

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
MID-MONTH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022 – 2:00 pm
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The mid-month meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 2:00 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Webb*

Mayor Webb welcomed Earl Mathers as the Interim Town Manager.

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 – *Vice Mayor Donna Quetsch*

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 3:13 – 3:36)

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the agenda as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

E. NEW BUSINESS (VIDEO 3:38 – 14:14)

1. Discussion regarding amendment of Ordinance, 62-61 Paved sidewalks to be kept clean and unobstructed, to allow commercial business an annual sidewalk usage permit. – ***Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development***

Ms. Rice advised an increase in requests for “outdoor retail”. At this time, the Town’s Ordinance does not allow the usage of sidewalks by private businesses. A concern for unpermitted sidewalk usage comes in the form of accidents and damage to private property that is encroaching into the public sidewalk right of way. Ms. Rice requested that the Council initiate a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to allow encroachments on the sidewalks, submit to an annual permitting process. Ms. Rice further discussed the proposed ordinance change, a staff member assigned to encroachments permits, permit application, and fee schedule. Council agreed to move forward with the amendment with two readings.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER


1. Discussion regarding Capital Improvement Plan – *James Morani, Town Manager and Stephanie Davis, Center for Public Administration and Policy, Virginia Tech* (VIDEO 14:37 – 1:09:22)

Stephanie Davis and Jonathan Peace presented a draft Capital Improvement Plan for FY2023-2027. Council participated in discussion with department heads regarding requests included in the Plan.

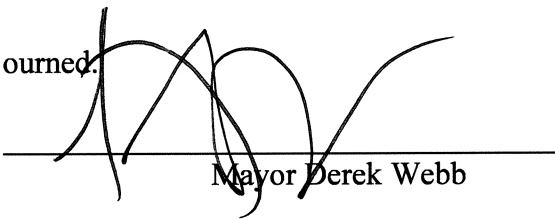
H. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

I. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk



Mayor Derek Webb