

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, May 3, 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
Rob Case, IT Department

Visitors: David Millsap and Rick Humphreys

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. David Millsap asked if he could speak to the Council members about the hay that needed to be cut and baled on property owned by the Town off of Highway 11. Mr. Millsap gave an update on the status of the hay and indicated that he would like to have the bales that are generated when the crop is cut. Discussion ensued among the Council members and Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney indicated that she was researching the matter and it appeared that interested persons in the hay would have to submit a bid for the crop. Ms. Icenhour indicated that she would advise Mr. Millsap about the invoice process.
2. Mr. Kelly provided an update on his meeting with Marcy Miller, Director of William King Museum and indicated that the Museum staff would be removing items from the house and have it ready for the Town to take possession in June or July. Mr. Kelly indicated that the lease with William King had expired and therefore the timing was favorable for the Town to

move forward. Mayor Morgan and Mrs. Humphreys both commented on the history of the house and their wish that the Town take all necessary steps to preserve that history.

3. Garrett Jackson provided an update of the Muster Grounds site as well as the plans for the summer months for “Retirement”.
4. Garrett Jackson provided the Council with an update on the Fairview site and the plans for the use of funding if provided by the Council for the project.
5. The Council members considered the remaining non-department budget requests and they were determined as follows:

• Abingdon Senior Center - Meals on Wheels	\$25,000
• Abingdon Senior Center – Operations	25,000
• Advance Abingdon	30,000
• White’s Mill Foundation	10,000
• William King Museum	100,000
• Veterans Memorial Park	25,000
• Warm, Safe and Dry Program	50,000
• Fairview	35,000

6. **On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded Mrs. Lowe, 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 Mr. Berry, seconded by Dr. Moore, 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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7. Mr. Kelly provided the Council with an update on the delegation for the All America City award competition in Kansas City.

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