

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. Welcome by Mayor Morgan at 7:40 p.m.

B. Roll Call – Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk

Members of Council Present: Edward B. Morgan, Mayor
Mrs. Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mrs. Jayne A. Duehring

Administrative/Town Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile Rosenbaum, Clerk/Int. Asst. Town Manager
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney
John Dew, Dir. Public Services/Construction
Kevin Worley, Dir. of Parks & Recreation
Kevin Costello, Dir. of Tourism
Matthew Johnson, Dir. of Planning
Chuck Banner, Dir. of Finance
Floyd Bailey, Dir. of IT
Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Tony Sullivan.

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\*\*\* At this time, Mayor Morgan asked Greg Kelly, Town Manager to recognize Glenn Foster, Sewer Department Superintendent for his years of service to the town. Mr. Kelly commented that Mr. Foster has worked for the Town of Abingdon for fifty (50) years this month. Mr. Kelly thanked Mr. Foster for his dedication to the town and for his services to the administration and the residents of Abingdon, VA. Mr. Foster received a standing ovation from the audience.

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 2, 2015 Work Session minutes
- March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes
- March 4, 2015 Budget Work Session Meeting
- March 11, 2015 Budget Work Session Meeting
- March 18, 2015 Budget Work Session Meeting
- March 25, 2015 Budget Work Session Meeting

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council approved the minutes of the March 2, 2015 Work Session, the March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting, the March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th Budget Meetings as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Abstain *Mrs. Lowe was absent for 2 of the meetings
Mayor Morgan	Aye

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#### E. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

*\*\* The employee recognition was made earlier in the meeting. No action was required by Council.*

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F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. **Public Hearing – Proposed Rezoning – Consideration of Clifton Stewart Developers, LLC, 16325 Taylor Place, Abingdon, VA 24211, applicants, application to rezone property located at 484 Colonial Road, Abingdon, consisting of .38 acres, from R3, Residential to O & I, Office and Institutional. Tax Map No. 018-1-28**

Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning provided Council with a summary of the request for proposed rezoning and noted that the applicant wished to place financial services business in the property and the zoning would need to be changed from R3, Residential to O&I, Office and Institutional.

Mayor Morgan declared the public hearing open.

Alex Gibson of 369 Oakmont Drive, Abingdon commented that he is working with Clifton Stewart Developers, the applicant, to put his financial service business in the property and asked Council to consider the request for rezoning.

Hearing no further comments the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Humphreys commented that the Planning Commission had heard the request at their regular monthly meeting and it was approved by unanimous vote.

On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council approved the request from Clifton Stewart Developers, LLC, 16325 Taylor Place, Abingdon, VA 24211, applicants, to rezone property located at 484 Colonial Road, Abingdon, consisting of .38 acres, from R3, Residential to O & I, Office and Institutional. Tax Map No. 018-1-28.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

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- 2. Public Hearing – Consideration of the Council’s desire to establish the Green Spring Realignment Project in the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Six (6) Year Plan and further to move previously allocated Revenue Sharing Funds for the French Moore, Jr., Blvd project to the Green Spring Realignment Project.**

John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction commented that Council and staff had reviewed the area in and around Green Spring Road and felt that a realignment of the road was a priority to improve traffic flow and safety in the area. Mr. Dew recommended that Council consider moving allocating revenue sharing funds previously designated for the French Moore, Jr. Blvd project to the Green Spring Road Realignment project and establish the project in the VDOT Six (6) Year Plan.

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing and hearing no comments closed the hearing.

At this time, Mayor Morgan read into the record a Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to establish a new revenue sharing project, being the

Green Spring Road Realignment Project and add the project to VDOT's Six (6) Year Improvement Program, and to transfer existing Revenue Sharing Funds from the French Moore, Jr. Blvd Extension to the Green Spring Road Realignment Project as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA TO ESTABLISH A NEW REVENUE SHARING PROJECT, BEING THE GREEN SPRING ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT, AND ADD THE PROJECT TO VDOT'S SIX (6) YEAR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND TO TRANSFER EXISTING REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FROM THE FRENCH MOORE, JR. BOULEVARD EXTENSION TO THE GREEN SPRING ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, in November of 2012, the Town of Abingdon, by both application and resolution of the Town Council, requested the Virginia Department of Transportation to establish a new Revenue Sharing project for the extension of the existing French Moore, Jr. Boulevard to the intersection of Stonemill Road, extending further and connecting into Cook Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council was awarded revenue sharing funds for the preliminary engineering phase of the French Moore, Jr. Boulevard project in the amount of \$1,104,000 (\$552,000 state match revenue sharing, \$552,000 locality match revenue sharing), and the project was established as 0372-140-R68, P101, UPC #104231; and

**WHEREAS, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Council is now desirous of establishing the Green Spring Road Realignment project as a Revenue Sharing project, adding this project to VDOT's Six (6) Year Improvement Program, and designating this project as its highest priority, to improve traffic flow and level of service, and eliminate a poor intersection in a high-accident location; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Council is also desirous of transferring the remaining revenue sharing funds in the amount of \$854,000 (\$427,000 state match revenue sharing, \$427,000 locality match revenue sharing) from the French Moore, Jr. Boulevard Revenue Sharing project, UPC #104231, to the Green Spring Road Realignment project.

**On motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Duehring, the Council approved the Resolution as presented and read into the record.**

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

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

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3. Public Hearing – First Reading – Consideration of Ordinance to repeal, amend, and reenact Chapter 7-; Article III – Town Licenses, §70-66 through §70-78 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to eliminate the requirement of display of a decal to prove payment of Town motor vehicle license tax.

Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney reported that the town no longer requires the display of a decal on a vehicle to prove payment of a town vehicle license tax and the proposed Ordinance revision was necessary to update the Town Code to reflect that change. Ms. Icenhour recommended that Council approve the matter on first reading and dispense with the second reading.

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing and hearing no comments, closed the hearing.

On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mrs. Duehring, the Council approved on first reading the Ordinance to repeal, amend, and reenact Chapter 7-; Article III – Town Licenses, §70-66 through §70-78 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to eliminate the requirement of display of a decal to prove payment of Town motor vehicle license tax thereby dispensing with the second reading.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

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**G. SECOND READINGS – None.**

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H. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES - None.

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**I. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS**

**1. Consideration of bids for asphalt resurfacing in the town.**

John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction reported that he had solicited bids for the town's annual asphalt resurfacing projects. Mr. Dew noted that he received two (2) bids and the lowest qualified bid was submitted by W-L Construction in the amount of \$353,912.10. Mr. Dew recommended Council award the bid to W-L Construction.

Mrs. Lowe inquired if the bid by W-L Construction was the best bid and Mr. Dew indicated that it was the best bid received.

**On motion of Mrs. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, Council awarded the bid for the town's annual asphalt resurfacing project to W-L Construction for the amount of \$353,932.10.**

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

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

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J. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of the town's audit report for FY 2013/2014.

Greg Tucker, CPA with Bostic & Tucker presented the Council with the Town's financial audit for FY 2013/2014. Mr. Tucker noted that the EVA fund had a small deficit and noted unexpected property purchases and the repair of the Creeper Trail Trestle that caused an additional deficit on the report. Mr. Tucker noted the Sewer fund fluctuated but remained stable for the year. Mr. Tucker commented that the town is financially in good standing.

On motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Duehring, the Council accepted the town's annual audit report for FY 2013/2014 as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye

Mayor Morgan Aye

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**2. Presentation by Highlands Community Services Washington County Coalition Prevention Project.**

Jordan Whitesides with Highlands Community Services provided Council with an update on the Substance Abuse Coalition's campaign to reduce drinking and driving. Ms. Whitesides provided data gathered from the report and expressed appreciation to Kevin Costello, Director of Tourism for his partnership with the organization.

No action was required by Council on this matter.

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3. Consideration of the town's annual tree report.

Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist provided Council with the town's annual tree report including items considered throughout the year by the Tree Commission. Mr. Sigmon reported on the Tree Initiative, a memorial scholarship, tree removals in town, and Arbor Day Celebration.

No action was required by Council on this matter.

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**4. Consideration of appropriation of funding to sponsor the annual YWCA Tribute to Women.**

Jayne Duehring, Council Member reported that she was the Chairperson for this year's YWCA Tribute to Women and noted that Vice Mayor Lowe was a chosen recipient chosen this year along with Abingdon resident artist, Jan Hurt. Mrs. Duehring asked Council to consider sponsoring the event with an appropriation of \$1,500.

**On motion of Mrs. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council appropriated the amount of \$1,500 to the annual YWCA Tribute to Women.**

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

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| <b>Mr. Howard</b>    | <b>Aye</b>                                      |
| <b>Mr. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b>                                      |
| <b>Mrs. Duehring</b> | <b>Aye</b>                                      |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>     | <b>Abstain *Mrs. Lowe is an award recipient</b> |

Mayor Morgan      Aye

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K. RESOLUTIONS – None.

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**L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- Mr. James Counts of 415 Summer Street, Abingdon commented that he and several neighbors were experiencing water runoff issues in their yards and asked Council to consider the curb and gutter on their street to alleviate the problem. Mr. Dew indicated that he had met with Mr. Counts and would provide a recommendation to Council on the matter at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- Council members agreed to hold an additional work session meeting on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss town owned historic properties and items on the earlier work session that were tabled due to lack of time.

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M. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Council motion relative to the Cruise In Classic Car Club.

Greg Kelly, Town Manager reported that this matter was tabled at the March 2nd, 2015 Regular Meeting and was now before Council for consideration. Mr. Kelly noted that he had met with the Car Club representatives and with Susan Howard, Director of Abingdon Main Street and both organizations were agreeable to working together to promote the Car Club events. Mr. Kelly indicated that Council had reallocated \$1,000 previously appropriated to the Car Club to Abingdon Main Street to help with the costs of town staff and street closure related items for the Car Clubs May event.

On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Howard, the motion to allocate \$1,000 to the Cruse In Classic Car Club made during the March 2nd 2015 regular meeting was rescinded.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council appropriated the amount of \$1,000 to Abingdon Main Street for assistance with the Cruise In Classic Car Clubs May 2015 event relative to promotion and costs associated with town staff and street closure related items.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

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N. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – None.

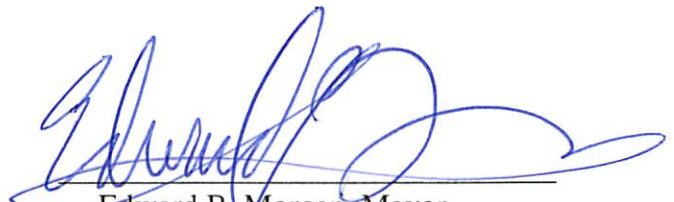
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O. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS


- Mr. Humphreys reported that the Abingdon Little League kickoff would be held on Saturday, April 25th and inquired if the parking lot across from the ballfields would be finished in time for the start of the season.
- Mrs. Lowe inquired if a taxi ordinance had been drafted.

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Mayor Morgan declared the meeting adjourned.



Edward B. Morgan, Mayor



Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk