

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

Council Present: Mayor McGrady, Councilman 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 Reverend James C. Williams, Sr., Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Landbeck.

STATEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION FOR JUNE 20, 2016

The Mayor read the Statement of Closed Session: On June 20, 2016, the Mayor and Council held a regularly schedule Council Meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. All members voted by roll call in the affirmative to close the session.

At approximately 7:55 p.m., a closed session was convened by the Mayor and Council in the second floor administrative conference room. Members present were: Mayor Patrick McGrady, Councilman Steven Goodin, Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck, Councilman Timothy Lindecamp, and Councilman Melvin Taylor. Also in attendance was Kyle Torster, Interim City Manager.

The session was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

During this meeting, the Mayor and Council discussed three different real estate acquisition issues with the Interim City Manager. No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2016 Council Meeting. **The motion 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 Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the Closed Meeting minutes of the June 6, 2016 Council Meeting. **The motion 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 Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the Closed Meeting minutes of the June 20, 2016 Council Meeting. **The motion passed with a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

Nays: None.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor McGrady administered the Oath of Office for the City Manager to Mr. Randy E. Robertson.

PRESENTATIONS:

Greater Aberdeen-Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Expansion, Karen Holt, Director of Harford County Office of Economic Development

Mr. Karen Holt explained that an application was needed to expand the Greater Aberdeen-Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone and was due to the State of Maryland by October 15, 2016. The State required public hearings and the support of the Councils of the City of Aberdeen and the City of Havre de Grace for the expansion by resolution.

Resolution No. 16-R-07, Greater Aberdeen-Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Expansion

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to adopt Resolution No. 16-R-07, Greater Aberdeen-Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Expansion.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There was no public comment on the Greater Aberdeen-Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Expansion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. Arlene Swarthout, Mt. Royal Avenue: Ms. Swarthout commented on the trash removal decision-making process.

2. Mr. John Hesterly, Ferndale Road: Mr. Hesterly said that the changes in residential trash removal pick up were unjustified and burdensome.
3. Mr. Virgil Mullen, Mr. Gregory Jones, Aberdeen residents: Mr. Mullen commented on the need for bus shelters and a possible mentoring program with Aberdeen High School
4. Mr. Scott Flanigan, Ferndale Road: Mr. Flanigan stated his objections to the changes in the residential trash pick up routes and asked the Council to reconsider.
5. Former Councilman Stephen Smith: Former Councilman Smith opposed the trash removal changes and asked for repair of the alleys.
6. Ms. Sonja Flanigan, Ferndale Road: Ms. Flanigan asked the Council to reconsider the changes to the trash removal routes and her concern for safety especially during snow conditions.
7. Mr. Jim Carroll, Ferndale Road: Mr. Carroll was concerned for safety and aesthetics due to the changes to the trash removal routes and bulk pick up and that the alleys were intended for trash service.
8. Ms. Beverly Norton, Post Road: Ms. Norton listed her concerns on the placement of trash and bulk pick up in front of the homes.
9. Mr. Winder, Market Street: Mr. Winder commented on a tree issue and asked about the cost of the trash stickers.
10. Ms. Theresa Marshall, Hemlock Lane: Ms. Marshall commented on alley disrepair and road paving needs.
11. Ms. Jeannette Lucas, Hemlock Lane: Ms. Lucas stated her concerns regarding the repair of alleys and trash pick up.
12. Mr. Tyrone Sherrod, Kendrick Drive: Mr. Sherrod discussed a program to benefit young children.

The Mayor and the City Manager commented on the matters presented during public comment. The concerns would be addressed and communication improved. The public was asked to comply while the issue was reviewed. Discussion continued on road and alley repair.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 16-R-06, Resolution of Support for Harford Family House Project

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Goodin to adopt Resolution No. 16-R-06, Resolution of Support for Harford Family House Project.

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

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

Nays: None.

2. Resolution No. 16-R-07, Greater Aberdeen-Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Expansion

The Mayor postponed adoption of Resolution No. 16-R-07, Greater Aberdeen-Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Expansion.

3. Resolution No. 16-R-08, Community Development Block Grant Funds Plan for Use

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to adopt Resolution No. 16-R-08, Community Development Block Grant Funds Plan for Use. Council discussion followed.

The Mayor postponed adoption of Resolution No. 16-R-08, Community Development Block Grant Funds Plan for Use.

4. Resolution No. 16-R-09, Resolution of Support for Community Legacy Application

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Goodin to adopt Resolution No. 16-R-09, Resolution of Support for Community Legacy Application.

The Mayor postponed adoption of Resolution No. 16-R-09, Resolution of Support for Community Legacy Application.

5. Resolution No. 16-R-10, Resolution of Support Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (1)

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to adopt Resolution. No. 16-R-10, Resolution of Support Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (1).

The Mayor postponed adoption of Resolution No. 16-R-10, Resolution of Support Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (1.).

6. Resolution No. 16-R-12, Resolution of Support Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (2)

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to adopt Resolution No 16-R-12, Resolution of Support Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (2).

The Mayor postponed adoption of Resolution No. 16-R-12, Resolution of Support Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (2)

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business

a. Rules of Council Procedure

The Mayor postponed discussion of Rules of Council Procedure.

2. New Business – None.

3. Updates from City Manager and Staff

Mr. Robertson reported that he held a meeting with the City employees. He suggested a Council “offsite” during the fall to discuss their vision. He encouraged the involvement of church ministers for enhancing youth activities.

Chief Trabert announced community events.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. Arlene Swarthout, Mt. Royal Avenue: Ms. Swarthout reported on an alley runoff issue.
2. Mr. Robert Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman discussed bus stops, trash stickers costs, animal control problems, and a DPW priority list.
3. Ms. Katrina Sherrod, Kendrick Drive: Ms. Sherrod stated her concerns regarding Harford Family House.
4. Mr. Winder, Market Street: Mr. Winder asked about the Rt. 22 construction completion.
5. Ms. Iyong Johnson, Manor Road: Ms. Johnson commented on traffic safety concerns.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council: The Council commented on solving the trash pickup problems and improving communication. The Council welcomed the new City Manager, Mr. Robertson, and thanked Mr. Torster for his service as the Interim City Manager.
2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor stated the need to prioritize short and long term plans for the care of the infrastructure of the City and asked for continued community input on City matters. He encouraged attending Third Friday Festivals at Aberdeen Festival Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.