

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, January 3, 2011 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: Debra McCown

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Mayor Morgan invited Greg Tucker with Bostic & Tucker, CPA firm to present the council with a report on the Town's 2010 audit. Mr. Tucker commented that the audit was complete and noted that the Town was in sound financial condition. He further advised that he would present a report at the regular session of Council to follow the work session. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager advised that a copy of the audit is available for inspection in his office and in Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer's office.
2. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager, inquired as to which Council members would be attending the VML Legislative Day event in Richmond and noted that the deadline for cancellations was January 24th.
3. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager reported that he had been advised of a funding resource from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation that the Town could apply for in the amount

of \$100,000 and would be known as the Town of Abingdon Library Trail Project. Mr. Kelly indicated that a Resolution had been prepared for the Council's consideration setting forth the purpose of the application of this funding and indicated this would be an excellent opportunity for the Town to apply for funding that would assist in improvements in and around the area of the Public Library. Mr. Kelly recommended the Council consider the adoption of the Resolution during the regular Council meeting under matters not on the agenda.

4. Mr. Kelly reported that William King Museum had submitted their request for their second installment of funding as allocated by the Council during the 2010/2011 budget cycle. Discussion ensued among the Council members about the status of William King's proposed move in location. Thereafter, Mr. Kelly advised that he would proceed with the release of the funds as previously committed in the budget.
5. Ms. Icenhour, Town Attorney reported that she expected the closing on the Smith/Packett property to occur sometime during the month of January.
6. Mayor Morgan reported that he would like to see the establishment of an annual award to a Town resident for outstanding civic achievement. Mayor Morgan indicated he had considered naming the award after William Campbell and inquired if the Council had other suggestions to offer. Susan Humphreys suggested the award could be named for Arthur Campbell and gave a brief history of Mr. Campbell's contributions to the Town of Abingdon, particularly his championing of the petition to establish the town of Abingdon. Mr. Kelly indicated that he would have town staff prepare a Resolution for this award for Council's consideration at the February meeting.
7. Mayor Morgan reported that he had attended an event honoring newly elected Congressman Morgan Griffith and confirmed that he would have an office in Abingdon on Main Street.
8. Mr. Howard reported that he had been informed that William King Museum was looking into acquiring several properties on Main Street which could be used for the Museum's location to the downtown area.
9. Mayor Morgan inquired about the regular agenda items for consideration and Mrs. Lowe requested that Mr. Kelly draft a letter to Steve Smith, CEO of K-VA-T inviting him to join the Industrial Development Authority board. Mr. Kelly indicated he would report back on this matter at the February meeting.

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