

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Budget Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building.

A. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present: Mayor Edward B. Morgan
Mrs. Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor
Mr. Jason N. Berry
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys
Mr. Robert M. Howard

Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk
Debbie Icenhour, Town Attorney
Mark Godbey, Treasurer/Dir. of Finance

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order and Town Clerk, Cecile Rosenbaum, called the roll.
2. Mrs. Lowe commented that she had some concerns about the proposed budget after the budget work session on April 12, 2011. Mrs. Lowe indicated that she was concerned about proposed spending amounts and the funds that may need to come from town reserves to complete projects. Mrs. Lowe commented that the Mr. Kelly had cautioned the Council in his budget message about spending and indicated that she was not satisfied with the amounts allocated for the Barter Theatre and William King Museum. Discussion ensued and Council agreed that the Capital Improvement Plan would be reduced by \$150,000 which would allow the Barter Theatre a total allocation of \$200,000 and the William King Museum a total allocation of \$100,000 for the FY 2011/12 budget.
3. Mayor Morgan commented that he had received a letter from Delegate Joe Johnson expressing appreciation for the Council's Resolution with regard to opposition of redistricting efforts in Southwest Virginia.

4. Mr. Kelly reported that he had drafted a policy with regard to Council Rules and Regulations in 2007 and asked the Council to consider revisiting that document at a retreat to be scheduled in the coming months.
5. Mr. Kelly commented that he would like to propose scheduling times during the month to visit with the Council members, two members at a time, to review ongoing projects and review sites throughout town. Mr. Kelly noted that he felt this would be an effective communication tool and he would like to schedule the first meeting in May.
6. Mr. Berry updated the Council and town staff on the relocation of the Chamber of Commerce to the new Washington County Administrative Offices.

Mayor Morgan declared the meeting adjourned.

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk