

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
WORK SESSION  
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019 – 2:30 PM  
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 2:30 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room 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 (VIDEO 15:36 – 24:27)**

- Joyce Ferratt
- Tom McMullen
- David Kalb

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation regarding the Washington County Courthouse (**VIDEO 24:32 – 50:50**)

County Administrator Jason Berry, Supervisor Phil McCall, Supervisor Eddie Copenhaver and Clerk Alicia Rowland were present for the presentation. County Administrator Berry provided details regarding three proposals for the Washington County Courthouse. Discussion ensued.

2. Discussion regarding installing sidewalks between Hutton Street to Cambridge Street on Main Street – *Donna Quetsch, Council Member* (**VIDEO 51:48 – 58:12**)

Mrs. Quetsch presented the need to complete the sidewalk on Main Street in the area Hutton Street to Cambridge Street. Discussion ensued and Council agreed that staff should pursue the matter.

3. Discussion regarding blight on property located at Cambridge Street to Valley Drive – *Donna Quetsch, Council Member* (**VIDEO 58:16 – 1:00:06**)

Mrs. Quetsch requested that staff investigate the area located at Cambridge Street to Valley Drive as it blocks the view entering Cambridge Street. Matt Bolick, Director of Public Service and Construction stated that he would inspect that area.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Discussion regarding Fields-Penn House stabilization – ***Matt Bundy, Bundy Architecture and Engineering (VIDEO 1:00:06 – 1:04:20)***

Matt Bundy provided information regarding prices currently from Remco for the micropiles installation in the amount of \$187,600 to stabilize the footings and from Walburg Constructon for installation of the wall-washers in the amount of \$39,616 to hold the walls together. Discussion ensued.

**On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, that the bid from Remco in the amount of \$187,600 and the bid from Walburg Construction in the amount of \$39,616 be approved and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

2. Discussion regarding proposed Ordinance to enact an Infrastructure Advisory Committee – ***Cameron Bell, Counsel (VIDEO 1:04:28 – 1:08:37)***

Cameron Bell, Counsel stated that previous discussion has led to a formal establishment of this Committee with one Council member, the town manager, the Public Works Director and four citizens to serve a four (4) year term. Discussion ensued. It was discussed that this matter would be advertised for September 2019 meeting. Mr. Bell stated that he would also have the bylaws for consideration.

3. Update on proposed changes to employee handbook related to workers compensation policy – ***James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 1:08:37 – 1:12:28)***

James Morani, Town Manager advised Council that there were changes made to the Town's workers compensation policy. Cameron Bell, Counsel stated that because of a recent Ordinance that the Town Manager could approve these changes without Council action.

4. Updated on proposed policy changes related to credit card use by employees – **James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 1:12:28 – 1:14:15)**

James Morani, Town Manager stated that this policy was recently discussed with Council and that additional changes made and would be included in the operational procedure handbook for staff.

5. **Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public use, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. (VIDEO 1:14:20 – 1:37:34)**

**On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, that the Abingdon Town Council convene in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public use, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, Council reconvened in open session.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Ms. Patterson moved that the Town Council certify that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in

the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion.

**The certification was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>I so certify</b>

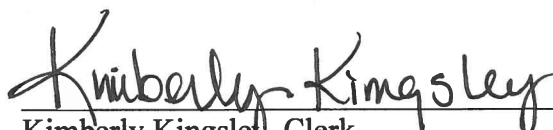
**D. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (VIDEO 1:37:44 – 1:48:09)**


James Morani, Town Manager discussed changes effective August 1, 2019 to age requirement of patrons age thirteen and under must be supervised by an adult at all times, unless enrolled in a recreational program. Discussion ensued.

**F. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (1:48:10 – 1:48:25)**

Mr. Webb stated that it has been a busy month. Ms. Patterson stated that she attended her regular meeting.

Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting.

  
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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

  
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J. Wayne Craig, Mayor