

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 – 6:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion***
- B. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

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

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. PRAYER**
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 5:56 – 6:20)**

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Austin, approved the agenda as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Aye |
| Mayor Pillion | Aye |

- F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (VIDEO 6:21 – 6:55)**
 - September 5, 2023
 - September 21, 2023

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the September 5, 2023, and September 21, 2023, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
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| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Aye |
| Mayor Pillion | Aye |

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 6:57 - 10:45)

- Eddie Copenhaver

H. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 10:45 – 16:02)

1. Proclamation recognizing October 8 - 14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week
"Cooking safely starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention."

Mr. Austin read the Proclamation into record. Mayor Pillion presented members of the Abingdon Fire Department with a framed proclamation.

I. PUBLIC HEARING (VIDEO 16:05 – 25:45)

1. Proposed zoning map amendment to rezone the following structures/parcels from B-1 Limited Business and B-2 General Business to OH Old & Historic Tax parcels consisting of 8.584 acres.

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| 121 Railroad Street (Parcel 013-1-120G) | 0.38 acres |
| 123 Railroad Street (Parcel 013-1-120F) | 0.19 acres |
| 124 Park Street (Parcel 013-1-120G) | 0.38 acres |
| 128 Park Street (Parcel 013-1-120F1) | 0.201 acres |
| 301 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-72) | 0.116 acres |
| 303 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-73A) | 0.13 acres |
| 304 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-87) | 0.63 acres |
| 309 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-74) | 0.210 acres |
| 314 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-89) | 0.25 acres |
| 315 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-75) | 0.191 acres |
| 322 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-88) | 0.275 acres |
| 324 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-88) | 0.275 acres |
| Parcel 013-1-76 | 0.33 acres |
| 332 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-84) | 0.64 acres |
| 335 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-78) | 0.21 acres |
| 341 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-79) | 0.35 acres |
| 343 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-80) | 0.63 acres |
| 350 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-83) | 0.63 acres |
| 360 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-82A) | 0.22 acres |
| 370 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-82) | 0.58 acres |
| 371 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-1-81) | 0.241 acres |
| 380 E. Main Street (Parcel 014-1-9) | 0.51 acres |
| 385 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-5-6) | 0.35 acres |

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| 387 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-5-7) | 0.34 acres |
| 395 E. Main Street (Parcel 013-5-7) | 0.34 acres |
| 401 E. Main Street (Parcel 014-1-8) | 0.33 acres |
| 402 E. Main Street (Parcel 014-1-10) | 0.29 acres |
| 403 E. Main Street (Parcel 014-1-8) | 0.33 acres |
| 110 Deadmore Street (Parcel 014-1-8) | 0.33 acres |
| 115 Deadmore Street (Parcel 014-1-9) | 0.51 acres |
| 118 Deadmore Street (Parcel 014-1-10) | 0.29 acres |

Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development Mayana Rice provided the Council with information pertaining to the proposed zoning map amendment. Mrs. Rice said that the Comprehensive Plan supports the proposed change.

Mayor Pillion opened the public hearing. Byrum Geisler spoke in support of the proposed zoning amendment. Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Pillion closed the public hearing.

J. RESOLUTIONS

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES (VIDEO 25:45 – 29:08)

1. An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map Classification for Parcel Numbers 013-1-120F, 013-1-120F1, 013-1-120G, 013-1-72, 013-1-73A, 013-1-74, 013-1-75, 013-1-76, 013-1-78, 013-1-79, 013-1-80, 013-1-81, 013-1-82, 013-1-82A, 013-1-83, 013-1-84, 013-1-87, 013-1-88, 013-1-89, 013-5-6, 013-5-7, 014-1-8, 014-1-9, 014-1-10 generally located at 124 Park Street, 128 Park Street, 121 Railroad Street, 123 Railroad Street, Eastern 300 Block, 401 E. Main Street, 402 E. Main Street, 403 E. Main Street, 110 Deadmore Street, 115 Deadmore Street, and 118 Deadmore Street Abingdon, VA from B-1 Limited Business District and B-2 General Business District to OH Old & Historic District - *Mayana Rice, Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development*

On motion of Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mr. Webb, approved the Ordinance as presented and waived the second reading.

Discussion ensued.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Aye |
| Mayor Pillion | Aye |

Mayor Pillion discussed how ordinances were handled.

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation on behalf of The Barter Theatre (**VIDEO 29:10 – 39:06**)

Producing Artistic Director Katy Brown provided the Council with an update, including an increase of 25,000 more visitors compared to 2022.

2. Update regarding Johnston Memorial Hospital, Ballad Health (**VIDEO 39:08 – 58:57**)

Chief Executive Officer of Bristol Regional Medical Center John Jeter, and Administrator and Chief Operating Officer for Johnston Memorial Hospital Bryan Mullins provided Council with an update. Mr. Webb thanked them for working with the Town on the inclusive playground project.

O. OLD BUSINESS

**P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER
(VIDEO 59:03 – 1:03:55)**

Town Manager Mike Cochran discussed the banner poles and the Preston Street proposed water problem. Mr. Cochran also complimented the Tourism staff and the Barter Theatre. He also advised the Council that Betsy White with the William King Museum of Art has agreed to be the Town's representative for VA250.

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, appointed Betsy White to be the Town's representative for VA250.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Aye |
| Mayor Pillion | Aye |

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:03:57 – 1:10:53)

Vice Mayor Anderson recognized Rick and Susan Humphreys for Outstanding Preservation Achievement Award by Preservation Virginia. Emmitt Yearly, Byrum Geisler, Janet Woolwine, David and Jill Dalton, Nathan and David Burg, Alex Martin and Will Johnson also received recognition for preserving Abingdon's history.

Mr. Webb said had an opportunity to visit the car show supporting Kim Andis fundraiser and it was a great turnout, with approximately \$6,000 raised. He reminded everyone that the Townwide Trick or Treat is set for October 28 and the Historic Preservation Day on October 12.

Mayor Pillion reminded everyone regarding the October 14th day of service and gave some information regarding VA250.

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 1:10:56 – 1:31:12)

1. Veterans Advisory Board
- Appointment to fill three new positions created by Town Council
2. Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee
-Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Richard Morgan
3. Infrastructure Advisory Committee
-Appointment to fill the expired term of Janet Woolwine

On motion of Mayor Pillion, seconded by Mr. Webb, to convene in closed session as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for positions on the Veterans Advisory Board, Sinking Spring Cemetery, and Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Aye |
| Mayor Pillion | Aye |

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Austin to reconvene in open session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Aye |
| Mayor Pillion | Aye |

Mr. Webb moved that the Town Council certify that in closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters specifically identified in the motion to

convene in closed session and lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | I so certify |
| Mrs. Quetsch | I so certify |
| Mr. Webb | I so certify |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | I so certify |
| Mayor Pillion | I so certify |

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Webb, appointed John Lentz, Vickie Bennett and Cade Parks to the Veterans Advisory Board, and Carl Maiden to the Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee.

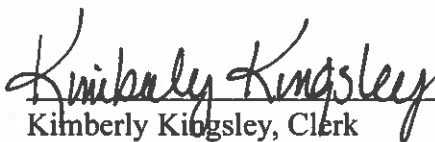
The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Aye |
| Mayor Pillion | Aye |

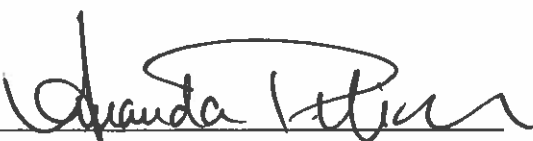
Council requested that position for Infrastructure Advisory Committee be readvertised.

S. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk



Mayor Amanda Pillion