



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 – 6:30 pm
TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

DRAFT AGENDA

Please note there will be an opportunity during the meeting for citizens to address the Town Council when the Mayor declares public comments open. We request that anyone addressing the Council sign up, approach the podium when called, state your first and last name, and provide your complete mailing address.

- A. WELCOME – Mayor Webb**
- B. ROLL CALL – Kim Kingsley, Clerk**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Amanda Pillion, Councilmember**
- D. PRAYER – Steven Bednar**
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Webb**
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided; comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.
 - Town of Abingdon residents
 - Other public comments (e.g. property owners, organizations)
- G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - August 8, 2022 meeting
 - August 18, 2022 meeting
- H. PROCLAMATIONS**
 - 1. Proclamation honoring the Abingdon High School Boys Track team for capturing the VHSL Class 3 Triple Crown
 - 2. Proclamation celebrating the Constitution started by the Daughters of the American Revolution designating September 17 – 24, 2022, as Constitution Week
- I. PUBLIC HEARING -** Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided; comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person.
- J. RESOLUTIONS**
 - 1. Resolution supporting the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program – *Michael Surret, Director of Public Works*
- K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**
- L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**
- M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**
- N. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Presentation from Virginia Highlands Festival – *Ryan Henderson, Board President*

2. Presentation regarding Washington County Public Library's Storywalk – *Molly Schock, Library Director* and *Amanda Bailey, Community Engagement and Information Technology*

O. OLD BUSINESS

P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Board of Zoning Appeals
 - Reappointment of Heather Howard, who is eligible to serve an additional term
2. Recreation Advisory Committee
 - Reappointment of David Childress, who is eligible to serve an additional term
 - Reappointment of Amanda Pillion, who is eligible to serve an additional term
3. Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority
 - Reappointment of Katlin Kazmi, who is eligible to serve an additional term
4. Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee
 - Reappointment of Kim Farris-Luke, who is eligible to serve an additional term

If Council so desires, closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for position(s) on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Recreation Advisory Committee, Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee.

S. CLOSED SESSION

T. ADJOURNMENT

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 – 6:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Webb*

B. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present:

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

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRAYER

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 7:36 – 8:04)

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Anderson, approved the agenda as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 8:05 – 10:18)

- Katie Brown, Barter Theater

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 10:20 – 10:45)

- July 11, 2022 meeting

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the July 11, 2022 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mr. Owens	Aye

Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

H. PROCLAMATIONS (10:46 – 24:15)

Mayor Webb thanked the parents for the sacrifice made throughout the past years and was incredibly proud of your children's accomplishments, as it is a dynasty at this point. He conveyed that recognizing the youth is one of the most incredible honors as a seated Council. He further stated the team members were assimilating many talents, determination, and grit that would not be possible without their parents.

Mayor Webb then recognized the Coaches for the long days and hours of sacrifices of tournaments and money invested. He also recognized Coach Francisco for winning "Coach of the Year." Mayor Webb thanked Coach Francisco's recent comments in an article regarding the players' GPA of 3.8.

1. Proclamation honoring the Abingdon High School Class 3A VHSL as runner-up in the State Baseball Champion

Mr. Anderson read the proclamation into the record, and Council presented the members with a framed Proclamation.

2. Proclamation honoring Abingdon High School Class 3 Tennis Doubles State runner-up

Mrs. Pillion read the proclamation into the record, and Council presented Dillon McReynolds and Tristan Hicks with a framed Proclamation.

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

1. Public hearing – proposed special use permit, Owner Evans Properties, Inc., to build a single family dwelling as is required for action within the designated flood hazard area per Section 15-9 of the Zoning Ordinance in the AE Flood Hazard District. Tax Map ID 013-7-1 at 190 Blacks Fort Lane and South Court Street. **(VIDEO 24:38 – 30:42)**

Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development, advised Council that the proposed structure is not in the flood plain as it would be on the corner of the parcel. The Planning Commission approved the proposal as presented with a five-to-one motion of the affirmative to allow a single-family residence to be constructed on a parcel encumbered by the AE FEMA flood designation. Mrs. Rice said one in opposition, Mr. Wilson, stated FEMA has a 0.00 increase regulation concerning a regulatory floodway. The study did show that the minimal increase is lower than a foot, should there be an increase. FEMA leaves the decision of allowing a minimal increase to the flood plain to the governing body. Mr. Wilson said he voted against it because he could not support additional structure in the floodway as an engineer.

