

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, June 7, 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
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr., Vice Mayor
Mrs. Lois H. Humphreys
Mrs. Cathy Lowe
Mr. Jason N. Berry

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, Director of IT Department
Rob Case, IT Department

Visitors: Bob Howard, Rick Humphreys, Izik Crispin, Bobby Ingle,
Jennifer Kling,

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Bobby Ingle, President of the Whites Mill Foundation presented the Council with a power point presentation and provided an update on the Foundation's receipt of grant funding from VDOT. Mr. Ingle reported that the Foundation remains active and is preparing to move forward with plans for significant renovation of the Mill in the coming months. Mr. Kelly suggested that Mr. Ingle and his board members consider a conservation easement with the Department of Historic Resources to assist in their efforts to renovate the Mill. Council members confirmed that they had approved an appropriation of \$10,000 in the 2010/2011 budget for the Whites Mill Foundation. Mr. Ingle invited the Council members to tour the Mill in the very near future.

2. Sam Kiser with Thompson & Litton addressed the Council members to provide an update on the Creeper Trail Alvarado project. Mr. Kiser indicated that a Commissioner with VDOT had signed off on the plans as they were presented and once the Council authorized the award of the construction bid, the project could begin. Mr. Kelly commented that Congressman Boucher had been very supportive of the project and planned a groundbreaking ceremony in July.
3. **On motion of Mr. Berry, seconded Mrs. Humphreys, the Council went into closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) for the consideration and discussion concerning a prospective business or industry with interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.**

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.



On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Berry, the Council reconvened in regular session.

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.

The Town Clerk, Cecile Rosenbaum, read the following certification to be adopted by the Council members:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia has convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.

The certification was as follows:

Mr. Berry	I so certify
Mrs. Lowe	I so certify
Mrs. Humphreys	I so certify
Dr. Moore	I so certify
Mayor Morgan	I so certify

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4. **On motion of Mrs. Humphreys, seconded Mrs. Lowe, the Council went into closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) for the consultation with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation.**

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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**On motion of Mr. Berry, seconded by Dr. Moore, the Council reconvened in regular session.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mr. Berry</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**The certification was as follows:**

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| <b>Mr. Berry</b>      | <b>I so certify</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>      | <b>I so certify</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Humphreys</b> | <b>I so certify</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>      | <b>I so certify</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>   | <b>I so certify</b> |



5. Mr. Kelly informed the Council members that Virginia Retirement System had contacted his office requiring a Resolution be adopted by the Council setting forth the contribution level that Council had approved for Town employees. Mr. Kelly indicated that the Resolution was not on the regular agenda for consideration and asked that it be acted on during 'Matters Not on the Agenda'. Each Council member was provided with a copy of the Resolution for consideration.
6. Mayor Morgan thanked Council members Humphreys and Moore for their outstanding years of service to the Town Council. Dr. Moore indicated that he would like to request that Council approve a sign designating a parking space in the lot behind the Municipal Building for the Town Manager and further requested that Council consider renting signs on both ends of the Town welcoming visitors to Abingdon.

At this time, Mr. Morgan declared the meeting recessed so that Council could reconvene in the Council chambers for the regular meeting.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk