

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019 – 2:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 2:30 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME- *Mayor Craig*

B. ROLL CALL – *Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk*

Members of Council Present:

Mr. Bradley
Mrs. Quetsch
Mr. Webb
Ms. Patterson
Mayor Craig

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding purchase of generators for municipal facilities – ***James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 9:57 – 19:17)***

Town Manager Morani reported that this topic was discussed during the Capital Improvement Plan Retreat and placed on the agenda for further discussion. Discussion ensued between Council, Building Inspector Rick Statzer, and Assistant Fire Chief CJ McGlothlin regarding the specifications and costs. The decision was made that Mr. Morani would present staff's report and recommendation at the December work session.

2. Discussion regarding the Town's Emergency Operations Plan – ***James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 19:21 – 32:01)***

Town Manager Morani provided information regarding the Washington County Emergency Operations Plan and relationship with the Town. Assistant Fire Chief CJ McGlothlin and Police Chief Tony Sullivan provided additional information and discussion ensued. The decision was made that a Resolution would be presented at the December meeting appointing a Town Coordinator of Emergency Management pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 44-146.19(B)(3).

3. Discussion regarding the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Article III – Officers and Employees, Section 2-126 Town Manager/Treasurer – ***James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 32:04 – 34:17)***

Town Manager Morani stated that Council questioned the confirmation of a department head pursuant to the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Article III – Officers and Employees, Section 2-126. Mr. Morani discussed proposed changes and to place on the December agenda for action.

4. Discussion regarding Coomes Recreation Center membership rates – ***James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 48:52 – 1:02:35)***

Town Manager Morani advised Council that an additional \$5.00 non-Town resident fee increase was proposed effective January 1, 2020. Director of Finance/Treasurer Chuck Banner stated that approximately 52% of membership were county residents and felt the increase was needed.

5. Discussion regarding the Code of the Town of Abingdon Charter, Chapter 4 – Appointive Officers (Boards and Commissions) – ***James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 34:18 – 48:52)***

Town Manager Morani presented Council with a proposed Ordinance to govern Boards, Commissions and Committees including appointment and qualifications of members; meeting notices, and vacation of office as a result of absences. Counsel Cameron Bell added that most boards and committees adopted bylaws specific to terms and the proposed Ordinance will set forth additional terms of obligations. Discussion ensued and it was agreed the matter would be placed on the December agenda.

6. Consideration of available dates for January 2020 – July 2020 regular meetings, work sessions and budget sessions - ***James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 1:02:51 – 1:15:21)***

Council agreed on the following for upcoming meetings for January 2020 – July 2020

Date	Time	Location
January 6, 2020	6:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
January 22, 2020*	2:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
February 3, 2020	6:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
February 19, 2020*	2:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
March 2, 2020	6:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
March 18, 2020*	2:30 pm	Council Chambers

		Municipal Building
March 26, 2020* Non-Departmental Budget Work Session	1:00 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
April 6, 2020	6:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
April 23, 2020*	2:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
May 4, 2020	6:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
May 21, 2020*	2:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
June 1, 2020	6:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building
June 24, 2020*	2:30 pm	Council Chambers Municipal Building

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

F. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (VIDEO 1:15:23 – 1:19:30)

Mayor Craig requested that Mr. Morani and staff investigate the possibility of marketing the real property located on Route 11 and keep Council advised of the progress. Mayor Craig also requested Counsel to research the possibility of a celebration for the Courthouse committee.

G. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL / STAFF

H. CLOSED SESSION (VIDEO 1:19:33 – 2:19:46)

1. Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.
2. Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditures of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Bradley, moved that the Abingdon Town Council convene in closed session:

- (1) pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and**
- (2) pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditures of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.**

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Bradley	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Ms. Patterson	Aye
Mayor Craig	Aye

On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, Council reconvened in open session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Bradley	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Ms. Patterson	Aye
Mayor Craig	Aye

Mr. Webb moved that the Town Council certify that, in closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in the motion.

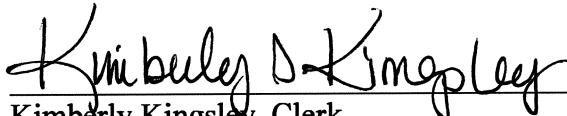
The certification was as follows:

Mr. Bradley	I so certify
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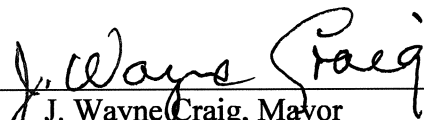
Mrs. Quetsch	I so certify
Mr. Webb	I so certify
Ms. Patterson	I so certify
Mayor Craig	I so certify

Ms. Patterson thanked everyone for attending the Veterans Day Ceremony and estimated attendance to be 700-800 people. Mr. Bradley thanked Ms. Patterson for acting as Master of Ceremony.

Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting.



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk



J. Wayne Craig, Mayor