



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 – 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 Pillion*
- B. ROLL CALL** – *Kim Kingsley, Clerk*
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Councilmember*
- D. PRAYER** – *Brad Farmer, Executive Director at Faith in Action*
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – *Mayor Pillion*
- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - February 5, 2024
- G. 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)
- H. PROCLAMATIONS**
- 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 declaring Abingdon Green II Apartments project to be a revitalization area in the Town of Abingdon, Virginia
- K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**
- L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**
- M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**
- N. NEW BUSINESS**
- O. OLD BUSINESS**
- P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER**
 1. Presentation from William King Museum of Art - *Betsy White, Executive Director*
 2. Presentation from Virginia Highlands Festival and Restaurant Month – *Deirdre Cole, Executive Producer*
 3. Quarterly presentation - *Tonya Triplett, Director of Economic Development and Tourism and Chad Thompson, Marketing Coordinator*
 4. Presentation of Employee of the Year – *Chief Holbrook, Abingdon Police Department*

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority

- Appointment to fill vacancy of Mike Rush, who is ineligible to serve an additional term

If Council so desires, Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for position on the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

S. CLOSED SESSION

T. ADJOURNMENT

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 – 6:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion*

B. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present:

Wayne Austin
Donna Quetsch
Derek Webb
Vice Mayor Anderson
Mayor Pillion

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRAYER

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 6:12 – 6:38)

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (VIDEO 6:40 – 7:11)

- January 8, 2024
- January 25, 2024

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the January 8, 2024 and January 25, 2024 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 7:13 – 9:56)

- Eddie Copenhaver

H. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 9:57 – 14:10)

1. Proclamation recognizing Brown Dental Associates, PC in celebration of their Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mr. Austin read the Proclamation into the record. Mayor Pillion and Council presented a framed Proclamation to Brown Dental Associates.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

J. RESOLUTIONS

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES (VIDEO 14:21 - 18:43)

1. Ordinance proposing an amended budget and make appropriations for the amendment of current expenses and revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

Director of Finance Steve Trotman presented the current General Fund budget appropriated anticipated loan proceeds for the purchase of three police vehicles; the proposed amendment to the current General Fund revenue budget replaces loan proceeds with a transfer from the ARPA Fund for the same expenditure purpose. Basically, the ARPA Fund expenditures are amended by \$204,000 as a transfer to the General Fund. The ARPA revenue source will increase by use of interest within the ARPA reserves. Discussion ensued.

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the proposed amendment as presented and approve on first reading, waiving the second reading, to take effect immediately.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS

O. OLD BUSINESS

**P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER
(VIDEO 18:52 – 21:12)**

1. Presentation from Betsy White, Executive Director of William King Museum of Art – *moved to February 22, 2024, meeting*

Town Manager Mike Cochran thanked Public Works, Police and Fire Department for their tandem work for the recent storm response with the roads being cleared within five hours. He also reported that starting on Sunday, the Coomes Recreation Center would open from 1:30 to 6:00 pm with a goal to be a twenty-four-hour center soon for the weights and exercise equipment.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 21:12 – 27:15)

Councilmember Quetsch highlighted a couple of things and a lot of good information on infrastructure in our packet and online. She discussed the signalization repairs on Valley Street is ongoing, banner poles, sinkhole repairs and a smart scale for Hillman Highway and Old 11 Drive, Route 609 VDOT project has begun, and VDOT parallel route signal improvements plans along US1 Main Street Corridor, Jonesboro Road and Street awarded start date April 22, 2024. Mrs. Quetsch encouraged everyone to visit the Town's website for a complete list of projects.

Councilmember Austin discussed the dissatisfaction with not having a right turn lane as you exit Winterham with the Exit 17 project that was just completed. He stated he continually tells people that the Town has no control over VDOT and their designs but regardless of that I think that we take, unfortunately, the blame for some of those things. It is a problem and it's so obvious that it could have been easily cured at that time of design. Town Manager Mike Cochran advised that VDOT was monitoring, and we will see what we can make happen.

