



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Welcome to the Town of Abingdon, Virginia Regular Council Meeting. We appreciate your interest and we encourage public participation in our meeting. Your comments are important to our decision making process. Please note that there will be two (2) opportunities during the meeting for you to address the Council members. The first opportunity will come when the Mayor declares a public hearing open for comment. The second opportunity to address the council will come near the end of the Agenda when the Mayor will inquire if anyone wishes to speak to Council members regarding matters not listed on the Agenda. We do request that anyone addressing the Council, approach the podium, identify your first and last name and give your complete mailing address.

AGENDA

A. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 6, 2009 Regular Meeting

D. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Public Hearing and Appeal from Board of Architectural Review –**
Pursuant to 8-12-1 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Mary Dudley Porterfield, owner and Jay Porterfield, authorized representative, 10453 Old Mill Road, P.O. Box 187, Glade Spring, Virginia 24340, have noted an appeal to the decision of the Abingdon Board of Architectural Review on July 1, 2009, denying their application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to disapprove application for demolition of structure located at 279 East Main Street, Tax Map No.13(1)69 in the Old and Historic District of the Town of Abingdon – ***Jay Porterfield, Authorized Representative for property owner and Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning***

2. **Public Hearing** – Proposed conveyance of a preservation easement to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources from the Town of Abingdon. Property is The Muster Grounds, located at 702 Colonial Road, Abingdon, Virginia (Tax Map No. 017-1-37). This easement is being conveyed to constitute (i) a “qualified conservation contribution” as defined in IRC §170(h)(1) and (ii) a qualifying “interest in land” under the Virginia Land Conservation Incentives Act of 1999 (§58.1 *et. seq.* of the Code of Virginia, (1950) as amended.)

E. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - NONE

F. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Presentation and consideration of Planning Commission Annual Report – ***Matt Bundy, Planning Commission Chairman and Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning***
2. Presentation and consideration of a Town partnership with Virginia Highlands Community College for the creation of a regional Period Garden/Arboretum – ***David Matlock with Virginia Highlands Community College and George Treadwell of Emory and Henry College***
3. Review and consideration of Proposed Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon to Repeal, Amend and Reenact the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia by adding to Chapter 66, Article II, and enacting Sections numbered 27 through 31, relating generally to the Old and Historic District, Tax Abatement Incentives - ***Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney***
4. Review and consideration of Proposed Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon to Repeal, Amend and Reenact the Code of Ordinances by adding to Appendix B, Article 8A, Sections Numbered 1 through 8 and Relating Generally to the Creation of the Downtown Abingdon Arts and Cultural District – ***Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney***
5. “Go Green” Committee Reorganization and consideration of appointments – ***Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager***

- The Committee recommends appointment of five (5) additional Town employee representatives and they are as follows:
 - Sarita Moore, Wolfe Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility
 - Kevin Worley, Director, Parks and Recreation
 - Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist
 - Tonya Triplett, Convention and Visitors Bureau
 - Tenille Montgomery, Town Manager's Office

- The Committee further recommends the appointment of a representative from the following agencies to the Committee and they are as follows:
 - Appalachian Sustainable Development
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Upper Tennessee River Roundtable

- 6. Consideration of establishment of Fairview at Abingdon Foundation Advisory Committee – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

- 7. Consideration of rescheduling of September Council work session and regular meeting to Tuesday, September 8th – *Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk*

G. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS - NONE

H. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

M. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. *Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator*

- Appointment of one (1) member to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator to replace Rob McDonald who has submitted his resignation from the Board. (Term is for 1 year)

2. *Dunn's Meadow Steering Committee*

- Reappointment of three (3) members of the Dunn's Meadow Steering Committee for two (2) year terms.
 - Blair Keller – eligible for reappointment
 - Joella Barbour – eligible for reappointment
 - Riley Clark – eligible for reappointment

3. *Industrial Development Authority Board*

- Appointment of one (1) member to the Industrial Development Authority Board to replace Rob McDonald who has submitted his resignation from the board. (Term is for 4 years)

Closed Session –

- ***Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of appointments to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator, the Dunn's Meadow Steering Committee, and the Industrial Development Authority Board.***

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8/1/09 Advance Abingdon's 5K Firefly Race from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. downtown Abingdon

- 8/3/09– Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 8/4/09 Budweiser Clydesdales arrive at Farmer’s Market
- 8/6/09 Groundbreaking ceremony for the *Heartwood* Artisan’s Center at campus of VHCC at 10:00 a.m.
- 8/8/09 7:00 a.m. through noon – Farmer’s Market and Tomato Fest on ***Main Street***
- 8/8/09 – 10:00 a.m. Parade with Clydesdale starting at Pecan Street
- 8/8/09- Advance Abingdon’s Movies at the Market (Night at the Museum) 8:30pm
- 8/14/09- International Dinner/Fundraiser at the Senior Center 6pm
- 8/15/09- Beach Festival- Latture Field 4:00pm-10:00pm
- 8/18/09 Pisces Award presentation in Richmond at 1:30 p.m.
- 9/5/09- 50’s Night at the Market 7:00pm-10:00pm
- 9/7/09 Town offices closed for Labor Day
- 9/8/09 (Tuesday) Proposed date for Town Council Meeting

O. ADJOURNMENT