Mrs. Rice stated that the structure was to be proposed on piers, not a solid foundation. Town Engineer, Tyler Vencill, reviewed the plans and determined requirement of a special use permit. The Planning Commission and Mr. Vencill recommended approval of the requested special use permit with the condition that submittal of all building permits to the Community Development department to ensure compliance with the Virginia USBC for both constructions permitting and the required floodproofing. The building permit has additional standards unrelated to the requested special use permit. The flood plain study was a very minimal increase, with the base flood elevation being 2039.0, with the flood elevation at the property approximately 2038.6.

Mrs. Rice stated Planning Commission discussed the whether the Town should purchase the property, however the Town does not have a plan that indicating the property should be purchased as the flood study work has been completed.

Councilmember Mike Owens questioned the height, stating he noticed it was approximately a foot change. Debbie Evans addressed the question, saying about two and one-half feet; however, she suggested three feet to be safe.

Mayor Webb opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing.

2. Public Hearing – proposed special use permit, Owners David Brown of HFBG Properties, LLC and Representative Matt Bundy, Bundy Architecture and Engineering, Inc. for conversion of second-floor space to multifamily use. Tax Map ID 013-1-40 at 155 E Valley Street (**VIDEO 30:42 – 34:11**)

Gabe Cristofari, Planner and GIS Specialist, presented that the special use permit is to convert a portion of the southern corner of the second floor to multifamily use. The property is zoned Office and Institutional. A variety of businesses currently utilize the structure as office space.

Mr. Cristofari advised the Planning Commission approved the special use permit unanimously. The only change to the footprint of the building will be two elevated balconies located on the South facing elevation. Two goals in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Webb opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing.

J. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution approving special use permit to build a single-family dwelling as is required for action within the designated flood hazard area per Section 15-9 of the Zoning Ordinance in the AE Flood Hazard District. Tax Map ID 013-7-1 at 190 Blacks Fort Lane (**VIDEO 34:13 – 36:22**)

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the Resolution for a special use permit to build a single-family dwelling as is required for action within the designated flood hazard area per Section 15-9 of the Zoning Ordinance in the AE Flood Hazard District, Tax Map 013-7-1 at 190 Blacks Fort Lane as presented.

Counsel Cameron Bell questioned if the proposed Resolution incorporates your additional building permit requirements. Mrs. Rice stated the specific language was not included in the Resolution; however, the building code requires it.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. Resolution approving special use permit, Owners David Brown of HFBG Properties, LLC, and Representative Matt Bundy, Bundy Architecture and Engineering, Inc. for consideration of second-floor space into multifamily use. Tax Map ID 012-1-40 at 155 E. Valley Street. **(VIDEO 36:23 – 37:32)**

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Anderson, approved the Resolution for a special use permit for consideration of second-floor space into multifamily use, Tax Map 012-1-40 at 155 E. Valley Street as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

(direct neighbor to that property)

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. Consideration of amendment to FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 58.1-3830 to correct cigarette tax rate of \$0.40 per pack. **(VIDEO 37:32 – 40:06)**

Steve Trotman, Director of Finance, advised Council during the budget process and adoption of the Ordinance that there was a modest increase in the cigarette tax to \$0.45 per pack.

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Since then, the Treasurer was notified that the tax violated the Code of Virginia. This amendment will correct the cigarette tax to the maximum allowed amount of \$0.40 per pack, with an impact of a \$26,000 decrease or 0.14% of the total operating budget. The Treasurer has issued one refund to correct the overpayment.

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the amendment to FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 58.1-3830 to correct cigarette tax rate of \$0.40 per pack, and waive the second reading of the Ordinance.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation regarding Emory & Henry College campus and project updates (**VIDEO 40:17 – 57:34**)

President John Wells and Allison Mays, Senior Advancement Officer for Major Gifts and Planning Giving, provided Council with campus and project updates on Emory & Henry College.

2. Doug's Super Wash (Per Section 18-7-10) appeal to the Town Council regarding a decision made by the Planning Commission (Jun 27, 2022) to not allow the exterior painting of the Doug's Super Wash to be Benjamin Moore "Red" 2000-10 as it does not comply with the Entrance Corridor standards outlined in Section 18-9-11(d) Design review guidelines (8) façade colors. (**VIDEO 57:34 – 58:18**)

Mayor Webb conveyed a representative of Doug's Super Wash wished to have this matter tabled until the next meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, tabled this matter for the August 18, 2022 meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Webb

Aye

3. Consideration of professional services to perform engineering design, construction, and cost analysis for East Main Street Flood Mitigation. **(VIDEO 58:19 – 1:02:01)**

Michael Surret, Director of Public Works advised a Request for Proposal with a return date of June 3, 2022, to consolidate some professional services for the flood mitigation on East Main Street. Upon review of several responses, the selection committee recommended AMT.

Councilmember Mike Owens questioned the timetable once the project was awarded. Mr. Surret replied the project had a very aggressive schedule, completed with ARPA funding, with full construction by the end of 2024.

Councilmember Amanda Pillion questioned the length of time for road closures. Mr. Surret responded there would be delays; however, roads will not be closed without accessibility to businesses with periods to install the new culvert across Main and Tanner Streets and replace culverts downstream.

Counsel Cameron Bell conveyed that the preliminary plan is to raise Main Street, and you can't raise it if you don't close. Mr. Surret clarified that all the businesses in that area would remain accessible. It will be a complex operation around it.

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, to authorize Michael Surret to negotiate a contract with AMT.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

4. Consideration of solid waste disposal services **(VIDEO 1:02:03 – 1:04:33)**

Michael Surret, Director of Public Works advised Council that the Bristol Virginia landfill will close on September 9, 2022. The Public Works department has been working diligently for the past eight months to relocate solid waste, brush, and other items we collect for the citizens. The Town entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Washington County for our solid waste to the transfer station; however, it would not accept brush. The Town issued a Request for Bids restricting the radius and single trip drive to thirty miles to be cost prohibitive on wear/tear on vehicles, maintenance, and fuel.

Mr. Surret said the Town received one response, Waste Management in Blountville, Tennessee, for \$40 per ton delivered for brush only.

On motion of Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to accept quote by Waste Management for solid waste disposal services.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

O. OLD BUSINESS

P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of a lease agreement for a portion of *The Train Station*, 306 Depot Square and adjacent space. **(VIDEO 1:04:36 – 1:07:05)**

Tonya Triplett, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, recalled the Council of establishing *The Train Station* as an incubator in April 2022. She advised that a business on Main Street has lost its lease and may have to close and reopen later. After discussion with the business owner, she presented a partnership that may work, including a year lease with an option to renew, with an out option should an additional location become available. This lease would be the same terms as the space at 304 Depot Square.

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to authorize the negotiation of a lease for *The Train Station*, 306 Depot Square and adjacent space.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

(VIDEO 1:07:05 – 1:10:58)

Town Manager Mike Cochran provided Council announced the expanded hours for the Coomes Recreation Center due to shifting personnel allowing additional operating hours starting September 12.

Mr. Cochran advised during a recent Infrastructure Advisory Committee included discussion regarding traffic calming and speed studies for Valley Street. The Town engaged an engineer to survey for traffic calming. The result of two different speed studies conducted in two-

week periods, April 21 and August 21, totaling 79,000 cars traveled at an average speed of twenty-eight miles per hour, which is a high compliance rate.

Mr. Cochran announced that Chief Holbrook secured a School Resource Officer grant through the Commonwealth, allowing us to have a second SRO at Abingdon High School, which includes 100% of the salary and benefits. Mr. Cochran added more engagements with the youth, provided safety and a role model, and thanked Chief Holbrook for applying.

Mr. Cochran communicated that Michael Surret, Director of Public Works, secured an additional \$1.12 million from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Good Roads Repair Program for the East and West Main Streets and Jonesboro Road. He also announced Washington County is working with the contractor for a target date of September 17 to switch the traffic pattern and is obtaining additional material to protect the closure.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:10:59 – 1:12:13)

Mayor Webb conveyed that the public hearing on the pump track concept was well attended and received positive feedback and the community has a strong interest in moving forward.

S. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 1:12:14 – 1:58:09)

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to convene in closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for position(s) on Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator and Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee; and pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), a personnel matter involving demotion, discipline, or resignation of a specific employee(s).

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. Anderson, reconvened in open session. (VIDEO 1:58:09 – 1:59:01)

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

(VIDEO 1:59:01 – 2:00:29)

1. Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator
 - Reappointment of Kent Peterson, who is eligible to serve an additional term
 - Reappointment of Sylvia Robbins, who is eligible to serve an additional term
 - Reappointment of Michael A. Spiegler, who is eligible to serve an additional term
 - Reappointment of Doris Clendenen Shuman, who is eligible to serve an additional term

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, reappointed Kent Peterson, Sylvia Robbins, and Michael A. Spiegler to serve an additional term and Pamela Stone to serve a term on the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee
 - Appointment to fill the vacancy for one of whom is related to or descended from family relatives or ancestors buried in the cemetery

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, appointed Albert Bradley to serve one term on the Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

S. CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), a personnel matter involving demotion, discipline, or resignation of a specific employee(s).
(VIDEO 1:12:14 – 1:58:09) . (VIDEO 1:58:09 – 1:59:01)

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Derek Webb

Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MID-MONTH MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022 – 2:30 pm
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The mid-month meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 2:30 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Webb*

B. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present:

Dwyane Anderson
Donna Quetsch, Vice Mayor
Derek Webb, Mayor

Members of Council Absent:

Mike Owens
Amanda Pillion

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 5:23 -)

Mayor Webb requested the agenda be amended to hear Item K- 2 after Public Comments as Mrs. Rice was involved in the Abingdon Historic Preservation Day.

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Anderson, amended the agenda to hear Item K-1 pertaining to Doug’s Super Wash after the public comments and approved as amended.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

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

G. RESOLUTIONS

H. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

J. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Abingdon Farmers Market update – *David McLeish, Market Manager* (VIDEO 51:02 – 53:57)

Market Manager David McLeish provided Council with an update regarding the Healthy Kids, Eat Smart – Move More program. He stated that 388 kids received \$10 to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables weekly from July 5th – August 9th. Mr. McLeish also advised that approximately 1,300 to 1,500 customers shop at the Market on Saturdays.

2. Doug’s Super Wash (Per Section 18-7-10). Appeal to the Town Council regarding a decision made by the Planning Commission (June 27, 2022) to not allow the exterior painting of Doug’s Super Wash to be Benjamin Moore “Red” 2000-10 as it does not comply with the Entrance Corridor standards outline in Section 18-9-11(d) Design review guidelines (8) Façade colors – *Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development* (VIDEO 6:18 – 50:47)

Mrs. Rice advised in February 2022, Turnhart Acquisition Corporation (Owner) and Jeremy Fields with Appalachia Design Services (Representative) requested the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new commercial carwash located at 140 Cook Street. After the presentation, the Planning Commission approved the original drawings with the façade identified as brick, glass and painted red accent trim.

The subject property is within the Meadows Planned Unit Development, with the requirement for approval of an entrance corridor Certificate of Appropriateness, as well as the additional standards identified in the covenant, such as Minimum Design Requirements. In addition, the Entrance Corridor Guidelines required “façade colors preferably shall be of low reflectance white, earth tone, muted, subtle, or neutral colors. Building trim may feature brighter colors as an accent material. The use of high-intensity, metallic, fluorescent, day glow, or neon colors are discouraged.”

The applicants appeared before the Planning Commission again on May 23, 2022, providing a fiber cement board they wished to utilize as a façade and a request to use “Classic Red” paint. The Commission voted unanimously to reject the fiber cement and the Classic Red.

The applicants returned in June 2022 with submitted an alternative red sample and requested the brick on the structure be permitted to be fully painted Benjamin Moore “red” 2000-10. The Planning Commission indicated they disagreed with the red, did not think it met the design Entrance Corridor guidelines and stood by their original Certificate of Appropriateness.

The Council heard presentations from Dennis Jones, Esq. and Jeremy Fields with Appalachia Design Services. Discussion ensued.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, denied the applicant's color and suggested applicant present the new plan to the Planning Commission.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

3. Appointment of Laura Dowell, to replace Katie Garrett as Freedom of Information Officer – *Mike Cochran, Town Manager (VIDEO 53:57 – 55:08)*

Town Manager Mike Cochran introduced Laura Dowell as the new Freedom of Information Officer. Mrs. Dowell will be working with Counsel Cameron Bell on any requests.

L. OLD BUSINESS

M. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 55:16 – d1:11:31)

Town Manager Mike Cochran announced the Town Arborist received a report regarding the Ash tree at the Abingdon Visitors Center. Mr. Sigmon presented information from the tree risk assessment report conducted by Bartlett Tree Experts. Bartlett Tree Experts strongly recommended the removal of the tree based on the overall assessment. Mr. Sigmon advised that the Tree Commission voted to have the tree removed and replaced this fall with a sizable Oak or Maple.

N. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ()

O. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Derek Webb

Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk



**A Resolution of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia
Supporting the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program**

WHEREAS, the Council applied for round five of the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program funding for the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Council supports the following Local Systemic Initiatives projects:

- High-visibility Signal Backplates; and
- Flashing Yellow Arrow; and
- Curve Delineation; and
- Pedestrian Crossings; and
- Road Diets

WHEREAS, the Council supports the Comprehensive Plan, cooperation, and continuing transportation planning process to improve network connectivity and further safety enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Improvement Program is an application-based process available for regional agencies, counties, cities, towns, and public transportation agencies to apply for project funding; and

WHEREAS, the Council agrees that the projects set forth will significantly improve and be beneficial to Town the citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council supports the Virginia Highway Safety Program established prioritization and scoring process for the Commonwealth Transportation Board to evaluate the funding application for the following projects objectively:

- High-visibility Signal Backplates; and
- Flashing Yellow Arrow; and
- Curve Delineation; and
- Pedestrian Crossings; and
- Road Diets

TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA

BY: _____

Mayor

The undersigned Clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the “Town”) hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on September 6 2022. I hereby further certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing resolution a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and the voting on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Member	Attendance	Vote
Derek Webb, Mayor	Yes	
Donna Quetsch, Vice Mayor	Yes	
Amanda Pillion	Yes	
Dwayne Anderson	Yes	
Mike Owens	Yes	

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Town of Abingdon as of September 6, 2022.

(SEAL)_____

Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk



Storywalk at the Meadows Sports Complex

Washington County Public Library



Storywalk

Storywalks® are opportunities for children and families to enjoy two great things - reading and outdoor spaces - at the same time.

We take apart a picture book, placing each laminated page in a weather-protected frame, and placing these frames in an outdoor space so that children and families can enjoy books in an outdoor setting.



Location: Meadows Sports Complex

- Between the soccer and baseball fields.
- Placed at every other sidewalk contraction joint on the walkway on the left hand side facing the play area.
- 18 - 20 pedestals.



Branding

- Each pedestal has 32" x 17" viewing area.
- Border area available for local branding and promotion.



Pedestals

- Aluminum Single Pedestal 24"w x 18"h x .25"
- Visual area will be 23"w x 17"h.
- Post 3" x 3" x 57"h.
- Frame will be on a 45-degree angle.
- Powder coated black finish.



Understanding

- Kiwanis Club of Abingdon to sponsor the purchase and install storywalk pedestals.
- Library to change featured story monthly.
- Town of Abingdon to maintain ground around storywalk and report an issues to Library.
- Town, Kiwanis and Library logos will be featured on storywalk signage and related PR.

