

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012 – 9:0 A.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Saturday, January 7, 2012 in the downstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building.

A. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present: Mayor Edward B. Morgan
Mrs. Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor
Mr. Jason N. Berry
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys
Mr. Robert M. Howard


Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk
Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager/Dir. Planning
Floyd Bailey, Dir. Information Technology
Daniel Kidd, Information Technology
John Phelps, Information Technology

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Technology opened the work session by issuing all members of Council and town staff ipad's to be used for the paperless agenda packets. From 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 the Council and staff participated in a training session on using the ipad features as they relate to the download of agenda packets for future Council meetings.
2. Mr. Kelly reported that he had been contacted by Rick Rose, Director of Barter Theatre who had indicated that because of issues with the Community Performance Program, the project would have to be cancelled. Mr. Kelly recommended that the Council reallocate the funding previously allocated for the Performance Project be re-allocated back to the Barter Theatre for the ongoing construction project joining the Barter Theatre building and the Town Hall. Mr. Kelly indicated he would have this issue on the Council's regular February meeting for action.
3. Mr. Kelly provided each of the Council members with the audit report for the Town as of June 30, 2011 and advised that he would have the approval of the audit on the February work session and regular agendas for consideration.
4. Mr. Kelly provided the Council members with a packet of information on the Arthur Campbell award. He indicated that Council members would need to confirm a date for the banquet to be held

to honor the recipients of the award and he would put that item on the regular February agenda for consideration.

5. Mr. Kelly inquired if the Council members wished to take action on the VDOT allocation funds that were currently being held as a result of the Hicok Fern/Sam Snead litigation issue that occurred in 1998. Mr. Humphreys requested a summary of the matter be prepared for Council review before they consider a final decision on the matter. Mrs. Lowe inquired if VDOT come speak with the Council before they make a final decision.
6. Mayor Morgan commented on the physician's office recently located on Valley Street as it relates to their ability to prescribe opiate replacement therapy drugs.
7. Mr. Humphreys commented on the donation of the Breckenridge Cabin that is currently located on the Washington County Public Library site. Mr. Kelly commented that any donations to the Town would require a public hearing process.
8. Mr. Humphreys commented on the selection process for the Mayor of Council and suggested that it be on a rotation schedule. Mayor Morgan commented that it was a position that involved the ability to build consensus and shape decisions for the town and he had been pleased to serve as Mayor of the Council.


Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk


Edward B. Morgan, Mayor