

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting  
April 11, 2016**

**Council Present:** Mayor McGrady, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor

**New Council Member after Oath:** Councilman Steven Goodin

**Absent:** None

**Vacancy:** One Council Seat until after Oath of Councilman Goodin

**Also Present:** Kyle Torster, Interim City Manager, Director of Public Works  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Lt. Anthony Burke, Aberdeen Police Department  
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance  
Monica Correll, City Clerk

Mayor McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was delivered by Councilman Taylor and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Lindecamp.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

The Mayor and Council agreed to move the “unfinished business” and the “new business” to this portion of the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Nomination for Council Vacancy**

Mayor McGrady nominated Mr. Steven Everett Goodin to fill the vacancy of Council Member for the duration of the term. The Council members explained their decisions.

**The nomination was approved by a vote of 3 – yes, 1 – no, 1- vacant.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilman Taylor  
Nays: Councilman Lindecamp  
Vacancy: One seat.

**Council Oath of Office**

Chief Deputy Clerk of Harford County, Ms. Linda Settle administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Goodin. Councilman Goodin joined the Mayor and Council on the dais.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Board Appointments**

- 1) Mayor McGrady nominated Mr. Jason Kolligs to the Board of Appeals.

**The nomination was approved by a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 1- abstain.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Councilman Goodin

- 2) Mr. Zeb Bertsch – No nomination at meeting.

- 3) Mayor McGrady nominated Mr. Matthew O'Neill to the Heritage Trust.

**The nomination was approved by a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 1- abstain.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Councilman Goodin

- 4) Mayor McGrady nominated Mr. James Baxendell to the Planning Commission.

**The nomination was approved by a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 1- abstain.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Councilman Goodin

- 5) Rosalie Cross, Ethics Commission - The Mayor explained that Ms. Rosalie Cross was nominated and appointed to the Ethics Commission at the March 28, 2016 Council Meeting.

**Oath of Office**

Mayor McGrady administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jason Kolligs for the Board of Appeals, Mr. Matthew O'Neill for Heritage Trust; Mr. James Baxendell for the Planning Commission; and Ms. Rosalie Cross for the Ethics Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Mr. Michael Hiob, Graceford Drive: Mr. Hiob commented on the tie election and disputed the residence of two voters.

## **LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. Ordinance No. 16-O-06, Amendment to FY 2016 Budget (2) (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-06, Amendment to FY 2016 Budget (2).

**The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 1- abstain.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Goodin

2. Ordinance No. 16-O-07, Property Maintenance (For Introduction)

Mayor McGrady introduced Ordinance No. 16-O-07, Property Maintenance.

3. Ordinance No. 16-O-08, Nuisance Abatement (For Introduction)

Mayor McGrady introduced Ordinance No. 16-O-08, Nuisance Abatement.

4. Ordinance No. 16-O-09, Vegetation Abatement (For Introduction)

Mayor McGrady introduced Ordinance No. 16-O-09, Vegetation Abatement.

5. Ordinance No. 16-O-10, Police Memorandum of Understanding (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-10, Police Memorandum of Understanding.

**The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 1- abstain.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Goodin

6. Ordinance No. 16-O-11, Authorization for Refunding of Debt (For Introduction)

Mayor McGrady introduced Ordinance No. 16-O-11, Authorization for Refunding of Debt.

## **BUSINESS OF THE CITY:**

1. Business from Director of Planning & Community Development – No report.

2. Business from Chief of Police – Lt. Burke substituted for Chief Trabert. There was no report from the Aberdeen Police Department.
3. Business from Director of Finance – No report.
4. Business from Director of Public Works

Mr. Torster reported that trash removal in certain alleyways would be moved to the streets. He also presented a tree trimming ordinance pamphlet to the Council that would explain the trees and vegetation ordinance to the public. A draft “Capital Improvement Plan for the Department of Public Works 2017 – 2021” was given to the Council for review and would be published July 1, 2017. Mr. Torster said that to prepare a five-year plan for Ripken Stadium, a report was first being prepared by an engineering firm on the stadium’s priorities.

5. Business from the Interim City Manager

Mr. Torster explained the budget timeline and that the budget must be adopted no later than June 11, 2016. Mayor McGrady announced that there would be a new Council Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016 for work on the budget.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Ms. Carol Bruce, Oak Street: Mr. Bruce asked for an update on the Parks and Recreation program and building. The Mayor explained that Harford County is still deciding the future of the old high school building. A meeting is scheduled with the Parks and Recreation director to address their needs. Harford County plans to build a new Aberdeen community center in five or more years.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:**

1. Business from the City Council

Councilman Goodin said that he is honored and humbled and will serve the citizens of Aberdeen to the best of his skills and abilities. The Council welcomed him.

2. Business from the Mayor

The Mayor said that the “Keep Aberdeen Beautiful” campaign will be launched soon. He reported that the Aberdeen City Manager Commission has been meeting and has received 46 resumes. Seven candidates were selected and interviews will start on April 12, 2016. The Commission will submit a report to the Council. He reported on other volunteer activities and events.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Meetings: Monday, April 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m. and Monday, April 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Harford County Earth Day, Festival Park, April, 23, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.