

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.  
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 22, 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 Rosenbaum, Town Clerk/Int.Asst. Town Manager  
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Sean Taylor, Assistant Planner  
Kevin Costello, Dir. of Tourism

Visitors:

Betsy White

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Vice Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order and noted that Mayor Morgan had not yet arrived.
2. At this time, **on motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Duehring, pursuant to Section 2.2-2711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended Council went into Closed Session for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel on pending or probable litigation.**

**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>Absent</b>

**The motion carried.**

*Mayor Morgan joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.*

**On motion of Mrs. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Howard, 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>Abstain</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> |

**Mayor Morgan                      Abstain**

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3. Mayor Morgan invited Betsy White to speak to the Council relative to the historic properties plan that she has prepared for their consideration. Mrs. White reviewed her report and commented on the historic property sites she has evaluated including Fairview Homestead, The Muster Grounds, Summers Law Office and the Findlay House. Mrs. White provided plans for each property and discussion ensued among the Council members.
4. Mayor Morgan left the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and Vice Mayor Lowe summarized the Council's intentions to review the historic property plans as they relate to the current budget.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk