



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs, June 7, 2022, Public Committee Meetings.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and to accept the May 2022 minutes. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. 1.) The April Financial Report was presented to the Committee. 2.) Mr. Murphy made a motion to favorably recommend Instrument 2022-006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ORDINANCE #518 AS AMENDED THROUGH ORDINANCE #520, PROVIDING FOR AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, ADJUSTMENT TO SECTIONS V. AND XII. AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. The motion was seconded by Ms. Contois. Ms. Contois moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

**GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:** Mr. Saussy moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the May 2022 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of Instrument 2022-005, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS WHATSOEVER IN THE FURTHERANCE OF OR RELATIVE TO CERTAIN USES ALLOWED IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN AND FURTHER IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE OF ANY SUCH PERMITS IN CONNECTION WITH COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY USES IN CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Ms. Contois asked if it was customary to have an effective date of an ordinance correspond to the date of introduction. Town Attorney, Edward Deano, replied that there is a foundation for it, however, the ordinance could be amended to read that the effective date was upon signature of the Mayor. Mr. Murphy moved to favorably recommend the ordinance with the amendment changing the effective date, seconded by Mr. Saussy. 2.) Town Clerk, Janet Dufrene, opened discussion of amending Sec. 9-218 of the Town's Code. She explained that the section regarding land use in the Commercial District requires attention. She suggested amending the list of allowable uses, along with adding provisions designed to better protect the health safety and welfare of residents regarding traffic, drainage, and preservation of green space. 3.) Ms. Dufrene next introduced the topic of reducing speed limits on certain streets in Town. She reported that this would require adoption of an ordinance to amend Sec. 5-202 of the Code. 4.) The next agenda item related to Sec. 9-229 "Residential Commercial Overlay District (5) Size of buildings," was opened for discussion. Ms. Dufrene referred to the complexity of the language of the text and briefly reviewed the section. 5.) The fifth item involved Sec. 9-222 Historic District (a) (1) wherein allowable uses in the district include "any use permitted in residential, commercial, multifamily, parks and school districts." It was noted that this section warranted further review and consideration. 6.) The final Governmental Committee item discussed was from the Town Code, Sec. 9-226 relative to "Appeals to the zoning commission; powers on appeal; actions. (b) (3)." It was noted that the authority of the commission to hear appeals for a variance and the basis for those petitions was under review. Additionally, the public addressed the Committee regarding an appeal filed by local resident, Ruth Sipos, related to the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the design of the proposed Dollar General Store. Requested was consideration of extending the time period for the filing of an appeal. Mr. Saussy moved to close the meeting seconded by Mr. Murphy.



**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Patterson, moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the May 2022 minutes, Mr. Saussy, seconded the motion. Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Patterson acting on behalf of Ms. Randolph, who was absent, moved to open the meeting and to accept the May 2022 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois.

**OPEN:** Lee Barrios addressed the Board to report that the solid waste hauler failed to remove green waste timely.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to close the meetings, seconded by Ms. Contois.

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor