

**City of Aberdeen
Council Meeting, Work Session
January 11, 2016**

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

Absent: None

Vacancy: One Seat

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works
Monica Correll, City Clerk
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Public Comment

1. Mr. John Landbeck, Mt. Royal Avenue: Mr. Landbeck commented on the vacant Council seat and the City Manager job opening.

Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business

Mayor McGrady announced his intent to nominate Mr. Jason Kolligs for the vacant Council seat at the next meeting. He discussed his qualifications.

WORK SESSION:

1. Planning
 - a. Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO): Ms. Grover and Mr. Torster explained the draft ordinance presented to the Council. Council discussion followed.
 - b. Grant Awards: Ms. Grover updated the Council on grant awards.
2. Public Works
 - a. Snow Plowing Review: Mr. Torster reported on the City's ice and snow plowing policies and procedures.
 - b. Tree Trimming Ordinance (Overgrown Vegetation Abatement): Mr. Torster discussed the challenges and legal rights of the City regarding tree trimming/removal. He said that

details on the ordinance would be addressed at an upcoming meeting with a PowerPoint presentation.

3. Finance

- a. Budget Schedule: Mr. Miller discussed the budget schedule and said that the FY17 budget must be adopted by June 10, 2016. The preliminary work should be done in March, the public hearing should be held in April, and the target adoption time should occur in May. He explained the constant yield tax rate.

4. Council Matters

- a. Rules of Procedure: The Council Rules of Procedure would be deferred until the Council vacancy was filled.

5. Other Business

Councilwoman Landbeck asked that a Charter Amendment be drafted by the City Attorney to reflect a Council/Manager form of government and a budget amendment in the amount of \$20,000 to procure the services of a consultant for the City Manager job search. Councilman Lindecamp and Councilman Taylor were in agreement. The Mayor expressed monetary concern and suggested further discussion.

Councilman Lindecamp requested discussion with department heads and cited certain personnel matters of concern resulting in turnover.

6. Public Comment

- a. Ms. Barbara Osborn Kramer: Beards Hill Road: Ms. Kramer presented her proposed changes on the snow plowing review to Mr. Torster.
- b. Ms. Marla Posey-Moss, Avon Road: Ms. Posey-Moss discussed the City Manager search and street repaving.
- c. Mr. John Landbeck, Mt. Royal Avenue: Mr. Landbeck commented on the Mayor assuming the position of interim City Manager until a replacement was found.
- d. Mr. James Redding, Holiday Drive: Mr. Redding discussed a past snow plowing matter.

Adjournment

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