

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting  
March 14, 2016**

**Council Present:** Mayor McGrady, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor

**Absent:** Councilwoman Landbeck

**Vacancy:** One Council Seat

**Also Present:** Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works  
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 Mayor McGrady, 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 February 22, 2016 Council Meeting.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 0 – no, 1 – absent, 1 – vacant.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilwoman Landbeck.  
Vacancy: One seat.

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Taylor to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 Special Council Meeting.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 0 – no, 1 – absent, 1 – vacant.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilwoman Landbeck.  
Vacancy: One seat.

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 Closed Meeting.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 0 – no, 1 – absent, 1 – vacant.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.

Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilwoman Landbeck.  
Vacancy: One seat.

The Statement of Closed Session for February 24, 2016, was read by Mayor McGrady:

*On February 24, 2016, the Mayor and Council held a Special Council Meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. All members, with the exception of one vacancy, voted by roll call in the affirmative to close the session.*

*At approximately 6:16 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, Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck, Councilman Timothy Lindecamp, and Councilman Melvin Taylor. Also in attendance was City Clerk, Monica Correll.*

*The session was held 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 affects one or more specific individuals.*

*During this meeting the Mayor and Council discussed the Council seat vacancy. No action was taken at this meeting.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.*

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **1. B&O Railroad Station Restoration Update**

Representatives from the following organizations discussed the current status of the B&O Railroad Station Restoration: Richard Herbig, Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. Board of Trustees; Bob Tarring, president of subsidiary corporation managing restoration; and Jon Livesey, Aberdeen Room Archives and Museum. They reported that they had applied for a Senate bond bill, intend to reuse the station consistent with zoning, and restore the exterior. The station was eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Ordinance No. 16-O-01, Adequate Public Facilities. There were no public comments.
2. Ordinance No. 16-O-02, Trees and Vegetation. Mr. Torster said that there were several administrative amendments to be considered. Council discussion followed about further amendments. There were no public comments.

3. Ordinance No. 16-O-03, Floodplain Management. There were no public comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Ms. Marla Posey-Moss, Avon Drive: Ms. Posey-Moss commented on House Bill 852, regarding tie votes for municipal governments and a provision in the Maryland State Constitution.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. Resolution No. 16-R-11, Greater Aberdeen/Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Renewal (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Taylor to approve Resolution No. 16-R-11, Greater Aberdeen/Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Renewal.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 0 – no, 1 – absent, 1 – vacant.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilwoman Landbeck.  
Vacancy: One seat.

2. Ordinance No. 16-O-05, Amendment to FY 2016 Budget (For Introduction)

Mayor McGrady introduced Ordinance No. 16-O-05, Amendment to FY 2016 Budget.

3. Resolution No. 16-R-01, Hardy Family Series, LLC Annexation Plan (For Introduction)

Mayor McGrady introduced Resolution No. 16-R-01, Hardy Family Series, LLC Annexation Plan. A public hearing would be scheduled during the April 25, 2016 Council Meeting.

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY:**

1. Unfinished Business
  - a. Council Rules of Procedure - Deferred to the next meeting.
  - b. Nomination for Council Vacancy - Deferred to the next meeting.
2. New Business – None.
3. Business from Director of Planning & Community Development – None.
4. Business from Chief of Police – None.

5. Business from Director of Finance – None.

6. Business from Director of Public Works

a. Water Rates and PAYT Rate Increase

Mr. Torster explained that Harford County tipping fees (cost to dispose trash) had increased over the years. This created a need to increase the pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) program fees to offset the costs. There would also be an increase in water fees due to an increase in Harford County water charges.

Mr. Torster provided updates on the yard waste and trash pickup schedule. He reported that the City may be able to obtain reimbursement of funds for the January snowstorm from a Presidential declaration.

7. Business from City Manager

a. Budget Schedule FY17

Mr. Torster reported on the budget preparation and that the budget must be adopted by June 10, 2016.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Ms. Marla Posey-Moss, Avon Drive: Ms. Posey-Moss questioned the policy and procedures on the Hardy annexation. She also asked revenue figures on tipping fees and trash stickers.
2. Ms. Barbara Osborn Kreamer, Beards Hill Road: Ms. Kreamer commented on the Trees and Vegetation Ordinance.

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

1. Business from the City Council

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Taylor to ask the City Attorney to draft a Charter Amendment Resolution to resolve an election tie by special election within 40 days between the candidates that were tied.

The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 0 – no, 1 – absent, 1 – vacant.

Ayes:	Mayor McGrady, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.
Nays:	None.
Absent:	Councilwoman Landbeck.
Vacancy:	One seat.

2. Business from the Mayor

The Mayor reported on an Aberdeen Proving Ground meeting he attended with the Garrison Command staff about developing the relationship between Aberdeen Proving Ground and the community.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Council Meeting/Work Session: Monday, March 28, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Harford County Earth Day, Festival Park, April, 23, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(rain date: April 24)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.