Mayor Pillion said the Town had the most amazing staff and they work very hard, and anytime we get a call from the constituent about something, and we pass it on to the Town Hall it seems like it's taken care of quickly. She stated that for anyone attending or watching ever has a question or a problem let one of us know and either we'll find the answer, or the staff knows the answer. They did an amazing job during the storm and trash was picked up on time. We have a valuable and hardworking group of people, and she was thankful for all of them.

Mayor Pillion provided information regarding the Day of Service scheduled for April 20, 2024 stating the organizers are looking for more participants and projects and to contact her for more information.

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

S. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Amanda Pillion

Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk



**A RESOLUTION DECLARING ABINGDON GREEN II
APARTMENTS PROJECT TO BE A REVITALIZATION AREA
IN TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, People Incorporated Housing Group, managing member of Abingdon Green II, L.L.C., will be the owner after the adoption of this resolution, seeks a reservation of low-income housing tax credits (“LIHTC”) for the rehabilitation of that property commonly known as Abingdon Green II., from the Virginia Housing Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Harrison Magisterial District of Washington County, Virginia, the Town of Abingdon commonly known as 260, 270, 280 and 290 Senior Drive NE in Abingdon, Virginia, more particularly described as follows:

BEING a certain tract or parcel of land situate in Washington County in the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and previously described as Lot 3 on a certain plat entitled "Senior Services, Inc., Subdivision," and more particularly described as BEGINNING at an iron rod found, said iron rod being in the eastern right-of-way line of Senior Drive; thence leaving Senior Drive and with the Senior Services Corporation N 54 41 45 E 197.16 feet to an iron rod found, said iron rod being located in the western right-of-way line of a 12-foot alley; thence leaving Senior Services Corporation lands with the 12-foot alley S 35 26 27 E 224.57 feet to an iron rod found; thence S 27 14 00 E 188.44 feet to an iron rod found, said iron rod being in the northeast corner of Midwest Resources L.L.C. lands; thence leaving the 12-foot alley and with the lands of Midwest Resources L.L.C. S 66 21 27 W 191.54 feet to an iron rod found, said iron rod being the southeast corner of the Senior Services Corporation lands; thence with the Senior Services Corporation lands N 32 41 59 W 169.10 feet to an iron rod found; thence N 58 44 31 W 191 feet to an iron rod found, said iron rod being located in the southern right-of-way of Senior Drive; thence on a curve to the left along the cul-de-sac of Senior Drive, said curve having a radius of 50 feet and an arc length of 109.66 feet to an iron rod found, said iron rod being the point and place of BEGINNING, and being all the same property conveyed to Abingdon Green Apartments, L.L.C. by deed of even date herewith, which deed is to be recorded contemporaneously with recordation of this document. Further reference is hereby made to a plat of Addison Land Surveyors dated May 1, 2008 entitled "Abingdon Green, L.L.C." to be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County, Virginia. Map #006 20 3; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced parcels qualify to be located in a revitalization area in the Town of Abingdon, Virginia. The industrial, commercial or other economic development of such area will benefit the Town and County but such area lacks the housing needed to induce manufacturing, industrial, commercial, governmental, educational, entertainment, community development, healthcare or nonprofit enterprises or undertakings to locate or remain in such area; and private enterprise and investment are not reasonably expected, without assistance, to produce the construction or rehabilitation of decent, safe and sanitary housing and supporting facilities that will meet the needs of low and moderate income persons and families in such area and will induce other persons and families to live within such area and thereby create a desirable economic mix of residents in such area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia does hereby designate the above-referenced development proposed by People Incorporated Housing Group as a revitalization area.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to endorse any applicable legal documents.

TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA

BY: _____
Amanda Pillion, Mayor

The undersigned Clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the “Town”), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on March 4, 2024. I hereby certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, 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 ordinance was as follows:

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
Amanda Pillion, Mayor		
Dwyane Anderson, Vice Mayor		
Derek Webb		
Donna Quetsch		
Wayne Austin		

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Town of Abingdon as of March 4, 2024.

(SEAL)

Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk