

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.  
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, May 2, 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  
Kevin Worley, Director of Parks and Recreation

Visitors: Leigh Ann Hunter

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning introduced new employee Leigh Ann Hunter who will be the manager for the Muster Grounds Visitor Center. Mrs. Lowe suggested that a visitors log be kept at The Muster Grounds site. Mr. Jackson reported on the upcoming National Trails Conference which will be held at the Muster Grounds.
2. Greg Kelly, Town Manager provided a summary of the draft of the Social Media Policy that was on the agenda for consideration at the April meeting. Mr. Kelly indicated that the policy was necessary with regard to legal liability and recommended the Council adopt the policy as written. Mr. Bailey, Director of Information Technology followed up with additional comments about the need for the policy and affirmed his support of its adoption by the

Council. Mrs. Lowe and Mr. Humphreys indicated they were not comfortable with the policy and asked that it be considered further at the June meeting.

3. Mr. Smith, Town Engineer provided an update on the Country Club stormwater management project. Mrs. Icenhour added that she continued to work on the easements that were needed for the project. Discussion ensued regarding the impact to the Country Club neighborhood after the April 27<sup>th</sup> tornado event.
4. Mrs. Icenhour reported on the draft of an ordinance regulating the use of mopeds on town streets and alleys. Mayor Morgan inquired about the use of gasoline and electric scooters and Mr. Berry inquired about golf carts.
5. Mrs. Lowe provided a summary of the discussions with regard to the establishment of an additional council work session meeting and Council discussed the dates in July to hold a Council retreat. It was determined that the retreat would take place in Staunton, Virginia from July 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> and this would serve as the additional work session meeting for July.
6. At this time, **On motion of Mr. Berry, seconded Mr. Humphreys, the Council went into closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A) (3) for the consideration and discussion of the acquisition or disposition of publicly held property.**

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

<b>Mr. Howard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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

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

<b>Mr. Howard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Mr. Berry**                    **Aye**  
**Mrs. Lowe**                   **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. Howard**                **I so certify**  
**Mr. Humphreys**        **I so certify**  
**Mr. Berry**                   **I so certify**  
**Mrs. Lowe**                **I so certify**  
**Mayor Morgan**        **I so certify**

Mayor Morgan declared a 5 minute recess for Council and Town staff to reconvene in the Council Chambers for the regular 7:30 meeting.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk