

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 – 6:30 pm  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion***
- B. ROLL CALL (VIDEO 10:10 – 10:20)**

Members of Council Present:

Wayne Austin
Donna Quetsch
Derek Webb
Vice Mayor Dwyane Anderson
Mayor Pillion

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. PRAYER**
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 14:22 – 15:26)**

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Austin, amended the agenda to move Item H-3 Proclamation to honor and recognize the Abingdon High School Boys' and Girls' Regional and State Indoor track teams to a later date due to a scheduling conflict and remove item P- 2 Discussion regarding FY23-24 budget.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 15:33 – 16:05)**
  - April 3, 2023

**On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the April 3, 2023 minutes as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### **H. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 16:08 – 22:48)**

1. Proclamation designating May as Small Business Appreciation Month

Councilmember Quetsch read the Proclamation into the record.

2. Proclamation celebrating The Barter Theatre's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Councilmember Austin read the Proclamation into the record.

3. Proclamation to honor and recognize the Abingdon High School Boys' and Girls' Regional and State Indoor track teams

Mayor Pillion also recognized May as Building Safety Month, the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and Foster Care Awareness and Foster Friendly Business Month.

#### **I. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Public Hearing – Proposed special use permit to convert 142 E. Main Street from a single-family residence to multi-family residence for short-term and long-term rental purposes. Tax Map 013-1-117 (**VIDEO 22:51 – 29:45**)

Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development Mayana Rice said the structure is currently utilized as a single-family rental property described as the Fountain Inn on Main Street, and for it to be compatible with the zoning requirements, a Special Use Permit must be obtained. The Planning Commission motion was for the COA to be approved with the condition that staff ensure the improvements required for the accessory dwelling units in the accessory building are completed and complied with.

Mr. Jacob King addressed the Council and read a statement on behalf of the owner.

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

2. Public Hearing- If after two (2) consecutive terms of a three (3)-year period has been fulfilled and no individual applies or is appointed following a thirty (30)-day period, the vacant position on the Board may be filled by the same individual who vacated said position for an additional three (3)-year term. (**VIDEO 29:45 – 35:22**)

Mayana Rice, Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development conveyed a proposal to the Planning Commission to add language to create an opportunity for an active Historic Preservation Review Board member who has fulfilled two consecutive terms, to have a third consecutive term if no individual applies or is appointed following thirty-days. The Planning Commission passed the Ordinance following sixty-days. Counsel Cameron Bell spoke regarding the application process.

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

**J. RESOLUTIONS (VIDEO 35:22 – 36:17)**

- 1. Resolution approving proposed special use permit to convert 142 E. Main Street from a single-family residence to multi-family residence for short-term and long-term rental purposes. Tax Map 103-1-177 – *Mayana Rice, Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development*

**On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the Resolution as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES (VIDEO 36:19 – 44:51)**

- 1. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 44. Land Use: Division 4. Historic Preservation Review Board, Section 2-4-2. Appointment; Terms; and Memberships – *Mayana Rice, Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development*

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the Ordinance as presented.**

Discussion ensued regarding the Planning Commission’s motion of “following a period of sixty days.” Discussion also included the procedure for the posting of vacancies for various boards and commissions.

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Nay</b>

<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Nay</b>

**On motion of Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mr. Webb, approved the amendment of “following a period of forty-five days” instead of sixty days to the Ordinance, waiving the second reading.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

**M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS (VIDEO 44:57 – 43:38)**

1. Brick and concrete sidewalk removal and replacement of existing sidewalk with ADA compliant transition rams and truncated domes – *Michael Surrett, Director of Public Work*

Director of Public Works Michael Surrett requested Council to consider the bid from Jones Road & Bridge, Inc. for \$637,190 for brick and concrete sidewalk removal and replacement of existing sidewalk with ADA compliant transition rams and truncated domes. Mr. Surrett stated this would be completed under the Urban Maintenance Fund for FY 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024.

**On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the Consideration of Bid as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

**O. OLD BUSINESS (VIDEO 48:42 – 50:15)**

1. Discussion of proposed policy regarding banner poles – *Mike Cochran, Town Manager*

Town Manager Mike Cochran advised he spoke with the property owner and continues to tweak the proposed policy. Councilmember Austin questioned whether this matter could be carried to the work session.

**P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

1. Tourism quarterly update – *Chad Thompson, Marketing Manager, and Tonya Triplett, Director of Economic Development and Tourism (VIDEO 50:15 – 1:00:29)*

Mrs. Triplett and Mr. Thompson provided the Council with information for the July 1<sup>st</sup> Independence Day Celebration and other events occurring in the Town.

2. Discussion regarding FY23-24 budget – *Mike Cochran, Town Manager*

**Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:00:48 – 1:01:22)**

Councilmember Quetsch advised the Infrastructure Advisory Board would meet on Thursday. Mayor Pillion mentioned the Best of Abingdon awards, which will be on Mondays with the Mayor and the website.

**R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**S. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.



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Mayor Amanda Pillion



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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk