

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, October 6, 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. Edward B. Morgan, Vice Mayor
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr.
Mrs. Cathy Lowe
Mr. Jason N. Berry

Administrative Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Debbie Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney
Jim Smith, Town Engineer/Dir. Of Wastewater Operations
John Dew, Dir. Of Public Services/Construction
Jim Cowart, Economic Development Coordinator
Rob Case, IT Department

Mayor Humphreys called the work session to order and Greg Kelly, Town Manager called the roll.

At this time, upon recommendation of counsel, Mrs. Lowe, moved with a second by Mr. Morgan, that the Council go into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purposes of (1) discussion of acquisition and/or disposition of real property, namely the joint Town/County sports complex and for the purpose of (2) discussion of Lot #11 in the Stonemill Business and Technology Park and further that Counsel, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probably litigation namely a boundary dispute involving Rosa Balthazrr and the Town of Abingdon.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Berry	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Dr. Moore	Aye
Mr. Morgan	Aye
Mayor Humphreys	Aye

The motion carried.

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**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Dr. Moore, 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>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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After Council reconvened into regular session, the following certification was adopted:

***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:

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

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The following items were discussed by Council:

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1. Mrs. Lowe inquired about the status of the Board of Architectural Review appeal by Dr. Harrison regarding his property on Valley Street. No action was taken by Council on this matter.
2. Dr. Moore reminded everyone of the upcoming SAGA conference on Friday, October 24, 2008 and asked if the Council would consider appropriating funding for the conference when it convened in regular session. No action was taken by Council on this matter.

**On motion of Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Council recessed in order to begin their regular 7:30 p.m. meeting.**

**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>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager