

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 – 6:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 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 6:05 – 7:02)

Mayor Webb announced Coach Swiney requested the Proclamation honoring the Abingdon High School Boys Track team be postponed until the October meeting. Mayor Webb stated the agenda would be amended if the Council was agreeable.

On motion of Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, approved the agenda as amended.

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 7:02 – 9:23)

- Dorothea Frazier (Signed in but did not speak)
- Rachel Sheffey

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 9:24 – 10:40)

- August 8, 2022 meeting
- August 18, 2022 meeting

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the August 8, 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

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Anderson, approved the August 18, 2022 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mr. Owens	Abstain (not present at the meeting)
Mrs. Pillion	Abstain (not present at the meeting)
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

H. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation honoring the Abingdon High School Boys Track team for capturing the VHSL Class 3 Triple Crown

This matter was tabled until the October 3, 2022 meeting.

2. Proclamation celebrating the Constitution started by the Daughters of the American Revolution designating September 17-24, 2022, as Constitution Week. **(VIDEO 10:41 – 13:36)**

Mrs. Pillion read the proclamation into the record, and Council presented Lila Thurmond 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.

J. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution supporting the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program **(VIDEO 13:53 - 17:03)**

Director of Public Works Michael Surrett said the Virginia Department of Transportation opened funding for specific projects, requiring a Council Resolution. The Resolution would support Local Systemic Initiatives projects, including high-visibility signal backplates, flashing yellow arrows, curve delineation, pedestrian crossings, and road diets. Mr. Surrett stated that this program is one-hundred percent funded by VDOT and will be a twelve-month cycle. Discussion ensued.

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, approved the Resolution supporting the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation from Virginia Highlands Festival (VIDEO 17:20 – 27:50)

Board President Ryan Henderson shared a VHF highlight presentation and discussed upcoming events. Mr. Henderson thanked the Council for their continued support.

2. Presentation regarding Washington County Public Library's Storywalk

Library Director Molly Schock and Amanda Bailey, Community Engagement and Information Technology Librarian

Ms. Bailey announced the Storywalk as a moving library between The Meadows' soccer and baseball fields. She said the Kiwanis Club sponsored the project at no cost to the Town. Mayor Webb questioned when the story would be changed, with Ms. Bailey responding monthly. Mayor Webb conveyed that one goal for The Meadows was to give something to everyone and felt this project complemented the development.

O. OLD BUSINESS

P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 27:55 – 30:13)

Town Manager Mike Cochran conveyed the Court Street closure was working well with the barriers in place, and the businesses could maintain their customer base. Mayor Webb said that several business owners were pleased with the temporary traffic adjustments and questioned whether it was something the Town would consider in the future.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 30:13 – 30:34)

Mayor Webb said it was a busy time and thanked the Council for their hard work.

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 30:34 – 34:02)

1. Board of Zoning Appeals
- Reappointment of Heather Howard, who is eligible to serve an additional term

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, reappointed Heather Howard to serve an additional term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. Recreation Advisory Committee
-Reappointment of David Childers, who is eligible to serve an additional term
-Reappointment of Amanda Pillion, who is eligible to serve an additional term

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, reappointed David Childers and Amanda Pillion to serve an additional term on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

3. Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority
-Reappointment of Katlin Kazmi, who is eligible to serve an additional term

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On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, reappointed Katlin Kazmi to serve an additional term on the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

- 4. Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee
-Reappointment of Kim Farris-Luke, who is eligible to serve an additional term

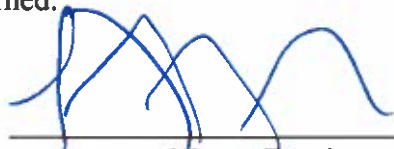
On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, reappointed Kim Farris-Luke to serve an additional term on the Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

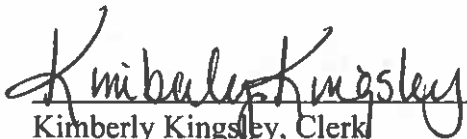
Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

S. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Derek Webb



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk