

CITY OF ABERDEEN
Council Meeting
March 27, 2017

Council Present: Mayor Patrick McGrady
Councilman Steven Goodin
Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck
Councilman Timothy Lindecamp
Councilman Melvin Taylor

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

Mayor McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was delivered by Deacon Landis Watson, Breath of God Christian Fellowship and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Steven Goodin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve the listed minutes. **The motion passed by a by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

- Council Work Session, February 27, 2017
- Council Meeting, February 27, 2017
- Closed Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2017

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

STATEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING:

The Mayor read the following Statement of Closed Meeting. He amended the Closed Meeting Statement by removing citation (9) and explained that it was in error and did not happen.

On March 13, 2017, the Mayor and Council held a regularly scheduled Council Meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. All members voted by roll call in the affirmative to close the meeting.

At approximately 8:16 p.m., a closed meeting 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 were: Randy Robertson, City Manager; Fred Sussman, City Attorney; Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning & Community Development; and Monica Correll, City Clerk.

The meeting was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter, and ~~(9) to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations~~. The topic under citation (7) was for legal advice from the City Attorney on a rezoning matter, and ~~under citation (9)~~ to discuss contractual negotiations.

During this meeting, the Mayor and Council met with the City Attorney and the City Manager for discussion purposes. There was no action was taken and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:48 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Recognition of Aberdeen's 125th Anniversary, Joe Swisher

Mr. Swisher honored Aberdeen 125th anniversary with a speech on Aberdeen's history during that time period. It was noted that Mr. Swisher was a former member and past Chair of the Aberdeen Planning Commission for over 40 years and produced historical shows on Harford Cable Network and history collections at the Harford County Library, among other accomplishments. The City Manager presented Mr. Swisher a City coin as a memento.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Charter Amendment Resolution No. 17-CR-01, Revisions to City's Structure of Government

- a. Former Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young, Doris Circle, Aberdeen: Mrs. Young supported the proposed legislation.

2. Ordinance No. 17-O-07, Funding of Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

- a. Mr. Ed Budnick, President Board of Directors, Aberdeen Fire Department: Mr. Budnick supported the proposed Ordinance and commented that dedicated funding from year-to-year was critical for the Fire Department's budget.
- b. Former Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young, Doris Circle, Aberdeen: Mrs. Young supported Ordinance No. 17-O-07.

3. Ordinance No. 17-O-08, Prohibited Occupancies

- a. Former Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young, Doris Circle, Aberdeen: Mrs. Young said that she was troubled by the Ordinance and questioned its precepts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Charter Amendment Resolution No. 17-CR-01, Revisions to City's Structure of Government: No action was taken.
2. Ordinance No. 17-O-07, Funding of Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to amend Ordinance No. 17-O-07, Funding of Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. by changing page 2, line 26, from \$300,000 to \$500,000. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

C. EACH YEAR THE CITY'S OPERATING BUDGET SHALL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ANNUAL GRANT TO THE ABERDEEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. THE APPROPRIATION SHALL BE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE REVENUE GENERATED BY THE CITY PROPERTY TAX LEVIED ON ALL TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY IN AN AMOUNT OF \$.02 FOR EACH \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND GRANT BE LESS THAN \$260,000 OR MORE THAN ~~\$300,000~~ 500,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to adopt Ordinance No. 17-O-07, Funding of Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. as amended. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

3. Ordinance No. 17-O-08, Prohibited Occupancies: No action was taken.
4. Ordinance No. 17-O-09, Amendment of FY 2017 Budget (5)

A motion was made by Mayor McGrady and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to introduce Ordinance No. 17-O-09, Amendment of FY 2017 Budget (5). **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.** A public hearing would be scheduled on April 10, 2017.

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

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business: None.

2. New Business

a. Nominations from the Mayor

The Mayor nominated the following to the Economic Development Commission:

Uyesh Bhatti
James Branson
Don Curry
Steve Horne
Chuck Jacobs
Dan Lambros
Tammy Lowry-Gault
Dave Lynch
George Robinson
Linda Walls

The nominations were approved by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.

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

The Mayor nominated Ms. Terri Preston to serve on the Planning Commission for a five (5) year appointment. **The nomination was approved by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

The Mayor stated his intent to nominate Mr. DeAunte Printup as a member of the Aberdeen Board of Appeals at the next Council Meeting.

3. Updates from City Manager and Staff

a. The City Manager reported on the activities of Mr. Tom Fiddler from MacKenzie Commercial, the train station repairs, staff accomplishments, a police matter, yard waste policy changes, the investment policy, and the upcoming Aberdeen Farmers Market.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the Council Members: Councilwoman Landbeck discussed the large volume of calls answered by the Fire Department.
2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor reported on his meetings and made the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Work Session: Monday, April 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room
2. Council Work Session: Monday, April 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room
3. Council Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
4. Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
5. Harford County Earth Day Celebration, Saturday, April 22, 2017, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Aberdeen Festival Park (rain date: April 22)

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.