

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME- *Mayor Craig* (VIDEO 9:54)

Mayor Craig introduced Town Manager James Morani.

B. ROLL CALL – *Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk*

Members of Council Present: Mr. Bradley
 Mrs. Quetsch
 Mr. Webb
 Ms. Patterson
 Mayor Craig

Administrative/Town Staff: James Morani, Town Manager
 Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Donna Quetsch, Council Member*

Mayor Craig made presentation to Council regarding the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe and keyrings representing the “Order of the Wolf”. (VIDEO 11:11 – 15:07)

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 15:28 – 15:59)

- March 26, 2019 Budget Work Session
- April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting
- April 9, 2019 Joint Special Meeting with Washington County Board of Supervisors and Washington County Service Authority

On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Patterson, Council approved the March 26, 2019 Budget Work Session; April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting; and the April 9, 2019

Joint Special Meeting with Washington County Board of Supervisors and Washington County Service Authority as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 16:01 – 16:08)

- No public comments

G. RESOLUTION – (VIDEO 16:11 – 20:51)

1. A Resolution of the Council for the Town of Abingdon honoring and recognizing Dan Callahan upon his retirement as a Town employee.

Sarita Moore, Director of Wastewater Operations, read the Resolution honoring Dan Callahan.

On motion by Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, Council approved the Resolution as read honoring Dan Callahan.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

H. PROCLAMATION (VIDEO 20:57 – 29:15)

1. Proclamation designating May 12-18, 2019 as Virginia Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Ms. Patterson read the proclamation designating May 12 - 18, 2019 as Virginia Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

2. Proclamation designating May 5 – 11, 2019 Municipal Clerk's Week

Ms. Patterson read the proclamation designating May 5 – 11, 2019 as Municipal Clerk’s Week.

3. Proclamation designating May, 2019 as Business Appreciation Month
Mr. Bradley read the proclamation designating May, 2019 as Business Appreciation Month. Tonya Triplett, Community Development Coordinator advised Council that the ‘Best of Abingdon’ awards would be presented this week.

I. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES -

1. **Public Hearing and First Reading - An Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Repeal, Amend and Reenact Article II, Noise, Section 30 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon. – *Jason Boswell, Director of Planning* (VIDEO 29:24 – 36:26)**

Jason Boswell, Director of Planning briefly discussed the proposed changes that were addressed during a previous work session.

Mayor Craig declared the public hearing open. Stephen Jett addressed the Council. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Craig closed the public hearing.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Webb, approved the amendment to the Noise Ordinance and dispense with the second reading.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. **Public Hearing – Consideration of proposed partial road closure of Hagy Street, namely 0.04 miles or 225 linear feet to be closed to vehicular traffic for the Urban Trail. - *Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services and Construction* (VIDEO 36:32 – 41:24)**

Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services and Construction stated that partial road closure consisting of 225 linear feet to be closed to vehicular traffic as a result of the opening of the Urban Trail.

Mayor Craig declared the public hearing open. Having hear no comments, Mayor Craig closed the public hearing.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Webb, closed 225 linear feet on Hagy Street to vehicular traffic and dispensed with the second reading.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

3. **Public Hearing First Reading** – An Ordinance of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia proposing a budget for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and to make appropriation for the current expenses of the Town and to fix a tax rate upon real and personal property, to fix all other local tax rates and fees and rates on utility services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. – **Chuck Banner, Director of Finance/Treasurer (VIDEO 41:30 – 44:40)**

Chuck Banner, Director of Finance/Treasurer presented information regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Mayor Craig declared the public hearing open. Having heard no comments, Mayor Craig closed the public hearing. Mayor Craig stated that this matter would be considered for a second reading at the June 3, 2019 meeting.

4. **Consideration of final plat for proposed subdivision of property, Colonial Square AVA, LLC, owner, 525 Village Blvd, consisting of 7.728± acres, more or less, and currently zoned B-2; Tax Map No. 017-17-9; – Jason Boswell, Director of Planning (VIDEO 44:42 – 46:27)**

Jason Boswell, Director of Planning briefly discussed the proposed subdivision of property.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Patterson, approved the final plat for the proposed subdivision as set forth.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

J. SECOND READINGS – NONE

K. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS - NONE

L. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 46:38 – 51:59)

1. Statement from Kenneth F. Vittum, Former Interim Town Manager

Mr. Vittum thanked the Council and staff for the opportunity to serve as Interim Town Manager for the past seven months and wished Jimmy Morani much success.

2. Statement from James Morani, Town Manager

Mr. Morani thanked everyone for the kindness and welcoming nature on his first day as Town Manager.

M. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. Discussion regarding civic club/organization sign located on Main Street – *Cindy Patterson, Vice Mayor (VIDEO 52:00 – 53:08)*

Mayor Craig stated this item was a staff matter and the Council would not address. Mayor Craig stated that the only way to handle his decision was to make a motion to overturn.

On motion by Ms. Patterson to overrule the Chair's decision failed for lack of second.

2. Discussion regarding creation of a Finance Committee and appointing two members of Council to that Committee – *Mayor Wayne Craig (VIDEO 53:10 – 58:19)*

Cameron Bell, Counsel advised Council that an Ordinance establishing a Finance Committee was before them for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Bradley, adopted an Ordinance establishing a Finance Committee as set forth.

Ms. Patterson questioned whether citizens could serve on the Finance Committee as it shows transparency. Mayor Craig advised Ms. Patterson that she could amend the motion if she desired to have citizens on the committee. Cameron Bell, Counsel stated that Ms. Patterson would have to ask Mr. Webb to amend his motion. Mayor Craig stated that Ms. Patterson could make a substitute motion. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Webb stated that he did not wish to amend his motion. Hearing no further discussion, roll call was taken.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

(VIDEO 58:19 – 1:05:35)

On substitute motion of Ms. Patterson to adopt an Ordinance involving Finance Committee and the Citizen Budget Committee combined.

Discussion ensued.

On substitute motion of Ms. Patterson to adopt an Ordinance involving Finance Committee and the Citizen Budget Committee combined because they are both financial.

Mayor Craig questioned whether Ms. Patterson how many citizens she would consider and restated motion by Ms. Patterson to establish a combined Finance Committee with two citizens. Ms. Patterson stated that it may have to be three citizens as it needs to be an odd number or another finance person. Mayor Craig questioned whether she would like another citizen or a finance person. Ms. Patterson stated a finance person.

On substitute motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to adopt an Ordinance involving Finance Committee and the Citizen Budget Committee consisting of two citizens and a finance person.

Cameron Bell, Counsel communicated that Council adopted an ordinance and that the motion before Council really needs to be to rescind the previous vote to adopt an ordinance that is different or amend the ordinance that was adopted, however the form of the ordinance is not before Council consistent with Code to consider at this time. Mayor Craig questioned whether a new ordinance would need to be drafted and this motion be rescinded. Cameron Bell, Counsel stated that it would have to be presented to the Town Clerk by noon on the day of the meeting and in compliance with the code. Mr. Morani, Town Manager questioned whether the ordinance that would be presented at that time would also be an ordinance rescinding, would it be the same

ordinance or to be separate orders for rescinding and then a new ordinance amending that section. Discussion ensued.

On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to withdrawal her original motion.

Mr. Morani questioned whether when somebody votes in the affirmative has to be the person to rescind.

On motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to rescind motion just made.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

(VIDEO 1:05:41 – 1:09:06)

Cameron Bell, Counsel stated that the Ordinance was passed appointing the Finance Committee so members would need to be appointed.

Mayor Craig stated that Mrs. Quetsch would like to serve and continued to nominate Mrs. Quetsch. Ms. Patterson stated that she would like to be considered. Mr. Webb also stated that he would like to serve on the committee. Mayor Craig stated that the floor was open for nominations, to which he nominated Mrs. Quetsch. Ms. Patterson nominated herself. Mrs. Quetsch nominated Mr. Webb.

Roll call was taken upon nomination of Mr. Webb to the Finance Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Roll call was taken upon the nomination of Ms. Patterson to the Finance Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Roll call was taken upon the nomination of Mrs. Quetsch to the Finance Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Cameron Bell, Counsel inquired whether Council would like to declare this an emergency measure so it is effective immediately. Discussion ensued and it was discussed that it should not be considered an emergency and would take effect in thirty-days.

3. Consideration to declare three (3) trolleys as surplus and authorize the Town Manager to sell trolleys. – *Mayor Wayne Craig (VIDEO 1:09:07 – 1:10:07)*

On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, approved the sale of three (3) trolleys and authorized the Town Manager to sign all documents necessary.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

N. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:10:22 – 1:14:16)

Mr. Bradley announced the Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting would be held at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator on May 7, 2019.

Ms. Patterson asked that a Key to the Town be presented to Jane Seymour on May 8, 2019 during her presentation at the Barter Theatre.

Mayor Craig reminded Council to review the rules and regulations were on the dais.

O. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 1:14:17 – 1:15:18)

1. Board of Building Code Appeals –

- Appointment to fill the expired term of Chris Dye who is not eligible for reappointment.

On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to appoint Edward Fuqua to the Board of Building Code Appeals to fill the expired term of Chris Dye, who was not eligible for reappointment.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

P. Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, concerning discussion of the award of a contract with Virginia Main Street and/or Abingdon Main Street. (VIDEO 1:15:19 – 2:15:32)

On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, moved that the Abingdon Town Council convene in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, concerning discussion of the award of a contract with Virginia Main Street and/or Abingdon Main Street.

Tonya Triplett, Community Development Coordinator joined Council in the closed meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion of Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, Council reconvened in open session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Kimberly Kingsley, Deputy 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:

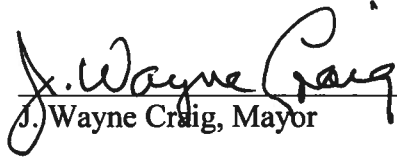
Mr. Bradley	I so certify
Mrs. Quetsch	I so certify
Mr. Webb	I so certify
Ms. Patterson	I so certify

Mayor Craig **I so certify**

Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting.



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk



J. Wayne Craig, Mayor