

City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
April 25, 2016

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Kyle Torster, Interim City Manager, Director of Public Works
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief Henry Trabert, 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 Pastor Robert Clipp, Grace United Methodist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Taylor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Taylor to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting for March 28, 2016.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.

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

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting for April 11, 2016.

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

Nays: None.

Unfinished Business: Oath of Office for Heritage Trust

Mayor McGrady administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Matthew O'Neill for the Heritage Trust.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. FY2017 Action Plan for Community Development Funding, Harford County Dept. of Housing and Community Development

Mr. Len Parrish, Director, Harford County Housing and Community Development presented a summary of the FY2017 Action Plan. Aberdeen would receive \$87,131 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to help Aberdeen's low-income and at-risk communities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Resolution No. 16-R-01, Hardy Family Series, LLC Annexation Plan
 - a) Mr. John Gessner, Esq., represented the property owners: Mr. Gessner said that his clients would like to request that their property be annexed into the City for water and sewer service for commercial use.
2. Ordinance No. 16-O-11, Authorization for Refunding of Debt – No comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. Marla Posey-Moss, Avon Drive: Ms. Posey-Moss commented on and asked questions about the proposed budget.
2. Former Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young, Doris Circle: Councilwoman Young discussed the transit-oriented development in the City and referenced a newspaper article.
3. Mr. Michael Hiob, Paradise Road: Mr. Hiob commented on Earth Day and the upcoming Primary Election.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Ordinance No. 16-O-07, Property Maintenance: Postponed.
2. Ordinance No. 16-O-08, Nuisance Abatement: Postponed.
3. Ordinance No. 16-O-09, Vegetation Abatement: Postponed.
4. Ordinance No. 16-O-11, Authorization for Refunding of Debt

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-11, Authorization for Refunding of Debt.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.

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

Nays: None.

5. Ordinance No. 16-O-12, Budget FY 2017

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-12, Budget FY 2017. Ordinance No. 16-O-12, Budget FY 2017

was introduced. The Council reviewed and discussed the budget up to Public Works Street on page 20.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to continue discussion and postpone action to the Council Meeting on May 9, 2016.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.

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

Nays: None.

6. Ordinance No. 16-O-13, Trash Collection Stickers Fees

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to introduce Ordinance No. 16-O-13, Trash Collection Stickers Fees. Ordinance No. 16-O-13, Trash Collection Stickers Fees, was introduced.

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to postpone action on Ordinance No. 16-O-13, Trash Collection Stickers Fees, until May 9, 2016. Ordinance No. 16-O-13, Trash Collection Stickers Fees, was postponed until May 9, 2016

7. Ordinance No. 16-O-14, Zoning Application Fees

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to introduce Ordinance No. 16-O-14, Zoning Application Fees. Ordinance No. 16-O-14, Zoning Application Fees, was introduced.

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to postpone action on Ordinance No. 16-O-14, Zoning Application Fees until May 9, 2016. Ordinance No. 16-O-14, Zoning Application Fees, was postponed until May 9, 2016

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business – Mr. Matthew O'Neill, Oath of Office, finished earlier in meeting.

2. New Business – None.

3. Business from Director of Planning & Community Development

a) Preliminary Site Plan, Aberdeen Station Lot 2, 744 S. Philadelphia Blvd.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve Preliminary Site Plan, Aberdeen Station Lot 2, 744 S. Philadelphia Blvd.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.

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

Nays: None.

4. Business from Chief of Police – No report from Chief Trabert.

5. Business from Director of Finance

a) Year-to-Date Financial Activities

Mr. Jack gave the following summary of the activities, by fund, of the financial activities of the City for July 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, comparing revenues and expenses to budgeted amounts for the various funds.

General Fund

Total revenues exceeded total expenses (including transfers-out) by \$2.8 million, with revenues of \$13.6 million, and expenses of \$10.8 million. Revenues were \$745 thousand better than budgeted. Property tax collection was more than budgeted by \$872 thousand. State Shared revenues were \$171 thousand less than budgeted due to delay in Income Tax Revenue remittance from the State. County Shared revenues were, mostly, in line with budget. Expenses were less than budgeted by \$628 thousand, mostly due to savings from vacant positions, workers compensation insurance, and fuel cost.

Capital Projects Fund

Total receipts exceeded total expenses by \$605 thousand, with receipts of \$966 thousand (including transfer-in of \$788 thousand from the General Fund), and expenses of \$361 thousand. Revenues were \$188 thousand less than budgeted due to delay in the implementation of grant projects, which in turn delays our ability to draw down on grant funds. Expenses were less than budgeted by \$618 thousand due to delay in project implementation.

Water Fund

Total expenses exceeded total revenues by \$48 thousand, with expenses of \$1.982 million and revenues of \$1.934 million. Revenues were less than budgeted by \$367 thousand due to lower than expected capital connection fees. Expenses were \$55 thousand higher than budgeted.

Sewer Fund

Total expenses exceeded total revenues by \$223 thousand, with expenses of \$3.207 million and revenues of \$2.984 million. Revenues were less than budgeted by \$166 thousand mainly due to lower than expected capital connection fees. Expenses were in line with budget.

Stadium Fund

Total receipts were more than total expenses by \$408 thousand, with receipts of \$596 thousand (including transfer-in of \$370 thousand from the General Fund), and expenses of \$188 thousand. Revenues and expenses were mostly in line with budget.

All Funds

Overall, the City's total revenues and other sources exceeded total expenses and other uses by \$3.5 million, with revenues and other sources of \$20.1 million and expenses and other uses of \$16.6 million.

6. Business from Director of Public Works

The Council discussed the implementation of switching trash removal from the alleys to the streets for specified areas of the City. A timeline and a course of action would soon be available for the Winston Choice properties.

7. Business from the Interim City Manager – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. Barbara Osborn Kreamer, Beards Hill Road: Ms. Kreamer commented on the budget, the City website, and the vegetation abatement ordinance.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council remembered former Aberdeen mayor and businessman, George Englessen, who passed away. The Parks and Recreation Board was noted to need more support and resources. Aberdeen High School was congratulated for being named one of the top high schools in the State.

2. Business from the Mayor

The Mayor commented on the Keep Aberdeen Beautiful Campaign concerning community cleanup. He remembered George Englessen and his accomplishments and projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.