

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.  
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Arthur Campbell meeting room of the Municipal Building.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

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

Administrative Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk  
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager  
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. of Finance  
Jim Smith, Town Engineer  
John Dew, Dir. of Construction/Public Services  
Floyd Bailey, Dir. Of IT Services  
Kevin Costello, Director of Tourism  
Jon Phelps, IT Department

Visitors:

Susan Howard, Evie Slone and others

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Mayor Morgan welcomed Evie Slone and David Hill from Hill Studio who provided a power point presentation relative to their recent infill development study they developed for the town. Ms. Slone reviewed multiple areas of the study and commented at length on the positive aspects of the town's continued development. Discussion ensued and Council members inquired about certain data included in the study. Mayor Morgan thanked them for their efforts and indicated the Council would review the study more in depth in the next few months.
2. John Dew, Director of Public Works/Construction provided a list of items that he has determined to be surplus and notified Council members that he planned to place them on the town's surplus site for sale.

3. Ms. Icenhour reported that she had reviewed the action Council took at the April meeting relative to the approval of funds for the relocation of the Breckenridge Cabin. Ms. Icenhour recommended that Council rescind their motion made at the April meeting, rejecting all bids received thus far, and authorize town staff to re-bid project. Council indicated they would take formal action on the matter during the regular meeting.
4. At this time, **on motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council went into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, 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>Mrs. Duehring</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. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, 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>
<b>Mrs. Duehring</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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**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:**

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| <b>Mr. Howard</b>    | <b>I so certify</b> |
| <b>Mr. Humphreys</b> | <b>I so certify</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Duehring</b> | <b>I so certify</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>     | <b>I so certify</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>  | <b>I so certify</b> |

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5. Mayor Morgan reported on the status of the Southwest Virginia School of Medicine.
6. Mr. Howard commented on the lack of patrons riding the town trolleys on the weekend and inquired about the feasibility of the project. Mr. Howard also commented on the negative comments the Tree Commission has received about the recent tree removals in town and suggested that multiple trees be replanted when one tree is removed.

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

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk