

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

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, November 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
Amanda Pillion
Donna Quetsch, Vice Mayor
Derek Webb, Mayor

Member(s) of Council Absent:

James Anderson

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRAYER – Pastor Kevin Campbell, Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 9:01 – 9:56)

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, moved Item P-1, presentation by Stephanie Davis, after Item H-1, and approved the agenda as amended.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 10:05 – 10:41)

- October 4, 2021 meeting
- October 21, 2021 mid-month meeting

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the October 4, 2021 meeting and the October 21, 2021 mid-month meeting minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Absent

Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

H. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 10:43 – 16:35)

1. Proclamation to honor and recognize the Abingdon High School Golf Team 2021 Class 3 State Champions, winning back-to-back titles.

Mayor Webb read into the record a Proclamation honoring and recognizing the Abingdon High School Golf Team 2021 Class 3 State Champions, winning back-to-back titles. Mayor Webb and Council presented the team members and coaches with a framed Proclamation.

I. PUBLIC HEARING - Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided, and comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person.

1. **Public Hearing** – Lease of property between the Town and K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. *dba* Food City to operate concessions located at 78 Cook Street, also known as The Meadows.

Town Manager James Morani advised a Notice to Register Interest was published with one response. Mr. Morani stated that operating concessions would require an extreme amount of responsibility, maintenance and this would be a turn-key operation. Mr. Morani noted that he would present a draft at the November mid-month meeting and adoption at the December meeting.

Mayor Webb declared the public hearing open for comment. Hearing no comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing. **(VIDEO 44:08 – 47:43)**

2. Public Hearing –

- A. Proposed zoning map amendment to rezone Tax Map ID 104A-3-1, parcel consisting of 0.65 acres more or less located at 430 Porterfield Highway, Abingdon VA, from M-1 Limited Industrial District to B-2 General Business District.
- B. Proposed zoning map amendment to rezone Tax Map ID 104A-3-2, parcel consisting of 4.24 acres more or less located at 555 Porterfield Highway, Abingdon, VA, from M-1 Limited Industrial District to B-2 General Business District.
- C. Proposed zoning map amendment to rezone Tax Map ID 104A-3-3, parcel consisting of 1.19 acres more or less located at 520 Porterfield Highway, Abingdon, VA, from M-1 Limited Industrial District to B-2 General Business District.

Mayor Webb declared the public hearing open for comment. Hearing no comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing. **(VIDEO 47:45 – 49:08)**

J. RESOLUTIONS

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance regarding proposed zoning map amendment to rezone Tax Map ID 104A-3-1, parcel consisting of 0.65 acres more or less, Tax Map ID 104A-3-2, parcel consisting of 4.24 acres more or less and Tax Map ID 104A-3-3, parcel consisting of 1.19 acres more or less located in the area of 520 Porterfield Highway. – ***Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development*** **(VIDEO 49:15 – 51:25)**

Director of Community Development, Mayana Rice, presented the proposed Ordinance stating that the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval and recommended that Council move to second reading for final consideration in December 2021.

Mayor Webb questioned, "Shall this proposal be rejected?" Hearing no objections, Mayor Webb declared that this matter would move to second reading.

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, moved to dispense with the second reading and adopt Ordinance as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

1. An Ordinance of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia for a proposed amendment to Chapter 66 Ordinance – Taxation, Article 1. – In General, Section 66-3. Collection of delinquent taxes by distress, personal judgment or sale. **(VIDEO 51:26 – 52:20)**

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, moved to adopt Ordinance as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

1. Consideration of bid for stair replacement for the pedestrian bridge at Norfolk-Southern Railroad on Remsburg Drive – *Deck Shaver, Interim Director of Public Works* **(VIDEO 52:22 – 56:14)**

Interim Director of Public Works, Deck Shaver stated that the pedestrian bridge was closed in November 2019 due to an accident. Staff worked with Thompson & Litton for design plans, completed in August 2021, and invited to bid. Inland Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for \$108,500 and staff recommends the award of the contract. Town Manager Morani advised that the Town \$45,410 from VACoRP.

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, awarded the contract to Inland Construction and authorized the Town Manager to execute the contract and complete any paperwork associated.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by Virginia Highlands Festival – *Deirdre Cole, Executive Producer and Christine Webb, Representative* (VIDEO 56:16 – 1:02:00)

Ms. Cole and Ms. Webb provide Council with an update on the Festival and thanked the Town Council and staff for their support.

2. Historic District Boundary Expansion to match underlying State Historic District boundary. – *Byrum Geisler and Betsy White, Historic Preservation Review Board* (VIDEO 1:02:01 – 1:24:17)

Mrs. White and Mr. Geisler provided Council with an update on work prepared by the Historic Preservation Review Board and requested the Council to support the work. Council agreed and decided to complete educational outreach soon to finalize the plan and ultimately pass an Ordinance to update the Historic District boundary expansion final plan to match the underlying State Historic District.

O. OLD BUSINESS

*ITEM P-1 was presented before Items I (VIDEO 17:24 – 44:05)

P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER

1. Presentation regarding compensation study – *Stephanie Davis, Local Government Collaboration, LLC*

Mrs. Davis presented Council with goals regarding a proposed Pay Plan. As the Town did not have an existing plan, it was to develop a plan based on market data; appropriately place employees, and development costs for implantation. Discussion ensued. Counsel Cameron Bell stated that procedurally Council would adopt the plan in the budget and the Town Manager enforces the program.

(VIDEO 1:42:26 – 1:44:19)

Town Manager James Morani advised Council that David McLeish, Abingdon Farmers Market Manager, expressed an interest in using the Train Depot for a winter market. Discussion ensued. Council agreed that staff should explore the interest in the winter market.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:24:21 – 1:24:32)

R. CLOSED SESSION

S. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 1:24:33 – 1:40:43)

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, read by Mr. Owens, pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for considering application for appointment to boards, specifically Infrastructure Advisory Board, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals; and amended by Mrs. Quetsch.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

1. Infrastructure Advisory Committee (VIDEO 1:41:12 – 1:41:50)

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, reappointed Charlene Truhlik for an additional term.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

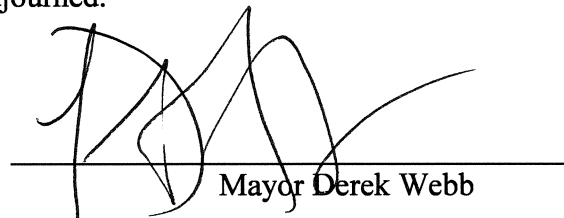
2. Planning Commission
 - Appointment to fill the vacancy of R. Wayne Austin, who is ineligible to serve an additional term
3. Board of Zoning Appeals (**VIDEO 1:41:51 – 1:42:26**)
 - Appointment to fill the vacancy of R. Wayne Austin, as a representative for the Planning Commission

On motion by Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, appointed Kenny Shuman as the Planning Commission representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Derek Webb



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk