

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008 – 5:30 P.M.  
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, June 2, 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. Robert M. Howard, Vice Mayor  
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr.  
Mr. Edward B. Morgan  
Mrs. Cathy Lowe

Administrative Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk  
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. Of Finance  
Deborah C. Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney  
Jim Smith, Town Engineer/Dir. Of Wastewater Operations  
John Dew, Dir. Of Public Services/Construction  
Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning  
Jim Cowart, Economic Development Coordinator  
Sean Taylor, Assistant Planner

Visitors:

Jason Berry, Katie Gifford, Andrea Tidlow, Judy Wilson,  
Rick Humphreys

The following items were discussed:

1. Judy Wilson, representative of the Coomes Center Swim Team addressed the Council members to provide information about the upcoming CAST Swim Meet. She indicated it would be held the weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup> and would bring about 200 families to the Abingdon area. Katie Gifford and Andrea Tidlow joined Ms. Wilson in welcoming the Council to visit the swim meet.
2. Greg Kelly, Town Manager, introduced Jim Cowart who has accepted the position of Economic Development Coordinator for the Town and started employment on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Council members agreed to set a date of Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a special called meeting.
4. Debbie Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney, provided information to the Council members regarding the “Go Green” Resolution she prepared for approval at the regular meeting.

5. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning addressed the Council members regarding the Resolution in support of the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission grant for an alternative power source at the Stone Mill Business and Technology Park.
6. Greg Kelly, Town Manager, informed the Council that tonight's second reading of the budget ordinance will put the budget in line for adoption by the Council on July 1, 2008.
7. Jason Berry, Council Member Elect, inquired about monies for fighting drug crime in the Town and encouraged marketing of the Technology Park.
8. The Council members briefly discussed the appointments on the agenda to the Boards and Commissions.
9. Greg Kelly recommended to the Council that Jim Cowart become a member of the Tourism Advisory Board.
10. Greg Kelly informed the Council members that he had been contacted by Todd Christiansen with DHCD regarding the appointment of a representative to the Cultural Heritage Commission.
11. Mr. Morgan inquired about the monitoring of land disturbing activities within the Town.
12. Mr. Morgan inquired about the applications received for the positions of Civil Engineer and Civil Engineer Technician.
13. Dr. Moore responded to an email that had been forwarded to the Council members from Susan Patrick, President of the Virginia Highlands Festival.
14. Greg Kelly informed the Council members that the date for the meeting regarding traffic issues in the Court Street/Stonewall Heights area is set for July 7, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room.
15. John Dew provided information about the traffic monitoring devices that have been put in place in the Stonewall Heights/Court Street area.
16. Greg Kelly asked that two Council members attend the Department of Justice meeting regarding the Barter Theatre with him on June 26<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Morgan and Dr. Moore agreed to be the representatives from the Council.
17. John Dew reported briefly on the status of the Depot Square project.

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Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk