

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. 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
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney
Garrett Jackson, Asst. Town Manager/Dir. of Planning
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer
Jim Smith, Town Engineer
John Dew, Dir. of Construction/Public Services
Floyd Bailey, Dir. of IT Department
John Phelps, IT Department

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk inquired if Council wished to hold their additional Council meeting in November which fell on the night before Thanksgiving. The Council commented that they would not hold the additional November work session meeting.
2. Mr. Kelly commented the status of the Associated Tree Services property and the results of the Phase 1 Environmental Study. Mr. Kelly indicated that the Phase 1 study recommended that a Phase 2 study be completed as further study was indicated on an area in the building that once served as a grease/oil pit for an auto body garage. Mr. Kelly recommended that Council approve the purchase of the property contingent on the results of the Phase 2 Environmental Study results.
3. John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction commented on the proposed draft of the Solid Waste Ordinance and the revisions and amendments as presented to Council several months ago. Mr. Humphreys commented on the issue of trash cans at multi-family dwellings and the cans not being removed from the town's right of way after being emptied each week. Mr. Kelly commented that he would direct town staff to enforce the removal of cans from the town's rights of way, after the deadline expired, contingent on the support of the Town Council members to move

forward with the enforcement. At that time, all of the Council concurred that enforcement of the current ordinance should take place. Mrs. Lowe noted her opposition those developments with dumpsters and multi-family dwellings from being excluded from the monthly rubbish pickup. Discussion ensued among the Town Council members and town staff regarding the issue of cans or dumpsters for multi-family dwellings and the exclusion of certain developments from monthly rubbish pickup. Mayor Morgan commented that he would like for the Council to consider this matter again at the December work session meeting for final disposition and advertisement of the changes in the ordinance for public hearing at the regular January meeting.

4. Council members commented that they had no further comments on the economic development meeting with representatives from the Washington County Board of Supervisors.
5. Mr. Kelly commented on a recent meeting he had with Rick Rose of Barter Theatre relative to the outstanding bill for the renovation project that joined the Town Hall building and the Barter Theatre building. Mr. Kelly indicated that the meeting was positive and that he expected to hear from Mr. Rose with an amended figure for the town's portion of the renovation project costs.
6. Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney and Jim Smith, Town Engineer reported that the Country Club project was moving forward now that all easements had been obtained. Mayor Morgan inquired about the timeframe for the project and thanked Mr. Smith and Ms. Icenhour for their work on the project.
7. Mr. Kelly reported on the West Interceptor project relative to the blasting of rock on the west end of town that was necessary for the installation of the pipe in that area. Mr. Kelly noted that an appropriate alert would be sent out over Abingdon Alerts to let citizens know of the activity in that area.
8. Mr. Kelly commented that Sarita Moore, Environmental Control Supervisor at the Wastewater Facility had been working with the Greenway Party House on their compliance with the town's grease trap ordinance. Mr. Kelly indicated that Ms. Moore had reported that the current grease trap at the Party House was inadequate and did not meet the town's requirements as set forth in the ordinance. Mayor Morgan requested that Ms. Moore provide a report to Council at the December work session regarding the regulation of grease traps and enforcement of the ordinance.
9. Mrs. Lowe inquired about recent construction taking place at Shady Grove Church and inquired if a street light could be required in the parking lot across the street from the Church.
10. Mr. Dew reported on his meeting with Virginia Copenhaver on Preston Street relative to the concerns expressed by her son at the October public hearing for the United Way rezoning request. Mr. Dew provided the results of his traffic count in the area and noted that he did not recommend any changes to the traffic flow in the area due to the low volume of vehicles.
11. Mr. Jackson, Assistant Town Manager commented on the approval of the restructuring of the Fields Penn Committee that was on the regular agenda for approval. Mr. Humphreys noted his satisfaction with the proposed changes to the makeup of the committee.
12. Mr. Jackson reported on the revisions and amendments to the design guidelines as recommended by the Board of Architectural Review and on the regular agenda for approval.
13. Mr. Berry provided an update on the King School of Medicine project.

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Mayor Morgan declared a 5 minute recess for Council and Town staff to reconvene in the Council Chambers for the regular 7:30 meeting.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk