

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 – 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

- A. **WELCOME-** *Mayor Craig*
- B. **ROLL CALL** – *Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk*

Members of Council Present:

Mr. Bradley
Mrs. Quetsch
Mr. Webb
Ms. Patterson
Mayor Craig

- C. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided and comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person. **(Video 1:39 – 8:49)**

- Camille Finney
- Amber Fiorini
- Chris Lowe

D. **REPORTS FROM INTERIM TOWN MANAGER**

- a. Discussion regarding negotiation of lease agreement with regard to Fairview Homestead – *Interim Town Manger (Video 8:54 – 10:58)*

Mr. Kenneth Vittum, Interim Town Manager, reported that he plans on meeting with the staff to discuss the expired lease and then schedule an appointment with The Moores in hopes of bringing this matter back before Council in December.

- b. Discussion regarding Non-Departmental Budget memo – *Interim Town Manager (Video 11:03 – 13:00)*

Mayor Craig stated that Council was provided with information from the FY2018-2019 non-departmental budget information and asked everyone to review and discuss during the November 14th work session in hopes of getting notice to prior to the first of the year.

c. Discussion regarding the annual/sick leave policy – *Stacey Reichler, Director of Human Resources (Video 13:02 – 25:28)*

Stacey Reichler, Director of Human Resources, presented information regarding the annual/sick leave policy for consideration. Mrs. Reichler explained to the Council that this was the result of an in-house audit finding related to GAXB 45, 46 and 47 rulings. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Council was not to amend the annual/sick leave policy at this time.

E. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Follow up discussion and review recommendations from Infrastructure Committee regarding opening of Green Spring Road and a left only turn lane and a right only turn lane from Cummings Street to Valley Street – *Cindy Patterson, Vice-Mayor (Video 25:40 – 33:44)*

Matt Bolick, Director of Construction and Public Service, reported to Council that the Infrastructure Committee suggested that no changes be made as to the existing lanes as proposed. Mr. Bolick further stated that he would be sending David Millsap a letter with that regard.

Ms. Patterson questioned whether there was an alternative plan in place should the train stop for an extended amount of time on Green Springs Road. Mr. Bolick stated that there was an alternative plan to allow police, ambulance, EMS and/or fire department should there be an emergency in that area and the train disabled for any reason.

2. Follow-up discussion and information regarding Noise Ordinance, Chapter 30 – Environment Article II - Noise Sec. 30-32. - Specific prohibitions including Quiet Zone B. 11:00 PM - 7 PM; Equipment plainly audible 50 ft. or more; and Construction work. – *Cindy Patterson, Vice-Mayor (Video 33:51 – 40:55)*

Ms. Patterson stated that she understood the next course of action involved revising the Town's Code and ordinances. Cameron Bell, Counsel for the Town Council, stated that it would be reasonable to prioritize and would like to start with recommendations from the staff. Mr. Bell expressed that he thought it would cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000 and take up to eighteen months to complete. Mayor Craig stated that he would also like to see a committee work on the revisions and suggested a developer, engineer and architect be included and advise Mr. Banner to put \$100,000 in the budget next year for this purpose.

3. Discussion regarding conducting two Council meetings and one work session monthly. – *Wayne Craig, Mayor (Video 40:58 – 49:17)*

Discussion ensued as to whether there was a need to conduct two meetings and a work session monthly. Cameron Bell, Counsel, stated that Council could take action pursuant to state

code and code of ordinances as long as three can act during a public meeting. Discussion continued and agreed that the Council would conduct one work session and one regular meeting a month.

4. Discussion regarding College Street and Church Street one-way options – **Wayne Craig, Mayor (Video 49:18 – 1:16:54)**

Matt Bolick, Director of Construction and Public Services, stated that the staff took the approximate 45 written responses from the recent public comments/input session to the Infrastructure Committee, together with representatives from Barter Theatre, tour bus operators, etc., for discussion and consideration. The committee decided on the proposed diagram. Discussion ensued, including comments from Amber Fiorini with the Barter Theatre.

Mayor Craig stated that this matter scheduled for public hearing for November 5, 2018.

Kim Kingsley, Clerk, requested that Council determine a date for the November work session. Discussion ensued and decided on November 14, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting.


Wayne Craig, Mayor


Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk