

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk
Debbie Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney
Jim Smith, Town Engineer/Dir. Of Wastewater Operations
Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Technology
Jim Cowart, Economic Development Coordinator
John Dew, Dir. of Public Services/Construction
Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning

Mayor Humphreys called the work session to order and Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk called the roll.

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Greg Kelly, Town Manager, reviewed the order of the Planning Commission meeting which will occur prior to the Council's regular meeting. Garrett Jackson gave a brief review of the matter of the Senior Center and their request for a special use permit. A lengthy discussion between Council members and town staff ensued regarding the Senior Center matter.
2. Mrs. Lowe and Mr. Berry noted changes to the November 18th work session minutes.
3. The Council members discussed the second public hearing on the agenda regarding an application by King's Mountain Properties, LLC. Mr. Kelly informed the Council that the Planning Commission had approved the application but had done so in error and indicated the matter would need to come back before the Council at the January 09 meeting. Mr. Kelly further indicated the Council members could approve the change in the Ordinance that resulted from the request for the application.
4. Debbie Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney provided the Council members with information about the Fairview at Abingdon Lease that was on the agenda for public hearing.

5. Mrs. Icenhour provided information for the 4th public hearing on the agenda concerning a lease agreement for a cell tower to be placed on the property of Virginia Highlands Community College.
6. The Council members discussed with Town staff the need for renovations to the building where the Housing and Redevelopment Authority office is located.
7. The Council members discussed the issue of the funding request from the Virginia Main Street group and reviewed the budget as provided by their director.
8. Debbie Icenhour addressed the Council members concerning the contract with DesignSensory for the Tourism website.
9. The Council members discussed the funding request by ElderSpirit and Mr. Morgan informed the group that he was most likely the newest appointment to the ElderSpirit Board.
10. John Dew addressed the funding request on the agenda for a centrally located recycling bin for the Town.
11. Mrs. Lowe asked the Council members to consider moving the work sessions upstairs to the Council chambers and to start the meetings at 6:00 instead of 5:30.

On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Dr. Moore, the Council recessed in order to begin their regular 7:30 p.m. meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Berry	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Dr. Moore	Aye
Mr. Morgan	Aye
Mayor Humphreys	Aye

The motion carried.

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Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk