

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, December 6, 2010 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
Debbie Icenhour, Town Attorney
Jim Smith, Town Engineer/Dir. of Wastewater Operations
John Dew, Dir. of Public Services/Construction
Garrett Jackson, Dir. of Planning
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. Finance
Floyd Bailey, Dir. of Information Technology
Daniel Kidd, IT Department

Visitors: Kenneth Reynolds, Charles Meade, Marcy Miller,
Tracy Gray and Becky Banks

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Mayor Morgan invited Tracy Gray and Becky Banks with the Wellmont Wellness program to speak to the Council members about their employee wellness program. Ms. Gray indicated that this program has been developed for employees in order to provide assistance with nutrition and encouragement of healthy lifestyle habits. Ms. Gray reported that the cost of the program to the Town would be \$5.00 per employee and they would need a minimum enrollment of 100 employees. Mr. Kelly reported that he would make contact with Wellmont in the coming months as Council begins to consider the budget for 2010/2011.
2. Marcy Miller, Director of William King Museum, presented a powerpoint presentation and updated the Council on the Museums efforts to sell their existing property on Academy Drive. Ms. Miller

indicated that the Museum board had made contacts about a new facility in the Town and would keep the Council apprised of their progress.

3. Town Manager, Greg Kelly, asked Jim Smith, Town Engineer to report on the Hill Alley project. Mr. Smith reported that he had asked DCR for an opinion letter with regard to the Town granting a variance to the Washington County Fairgrounds group with regard to Hill Alley. Mr. Smith indicated he had received a letter from DCR and it was their recommendation that a variance could be granted and maintain the standards set forth to comply with MS19. Kenneth Reynolds with the Washington County Fairgrounds group reported that this project would help significantly with traffic flow in and out of the Fairgrounds property. Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Lowe both stressed the Town's concern for stormwater runoff. Mr. Kelly indicated that the Council could take action on the matter during the regular meeting under Matters Not On the Agenda.
4. Mrs. Lowe asked the Council members to consider a resolution she had just received with regard to the restructuring of the local 4H program. Council members indicated they would take action regarding the resolution during the regular Council meeting.
5. Mr. Kelly requested Council members consider a date in January for a work session to hear presentations from the Tourism and Economic Development Departments. The date for that work session will be January 27th at 5:30 in the downstairs conference room.
6. Mrs. Lowe commented that she would like to see the Town staff using Facebook to report on Town events. Mr. Morgan commented that he would like to have the numbers for the hits on the Town's website included in the Tourism report.
7. Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney reported that the Andrew Summers dulcimer had been returned to its owner after being part of the Andrew Summers exhibit at the Star Museum.
8. Mrs. Lowe asked the Council and staff to consider placing an ad in the Rotary Frolics program and reported that a majority of the proceeds from this year's Frolics will go to the Abingdon Boys and Girls Club.

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

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk