

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, January 5, 2009 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
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr., Vice Mayor
Lois H. Humphreys
Mrs. Cathy Lowe
Mr. Jason N. Berry

Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk
Debbie Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney
Mark Godbey, Treasurer/Dir. of Finance
Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Technology
Jim Cowart, Economic Development Coordinator
Rob Case, IT Department

Visitors: Greg Tucker and Sam Brown

Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order and Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk called the roll. Mayor Morgan had a brief prayer and asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts as he presides over his first meeting as Mayor.

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Sam Brown, health insurance representative, gave a presentation to Council on the health insurance plan to be offered to Town employees. Mr. Brown indicated that time was of the essence with bids as the Town plan needed to be renewed effective February 1st. Mr. Brown commented that the bids were to be opened on January 12th and recommended that Council consider the bid from United Healthcare. Discussion ensued among Council members, Town staff and Mr. Brown regarding the options offered to employees including the beginning of an HSA plan or health savings account. The Council indicated they would take formal action on the health insurance proposal during their regular meeting.
2. Greg Tucker of Bostic and Tucker, CPA's appeared before the Council members to review the most recent audit report prepared by his firm. Mr. Tucker answered Council members' specific questions and gave a general overview of the report. Mr. Tucker indicated the Town

was in very sound financial shape and went on to say that Abingdon is the financial position that other localities should aspire to be in.

3. Mayor Morgan informed the Council members that he would like for the Council members to discuss Item D. on the agenda regarding the live webcast of Council meetings. Discussion ensued among the Council members with the consensus that the action would be formally acted upon during the regular meeting.
4. At this time, Mrs. Lowe noted that there was a change to be made in the minutes and she would offer that correction in a motion during the regular meeting.
5. Mr. Morgan informed the Council and staff that he had requested a change be placed on the regular agenda which was Approval of the Agenda. After discussion, the Council decided not to include Approval of the Agenda on future meeting agendas.

On motion of Mr. Berry, 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
Mrs. Humphreys	Aye
Dr. Moore	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

The motion carried.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk