

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting  
March 23, 2015**

**Present:** Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilman Smith

**Absent:** Councilwoman Young

**Also Present:** Douglas Miller, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works (DPW)  
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police  
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance  
Monica Correll, City Clerk  
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was delivered by Bishop Melvin Taylor, Word of Faith Outreach Ministries, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Ruth Elliott.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 23, 2015 and the Business Meeting/Work Session held on March 16, 2015.

**The minutes were approved by a vote of 4 – yes and 1 - absent.**

**Ayes:** Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilman Smith

**Absent:** Councilwoman Young

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Introduction of New Officers and Promotions – Chief Trabert introduced new employees to the Aberdeen Police Department (APD): Officers Ryan Nelson and Officer Kyle Hoffman. He announced the APD promotions: Will Reiber to Sergeant and Timothy Helf, and Robert Tice to Corporal.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Ordinance No. 15-O-01, Revision of City of Aberdeen Development Code, Integrated Business District (IBD) - There were no comments from the public.
- B. Ordinance No. 15-O-02, Revision of City of Aberdeen Accessory Uses and Other Restrictions

Mr. William Lovelace, Custis Street stated that he was against the ordinance because he wanted to park his boat in his driveway. Mr. Miller explained that the ordinance relaxed restrictions and allowed him to do so.

C. Ordinance No. 15-O-04, Trash Collection Stickers – There were no comments from the public.

D. Zoning Reclassification for the Properties: 727 and 811 Old Philadelphia Road, LLC (Pomeroy Property).

Ms. Grover explained that these properties were reclassified from M-2 (heavy industrial) to B-3 (highway commercial district) prior to September, 2009 during the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) at Aberdeen Proving Ground and the anticipated need for Class-A office space.

Mr. Arthur Pomeroy spoke on behalf of his parents, Ms. Anne Pomeroy (sole owner) and Mr. James Pomeroy, who were present at the meeting. They asked for a zoning reclassification, B-3 to M-1 (light industrial) for these two properties since the market favored M-1 development.

The Council expressed concern that the house at 727 Old Philadelphia Road (Poplar Hill House) was on the National Historical Registry and that an archeological dig may be warranted. The location of both properties in the Wellhead Protection area and their proximity to the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) were also concerns.

There were no other comments from the public.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Victoria Seitzinger, Abingdon, MD, extended an invitation to attend a Campaign for Liberty event.

#### **LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

A. Deferral to April 27, 2015 Council Meeting

The following ordinances were deferred to the April 27, 2015 Council Meeting:

- Ordinance No. 15-O-01, Revision of City of Aberdeen Development Code, IBD
- Ordinance No. 15-O-02, Revision of City of Aberdeen Accessory Uses and Other Restrictions
- Ordinance No. 15-O-04, Trash Collection Stickers

B. Resolution No. 15-R-01, Authorization of Refinancing of Debt (For Introduction and Adoption)  
The resolution was not ready for introduction.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE CITY:**

A. Unfinished Business - None

B. New Business - None

C. Business from the Director of Planning and Community

1. Bid No. 15-09, Interior Demolition of 102 N. Rogers Street

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve BARCO Enterprises, Inc., White Marsh, Maryland for the interior demolition of the Moose Lodge located at 102 North Rogers Street and removal of playground equipment, fencing, and outbuildings in the amount of \$44,000.00.

**The motion was passed by a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – absent.**

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliot, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilman Smith

Absent: Councilwoman Young

2. Revised Final Subdivision Plat, Subdivision of Lot 2, Aberdeen Station

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Landbeck to approve the Revised Final Subdivision Plat, Subdivision of Lot 2, Aberdeen Station.

**The motion was passed by a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – absent.**

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliot, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilman Smith

Absent: Councilwoman Young

3. Revised Final Subdivision Plat, Lot 1 and Parcel A, Lands of Stancil

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve the Revised Final Subdivision Plat, Lot 1, and Parcel A, Lands of Stancil.

**The motion was passed by a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – absent.**

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliot, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilman Smith

Absent: Councilwoman Young

D. Business from the Chief of Police

Chief Trabert reported that the CALEA assessment was scheduled for April 6-9, 2015. He invited the Council to the CALEA accreditation on-site assessment meet-and-greet on April 6, 2015. The public was invited for public comment on April 7, 2015.

E. Business from the Director of Finance - None

F. Business from the Director of Public Works

Mr. Torster reported the following:

- The Hillcrest water and sewer project was projected for completion the end of April.
- The Hillcrest water tower project had begun.
- Yard waste pick up and hydrant flushing testing would start in April.
- Street sweeping has begun.
- Schedule for services was available on the city website.

G. Business from the City Manager - None

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

- A. Business from the City Council – The Council commended the Police Department on the CALEA project and congratulated the new police officers and those promoted. They acknowledged the staff and Planning Commission for their work on the integrated business district (IBD) and accessory uses. Local events were discussed.
- B. Business from the Mayor - Mayor Bennett commended the Aberdeen Police Department. He reported that a subcommittee was unfavorable to House Bill 920, sponsored by Delegate Lisanti. However, the subcommittee sent a formal letter to the State Highway Administration urging them to assist the City of Aberdeen in the matter. The Mayor also noted an amendment to a bill that would distribute state highway user revenues, usually reserved for municipalities, to Baltimore and Howard counties, adversely affecting the amount due to municipalities.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Business Meeting, Work Session:	Monday, April 6, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
Next Council Meeting:	Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting:	Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Earth Day at Festival Park	Saturday, April 18, 2015, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The motion carried.