

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.  
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, March 1, 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  
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. Finance  
Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Technology  
Rob Case, IT Department  
Jim Cowart, Dir. of Economic Development

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Mayor Morgan informed the Council members and Town staff that he had spoke with Mr. Peltzer, Director of the Abingdon Senior Center, who was to present a budget request at the work session as the first item of business. Mayor Morgan indicated that Mr. Peltzer had a prior commitment and could not be present but would be attending the regular 7:30 Council meeting to address the Council.
2. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney provided Council with an update on the Senate bill introduced by Senator Wampler regarding the Sinking Spring Cemetery and indicated that if the bill passes it would be effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Ms. Icenhour also reported on the amendments she was working on with regard to the Town's noise ordinance and indicated and that the first reading by Council would most likely be heard at the April 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
3. Mayor Morgan asked if the Council members had specific agenda items they wished to discuss prior to the regular meeting. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager indicated that Mr. Berry had

requested some additional information about the banking proposals that were to be considered by Council. Discussion ensued among the Council and Town staff regarding the banking proposals for the Town and it was the consensus of the Council as follows:

- That this matter be tabled until the April 5<sup>th</sup> work session meeting for further review and consideration.
  - Mrs. Lowe requested that Town staff gather information about the present rates for Certificates of Deposit at other banking institutions in Town.
  - That Town staff research and determine how much insurance each depositor/account has with each banking institution.
  - Mr. Kelly requested that Council consider determining a minimum dollar amount of funds to be held in reserves for operating expenses as well as a maximum amount of funds to be placed in each banking institution.
  - Council asked Town staff to research government bonds and LGIP rates.
4. Mayor Morgan indicated that the next item for consideration was the job duties of Council appointees. Discussion ensued among the Council and Town staff and Mrs. Low indicated that that this item did not need to be placed back on the agenda for consideration.
5. **On motion of Dr. Moore, 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:**

<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.**



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

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

<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.**

**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:**

<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>

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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