

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, March 1, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 15:09 - 17:47)**

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, introduce a Proclamation to Item G recognizing March 2021 as Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness month.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Counsel Cameron Bell questioned if Council was considering Closed Sessions stating that the motion should be amended to include those items.

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, to include the previous amendment and then to add a closed session to discuss a potential lease and disposition of publicly held property and approve the agenda as amended.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye

Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 17:47 – 29:44)

- Emmitt Yeary
- John Bradley
- R. L. Saunders

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 29:46 – 30:24)

- February 1, 2021 minutes
- February 16, 2021 mid-month meeting

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Owens, approved the February 1, 2021 minutes and the February 16, 2021 mid-month minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

G. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 30:25 – 33:30)

Mr. Owens read into record Proclamation recognizing March 2021 as Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month in the Town of Abingdon.

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the Proclamation as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

H. PETITION(S) AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** – Application for a special use permit, pursuant to Section 15-9 Utilization of the flood hazard district of the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance, proposed construction in the flood hazard district, currently zoned R-1 Residential District, located at 285 Bogey Drive, Tax Map #105A-7-67. – **Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development (VIDEO 33:32 – 37:32)**

Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development, presented that a special use permit was submitted by Kai Tang, 285 Bogey Drive to construct a carport within the AE Floodway Fringe District. Mr. Boswell stated that the Planning Commission voted 6-1 to approve the special use permit with the contingency that the development was in compliance with the established restrictive covenants. Mr. Boswell stated that the staff informed the Planning Commission that the Town has no purview over private restrictive covenants and thus no enforcement authority.

Mayor Webb declared the public hearing open for comment. Hearing no comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing. Discussion ensued between Council and staff.

On motion of Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, allowed the special use permit for that purpose.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

I. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution accepting certain Hassinger right-of-way – **John Dew, Director of Public Works (VIDEO 37:38 – 40:50)**

John Dew, Director of Public Works, stated this Resolution is to accept a 25-foot right-of-way on the North-end of the Hassinger property and to later incorporate the right-of-way into Grove Terrace. Discussion ensued.

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to formally accept the right-of-way through the Resolution as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye

Mrs. Quetsch **Aye**
Mayor Webb **Aye**

2. Resolution initiating and referring to Planning Commission a rezoning of Tax Map Parcel 020-11-1 from R3 – Residential to OI – Office and Institutional District – **Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development (VIDEO 40:56 – 46:54)**

Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development, stated that Council requested that this matter be referred to the Planning Commission for consideration to rezone Tax Map Parcel 020-11-1 from R3, Residential to OI, Office and Institutional District to be consistent with adjacent property, existing use and character of the property, the Comprehensive Plan, the suitability of property for various uses, and the trends of growth or change. Discussion ensued.

On motion of Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Owens, to accept Resolution as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

K. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

L. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by The Berkley Group regarding status of Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. **(VIDEO 47:03 – 1:28:55)**

Jonathan McCoy of The Berkley Group provided Council with an extensive overview of the project overview and schedule; intent; ordinance purpose and content; Comprehensive Plan goals; diagnostic review; community stakeholder engagement; future deadlines; and keys to success. Discussion ensued.

2. Abingdon Main Street presentation – **Nicole Childress, Executive Director (VIDEO 1:28:57 – 1:43:41)**

Nicole Childress, Executive Director and Hannah Ingram, President provided Council with an update on the status of Abingdon Main Street.

N. OLD BUSINESS

1. Hassinger property boundary adjustment – *James Morani, Town Manager*
(VIDEO 1:43:43 – 1:43:51) (VIDEO 2:49:51 – 2:51:14)

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, direct that Town Manager initiate a boundary adjustment for the Hassinger property based on this plat, document number 15044-002.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

O. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 1:43:53 – 1:44:06) NONE

P. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (None)

CLOSED SESSION: (VIDEO 1:44:16 – 2:53:49)

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Anderson, convened in closed session for discussion of the following as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), a personnel matter involving consideration or interviews of candidates for employment or appointment for boards and commissions; and as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) a matter involving disposition of publicly held real property because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the Town's bargaining position; and as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) concerning a potential lease.

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 Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, 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

Q. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - (VIDEO 2:51:15 - 2:52:46)

1. Tourism Advisory Committee
 - Reappointment of Lisa K. Quigley, who is eligible to serve an additional term

On motion by Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, reappointed Lisa K. Quigley for an additional term on the Tourism Advisory Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority
 - Appointment to fill unexpired term of Constance Daggs

3. Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee
 - Appointment to fill unexpired term of Joel Hortenstine
4. Sustain Abingdon Committee
 - Appointment to fill unexpired term of Anita Manuel

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, appointed Joel Taylor to the Sustain Abingdon Committee to fill unexpired term of Anita Manuel.

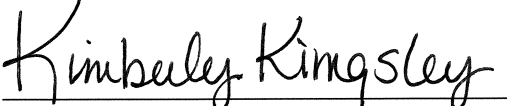
The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Derek Webb



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk