

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009 – 5:30 P.M.  
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

Mayor Edward B. Morgan  
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr., Vice Mayor  
Mrs. Lois H. Humphreys  
Mrs. Cathy Lowe  
Mr. Jason N. Berry

Administrative Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk  
Debbie Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning  
Jim Smith, Town Engineer/Dir. of Wastewater Operations  
John Dew, Dir. of Public Services/Construction

Visitors:

Jay David Woody, Bob Howard, Dan Matthews, Ed Icenhour

Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order and Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk called the roll.

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Greg Kelly, Town Manager reported on the Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee meeting which was held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Cemetery. Mr. Kelly reported that he had invited Delegate Joe Johnson and Senator William Wampler to the meeting and neither was able to attend. Mr. Kelly indicated that the committee considered the addition of a columbarium on the cemetery grounds and after lengthy discussion among council members, it was the recommendation that the committee ask for assistance from the members of the Board of Architectural Review with this project. In addition, it was recommended that Patrick Garrow be hired to survey the cemetery land for graves that may not be identified and that the costs be taken from the Town Manager's budget for professional services. Council agreed that they would present this recommendation in a formal motion during the regular council meeting. Council members also briefly discussed an appointment for vacancy on the Cemetery committee.

2. Mr. Kelly asked the Council members to consider a date for a work session meeting to discuss the proposed new employee manual, the 201 Service Agreement with Washington County and the Service Authority, and the adoption of a Code of Ethics. By consensus, Council members agreed that the work session meeting date would be Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in the downstairs meeting room.
3. At this time, Mayor Morgan indicated that Council would need to go into closed session to discuss the next agenda item. **On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Council agreed to convene in Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or of the disposition of publicly held real property.**

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

<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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

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

<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

**The Town Clerk, Cecile Rosenbaum, 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:**

<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mrs. Humphreys</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mayor Morgan</b>	<b>I so certify</b>

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At this time, Mr. Morgan declared the meeting recessed so that Council could reconvene in the Council chambers for the regular meeting.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk