

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 7, 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
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
Daniel Kidd, IT Department
Kevin Worley, Dir. Parks/Recreation
Myra Cook, Dir. of Tourism

Visitors: Daniel Acker, Dr. Rosalind Reichard, Mark Graham

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Daniel Acker. Performance Contracting Manager with the Division of Mines Minerals and Energy provided a report and power point presentation regarding performance contracting with regard to energy upgrades and savings and the benefits that the Town could gain from putting together an energy proposal. Mr. Acker indicated that DMME would manage the process for the Town if Council decided to pursue an energy audit.
2. At this time, **On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded Mr. Howard, 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. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mr. Berry	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mr. Morgan	Aye

The motion carried.



On motion of Mr. Berry, seconded by Mrs. Humphreys, the Council reconvened in regular session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mr. Berry	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mr. 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



3. At this time, Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk inquired if the Council members could participate in the Washington County Fair Parade on Saturday, September 18, 2010.
4. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager inquired which topics Council members would like to discuss with the Washington County Board of Supervisors at the joint Town/County meeting on September 22nd. The topics determined by the Council for discussion were the King College Medical School, the Sports Complex property, and the issue of tourism staffing at the Heartwood Artisan Center. Council members asked if the meeting could be moved to the Incubator to allow for more space. Further, Council members encouraged Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning to communicate frequently with the Washington County Board of Supervisors regarding planning issues that may affect the Town.
5. Greg Kelly, Town Manager reported on the staffing needs at Town properties including the Heartwood Artisan Center, the Fields Penn Museum, and the Muster Grounds. Mr. Kelly indicated that the Tourism Department would have to increase staff to cover all the locations and discussion ensued among the Council members regarding the staffing needs at the Fields Penn Museum. Mr. Humphreys expressed his support for Garrett Jackson, Dir. of Planning supervising the staffing needs at The Muster Grounds property.

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

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk