to \$10 million subject to a Public Hearing that will be held on June 20, 2016. Mrs. Duehring inquired about the development paying for itself. Mr. Rose stated calculations were based on borrowing \$12 million while revenue estimates were very conservative. The bond term states a twenty (20) year term that could be increased or decreased.

Mayor Morgan declared a 5-minute recess for Council and Town staff to reconvene in the Council Chambers for the regular 7:30 meeting.


Tonya Triplett, Deputy Town Clerk


Edward B. Morgan, Mayor
