

CITY OF ABERDEEN
Council Meeting
August 28, 2017

Council Present: Mayor Patrick McGrady
Councilman Steven Goodin
Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck
Councilman Timothy Lindecamp
Councilman Melvin Taylor

Also Present: Randy Robertson, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Taylor Whichard, City Engineer
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance
Monica Correll, City Clerk

Mayor McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was delivered by Pastor Don Dove, Living Hope Presbyterian Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Melvin Taylor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve the following Council Meeting minutes. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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| 1. May 22, 2017 Council Meeting | 4. June 20, 2017 Council Work Session |
| 2. June 5, 2017 Council Meeting | 5. August 14, 2017 Council Meeting |
| 3. June 20, 2017 Council Meeting | |

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Introduction of Col. Robert L. Phillips, Aberdeen Proving Ground: Col. Phillips discussed partnering with the City on projects and community events.
2. Old Post Apartments PILOT Letter, Isaac Sassoon

Mr. Sassoon, representing Tryko Partners, a private equity real estate group, updated the Council on improvements to a proposition for a 30-year tax exemption agreement or a PILOT program (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) upon the purchase of Affinity Old Post Apartments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Ordinance No. 17-O-14, Fee Schedule Revision

- a. Mr. Bob Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman suggested that there should be a charge by the City for any transaction fee with a credit card.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Ms. Theresa Spencer, Baltimore Street: Ms. Spencer spoke about the flooding on Baltimore Street, Plater Street, and nearby streets in the neighborhood.
2. Ms. Glenda Phillips, Market Street: Ms. Phillips said that she experienced flooding on her street as well. The City Manager said that DPW would inspect.
3. Mr. Bob Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman expressed concern about the safety of children walking to school in the construction area of Rt. 22.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Ordinance No. 17-O-14, Fee Schedule Revision

Action was postponed on Ordinance No. 17-O-14, Fee Schedule Revision.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business: None.
2. New Business: None.
3. Updates from City Manager and Staff

Mr. Robertson said the State Highway Administration reported that the lines had been restriped on West Bel Air, the fencing had been replaced, the drainage would be cleared out within two weeks, and that the State forester prohibited pushing back the trees. He also reported on community meetings, bus pad construction, and improvements to the train station parking lot. Installation of the dog park fence would start by September 11, 2017.

- a. Allocation of Harford County Community Development Block Grant Funds FY 2016

Ms. Grover stated that the annual allocation was approximately \$87,000. She had proposed East Bel Air Avenue sidewalk repairs. The Council had requested other areas for consideration and Ms. Grover presented information on repaving/resurfacing projects on Chesapeake Court, Schofield Avenue, Valley Road, Custis Street, and Rock Road. Council discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Taylor to approve the sidewalk repairs on East Bel Air Avenue using the Community Development Block Grant Funds. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

Nays: None.

b. Preliminary Site Plan for the Beards Hill Plaza Infill Building

Ms. Grover reported that the Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation at their last meeting and summarized property specifics. The following representatives presented further information: Mr. Steve Klein, owner/developer, Mr. Gerry Powell, Project Manager from Frederick Ward Associates, and Mr. Mark Healy, Traffic Concepts. Council discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for Infill Building at the Plaza at Beards Hill, 995 & 997 Beards Hill Road. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

Nays: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. Theresa Spencer, Baltimore Street: Ms. Spencer asked for someone to get back to her about the flooding in her neighborhood.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the Council Members: Councilman Lindecamp reported on Parks and Recreation business and reminded the public to exercise safety during the school year.
2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor made the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meetings

Council Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers

Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers

Council Work Session: Monday, September 25, 2017, 5:30 PM, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Council Meeting: Monday, September 25, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers

Events

Keep Aberdeen Beautiful Community Clean Up, September 2, 2017, 9:00 AM, Festival Park
City Hall Closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2017

Aberdeen Farmers Market, Sept. 7 & 21, 2017, 4-7 PM, Festival Park

APG-Aberdeen Centennial 10K Race, Sept. 30, 2017, 8:30 AM, Starts and ends at Festival Park.

CLOSED MEETING:

At approximately 8:13 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor McGrady and seconded by Councilman Goodin to close the meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals; and (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organizational to locate, expends, or remain in the State. The topic under citation (4) was contract discussions and the topic under citation (1) was a personnel matter. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

Nays: None.

The Mayor and Council proceeded to the second floor administrative conference room for the closed meeting and returned to the Council Chambers when finished.

REOPEN AND ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor and Council reopened the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.