

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 – 2:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Webb*

B. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present:

Mike Owens
James Anderson
Amanda Pillion
Donna Quetsch, Vice Mayor
Derek Webb, Mayor

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 2:56 – 3:43)

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to amend the agenda by addressing Item I – 1 prior to Items H – 1 and H - 2.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NONE)

E. PETITION(S) AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. PROCLAMATIONS

G. NEW BUSINESS

H. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution supporting the Town's grant application for study of Town Creek watershed - ***John Dew, Director of Public Works (VIDEO 7:19 – 16:53)***

John Dew, Director of Public Works advised Council that this was a grant opportunity to conduct a study of the Town Creek watershed and requested Council consider a \$50,000 match. Discussion ensued with regard to the study area and timeframe. Mr. Dew stated that the study was budgeted, however requires the requested Resolution.

On motion of Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, adopted Resolution supporting the Town's grant application for study of Town Creek watershed.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

2. Resolution accepting certain White Avenue Right Of Way – *John Dew, Director of Public Works* (VIDEO 16:55 – 19:10)

John Dew, Director of Public Works explained that the adoption of an Ordinance to vacate an unopened right-of-way of White Avenue resulted in a small residual to be accepted and later incorporated into Barter Drive.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Owens, adopted Resolution accepting a certain White Avenue right-of-way.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

I. ORDINANCES

1. First Reading – An Ordinance vacating a portion of an unopened 40-foot right-of-way known as “White Avenue” located at or near 226 Barter Drive; 238 Barter Drive and 236 Barter Drive in the Town of Abingdon, Virginia bounded by property currently owned by Petitioners Michael E. and Kaye C. Richards Beale (Tax Parcel Number 013-3-28); Robert D. and Estella M. Gilmer (Tax Parcel Number 013-3-116); and Lauren Street Wagner (Tax Parcel Number 013-3-36) (VIDEO 3:56 – 7:15)

John Dew, Director of Public Works provided a brief update as to the request to vacate a portion of an unopened 40-foot right-of-way with the appointed Board of Viewers having no objections, only a few stipulations, that were addressed.

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, adopted Ordinance vacating a portion of an unopened 40-foot right-of-way known as “White Avenue” located at or near 226 Barter Drive; 238 Barter Drive and 236 Barter Drive in the Town of Abingdon, Virginia bounded by property owned by

Petitioners Michael E. and Kaye C. Richards Beale (Tax Parcel Number 013-3-28); Robert D. and Estella M. Gilmer (Tax Parcel Number 013-3-116); and Lauren Street Wagner (Tax Parcel Number 013-3-36), and dispensed with the second reading.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager James Morani advised of a scheduled March 16, 2021 appointment for professional photography of Council members. **(VIDEO 19:19 – 20:40)**

1. Transportation update – *John Dew, Director of Public Works* (VIDEO 20:43 – 1:00:17)

John Dew, Director of Public Works provided Council with a transportation update, including VDOT Smart Scale projects and other Town projects with lengthy discussion.

2. Discussion regarding FY 2021-2022 Budget Process – *Steve Trotman, Director of Finance* (VIDEO 1:00:19 – 1:03:08)

Director of Finance Steve Trotman provided Council with the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar and briefly reviewed the scheduled meetings.

3. Sewer Rate Analysis – *James Morani, Town Manager* (VIDEO 1:03:13 – 1:10:41)

Town Manager James Morani and John Dew, Director of Public Works, advised Council of the need to address inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues within the Town and the need for a request for proposals to consider future plant upgrades.

4. Discussion regarding parking in fire lanes – *James Morani, Town Manager* (VIDEO 1:10:44 – 1:26:12)

Town Manager James Morani, Fire Chief John McCormick and Police Chief Jon Holbrook provided information regarding the previous establishment of fire lanes and asked for consideration of an Ordinance to enact police issued citations for violators. Discussion ensued and Council agreed that staff research the matter and bring back for discussion in the near future.

L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:26:14 – 1:33:39)

Councilwoman Pillion asked Council and management to consider a location for the junior/senior prom if the high school does not allow. Discussion ensued.

M. CLOSED SESSION (VIDEO 1:33:41 – 1:57:38)

Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to discuss a matter involving disposition of publicly held real property because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position.

On motion of Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, convened in closed session for discussion as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), of potential disposition of publicly held real property where the discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the Town's bargaining position.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, reconvened in open session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

Mrs. Pillion 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.

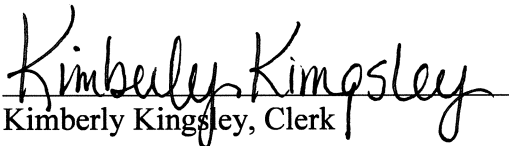
The certification was as follows:

Mr. Owens	I so certify
Mr. Anderson	I so certify
Mrs. Pillion	I so certify
Mrs. Quetsch	I so certify
Mayor Webb	I so certify

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Derek Webb



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk