

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, April 7, 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

Visitors:

Amy Braswell and Susan Howard

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Amy Braswell, Chair of the Abingdon Main Street group presented their non-departmental budget request for the FY 2014/2015 and noted that they had increased their funding request by \$18,000 from last year. Ms. Braswell commented that the mural project was still ongoing and they hope to have it completed in the coming months and indicated they planned to hold the wolf project again this year.
2. Mr. Kelly commented on the addition of a memorial marker to be placed at Trestle #7 prior to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be held on April 28th.
3. Council members considered and determined appropriations of the non-departmental requests for the FY 2014/2015 budget.

4. John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction reported on the progress of the Pedestrian Improvement Project involving Whites Mill/Court/Oakhill streets indicated that the bid for the project should come before Council for acceptance at the May 5th meeting.
5. Mr. Dew reported on the Trestle #7 project and noted the date for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
6. At this time, **on motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council went into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussion of a personnel matter relative to the Abingdon Police Department.**

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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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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