

**CITY OF ABERDEEN**  
**Council Meeting**  
**January 23, 2017**

**Council Present:** Councilman Steven Goodin, Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck, Councilman Timothy Lindecamp, and Councilman Melvin Taylor

**Absent:** Mayor Patrick McGrady

**Also Present:** Randy Robertson, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works  
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police  
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance  
Monica Correll, City Clerk

Councilman Lindecamp called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He announced that Mayor McGrady was absent due to illness and that the Council would select who would chair the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve Councilman Lindecamp to chair the meeting during the Mayor's absence. **The motion passed by a by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 - absent.**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Mayor McGrady.

The prayer was delivered by Pastor Dan Sheffield, First Baptist Church of Aberdeen and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Steven Goodin. There were no items on the consent agenda to approve and no minutes to approve.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Presentation by SMG Corporation, Mr. Frank Remesch  
Mr. Remesch, General Manager, SMG Corporation of Baltimore, a management group, discussed SMG's background and the potential of Ripken Stadium.
2. Introduction of New Employees, Mr. Randy Robertson, City Manager  
Mr. Robertson announced the following new hires: Candace Markiewicz, Police Communication Officer; Trevell Malloy, Plant Operator Trainee; Craig Lindecamp, Plant Operator Trainee; and Garrett Robinson, Plant Operator Trainee.
3. Recognition of Mrs. Caroline Curry, Appearance & Preservation Committee  
Councilman Lindecamp presented a proclamation to Mrs. Curry expressing appreciation for outstanding volunteer service.
4. B&O Train Station Update, Starrs, Inc., Mr. Howard Wright, Jr.

Mr. Howard Wright, Jr., President of Starrs, Inc., discussed the restoration phases of the B&O Train Station and a future fund raising campaign.

5. B&O Train Station Update, Historical Society of Harford County, Mr. Richard Herbig  
Mr. Herbig, President of the Historical Society of Harford County, made the final report on the relocation phase of the B&O Train Station, leased by the Society from CSX Corporation.
6. Proclamation for School Choice Week  
Councilman Lindecamp read a proclamation entitled, "School Choice Week," for awareness of the need for effective educational options.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Ordinance No. 17-O-03, Amendment of FY 2017 Budget (3): There were no public comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

#### **LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. Ordinance No. 16-O-23, A Procurement Policy

Mr. Robertson explained that the City Attorney proposed amendments to the Procurement Policy to make it in concert with the City Charter.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to adopt the amendments to the City Procurement Policy for Ordinance No. 16-O-23, A Procurement Policy. **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 - absent.**

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-23, A Procurement Policy as amended. **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 - absent.**

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

2. Resolution No. 17-R-01, Amendment to City of Aberdeen Investment Policy

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to adopt Resolution No. 17-R-01, Amendment to City of Aberdeen Investment Policy. **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 - absent.**

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

3. Ordinance No. 17-O-03, Amendment of FY 2017 Budget (3)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Goodin to adopt Ordinance No. 17-O-03, Amendment of FY 2017 Budget (3). **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 - absent.**

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

4. Ordinance No. 17-O-04, Sewer Notes Authorization

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Goodin to introduce Ordinance No. 17-O-04, Sewer Notes Authorization. **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 - absent.** A public hearing would be held at the next meeting.

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

5. Ordinance No. 17-O-05, Use of Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to introduce Ordinance No. 17-O-05, Use of Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues. **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 - absent.** A public hearing would be held at the next meeting.

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

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY:**

1. Unfinished Business: None.
2. New Business

a) Architecture Review Committee Appointments

Ms. Grover explained the duties of the Architecture Review Committee and that Mr. Douglas Kopeck and Mr. Gary Getz were recommended.

The consensus of the Council was that they were acting upon the wishes of the Mayor for the appointment of Mr. Douglas Kopeck and Mr. Gary Getz to the Architecture Review Committee. **The nomination passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 - absent.**

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

3. Updates from City Manager and Staff

Mr. Robertson reported that:

- He and Ms. Grover attended meetings with the Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration, and Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG).
- State contracts would be released for up to \$300,000 of improvements to the train station to include cleaning the overpass and underpass.
- Capital improvement plans were approved at APG to finish the resurfacing of APG Road.
- Another “Citizens Chat” was held at City Hall for the public to meet City staff with questions and concerns.
- The Council was asked for feedback regarding their legislative agenda.
- A ministerial meeting was hosted by Chief Trabert at City Hall and included discussion on the homeless. Harford County was considering hosting a meeting here regarding the homeless.
- Residential and commercial development increased in Aberdeen; industrial declined.
- The matter of the deed for 34 N. Philadelphia Boulevard (the Old High School) would be scheduled for the next meeting.

Mr. Torster briefed the Council on the status of the bus shelter pads located at the MARC Train Station, Affinity Old Post Apartments, Boys & Girls Club, and two on Route 40 (Walmart and McDonalds). Harford County was in the process of procuring the bus shelters and construction on the pads was planned to start in early March. The City was asked to remove one of the shelters from the project by a property owner. Council discussion followed about its relocation.

The Chief reported that they were investigating break-ins at a DPW building.

a) Preliminary Site Plan for Woodspring Suites, 710 S. Philadelphia Blvd. (U.S. Route 40)

Ms. Grover said that the preliminary site plan was recommended by the Architecture Review Committee and the Planning Commission. Mr. Bob Capalonga, a representative from CNA, provided property details.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for Woodspring Suites, 710 S. Philadelphia Blvd. (U.S. Route 40). **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 - absent.**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Mayor McGrady.

#### **CLOSED MEETING:**

Councilman Lindecamp said that the Closed Meeting had been conducted during the Work Session today. There were no actions taken and there would be a Statement of Closed Meeting prepared for the next Council Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

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

1. Business from the Council Members: The Council commented on Harford Night in Annapolis, the Route 22 project cost responsibility, and their other meetings and activities.
2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor was absent.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
2. Council Work Session: Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room
3. Regular Council Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.