

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 – 2:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Anderson*

B. ROLL CALL (VIDEO 5:51 – 6:02)

Members of Council Present:	Mrs. Quetsch
	Mrs. Pillion
	Vice Mayor Austin
	Mayor Anderson

Member(s) of Council Absent:	Mr. Webb
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C. PRAYER

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 6:28 – 6:46)

On motion by Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Vice Mayor Austin, Council approved the agenda as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. PROCLAMATIONS

G. PUBLIC HEARING

H. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution affirming support of Smart Scale Application for Cummings Street Access Management and Turn Lanes Project. **(VIDEO 7:05 – 10:50)**

Director of Public Works Kevin Worley presented a resolution supporting a VDOT Smart Scale application for improvements along the Cummings Street corridor. The project includes

access management, intersection improvements, signalization upgrades, and roadway enhancements from Exit 17 through the corridor. The project is estimated at approximately \$28.3 million and is expected to be 100% funded through VDOT.

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the Resolution as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. Resolution affirming support of Smart Scale Application for Interstate 81, Exit 17 Southbound Off-ramp Improvement Project (**VIDEO 10:52 – 14:04**)

Director of Public Works Kevin Worley presented a second Smart Scale application supporting improvements to the Interstate 81 Exit 17 southbound off-ramp, including additional queue lanes, turn lane improvements, and a slip lane. The project is estimated at approximately \$7.1 million and is tied to the broader corridor improvements.

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the Resolution as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

K. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS (VIDEO 14:20 – 24:40)

1. Consideration of bid for Phase 2 Sewer System Improvement Project – SSES Step 2

Director of Public Works Kevin Worley presented the bid recommendation for Phase II of the sewer system improvement project. The project includes sewer rehabilitation and replacement work in the Court Street, Oak Hill Drive, Hillside, and related areas. Four bids were received with

the lowest bid from MC3 Solutions: \$6,035,610. He added that the project is funded through DEQ and VRA financing. Staff recommended award to MC3 Solutions based on qualifications and pricing.

On motion by Vice Mayor Austin, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved Phase 2 Sewer System Improvement Project award to MC3 Solutions and authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute all necessary documents.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. OLD BUSINESS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER

1. Discussion of proposed changes to the Town's Financial Policy regarding transfers from Reserves to the Capital Improvement Plan (**VIDEO 24:53 – 39:55**)

Finance Director Amanda Henegar presented a proposed amendment to the Town's financial policy. The amendment would allow excess reserve funds above required minimums to be transferred to a Capital Projects Fund after annual audit completion.

Vice Mayor Austin questioned the proposed policy that stated, "shall be done each year" and focused on maintaining flexibility by allowing transfers at the discretion of Council rather than making them mandatory. Counsel Cameron Bell questioned should it be amended to say, "may in the discretion of the Council will transmit funds." Finance Direct Amanda Heneger stated that could be part of the audit and determine the figures and be at the pleasure of the Council to move it at that time. Discussion also included when it would be effective after the FY26 audit.

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the amendment with revised language making transfers discretionary by Council to the Town's Financial Policy regarding transfers.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Webb	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye

Vice Mayor Austin Aye
Mayor Anderson Aye

**DISCUSSION REGARDING DESIGNATED OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA
(DORA) (VIDEO 40:01 – 1:08:19)**

Mr. Cochran asked Isaiah Thomas, Economic Development Specialist, to discuss the Town's current DORA program. Mr. Thomas reported the Town held 13 DORA events during the past year with no significant incidents or complaints reported.

Alcohol Beverage Control Agent Cook conveyed that the current permit allows up to 16 events annually and moving to a permanent DORA ordinance would allow more than 16 events but would increase the ABC license fee from \$300 to \$3,000 annually.

Discussion included public safety and pedestrian concerns; business participation and impacts, event management and signage; economic benefits to restaurants and retailers. No action was taken; discussion only.

**2. Discussion of proposed changes to the presentation of the "Best of Abingdon" awards.
(VIDEO 1:08:21 – 1:17:02)**

Diana Blackburn, Isaiah Thomas, and Adam Bold discussed the annual "Best of Abingdon" awards program, which received over 2,600 votes in 2026. Mrs. Blackburn suggested transitioning from multiple individual award presentations to a larger annual business appreciation event to improve efficiency and participation. Council expressed support for exploring alternatives.

**3. Acknowledgment of receipt of Planning Communication Letter from Brown Edwards,
Certified Public Accountants. (VIDEO 1:17:05 - 1:18:57)**

Amanda Heneger presented the annual audit planning communication from Brown Edwards. The letter outlined audit responsibilities, timelines, and standard risk considerations.

Clerk of Council Kim Kingsley requested the Council members to acknowledge receipt of and review of the Planning Communication Letter from Brown Edwards, Certified Public Accountants.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. Webb	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Acknowledged
Mrs. Pillion	Acknowledged
Vice Mayor Austin	Acknowledged
Mayor Anderson	Acknowledged

Mr. Cochran recognized Abingdon High School for winning state championships in Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball, and Girls Softball. He noted it was the first time in VHSL history that a single town won three girls' state championships in one year. (VIDEO 1:18:59 – 1:20:44)

O. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:20:44 – 1:25:06)

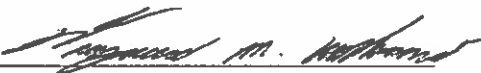
Mrs. Quetsch announced the upcoming Fiddlers Convention at the Washington County Fairgrounds, including opening events, competitions, and performances.

Mr. Cochran announced July 4th fireworks and festivities at Veterans Memorial Park and The Meadows, including activities and viewing opportunities throughout town.

P. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Q. CLOSED SESSION

Having no further matters, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting.



Dwyane Anderson, Mayor



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk