

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
May 23, 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
Judith Hinch, Recording Secretary

Mayor McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was delivered by Reverend Dan Sheffield, First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Goodin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve the minutes of May 9, 2016. **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.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Richard Bruno, Beards Hill Road: Mr. Bruno made suggestions on various City matters.
2. Ms. Marla Posey-Bruno, Avon Drive: Ms. Posey-Moss discussed the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds and water bill late fees.
3. Mr. William Brown, Mt. Royal Avenue: Mr. Brown stated that he was opposed to the use of trash stickers.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Ordinance No. 16-O-08, Nuisance Abatement

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to amend Ordinance No. 16-O-08, Nuisance Abatement, by adding “except the land may not be sold at tax sale to satisfy the lien” to § 250-8, responsibility of owner and occupant, paragraph F, page 2, line 42. **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.

§ 250-8. Responsibility of owner and occupant.

F. A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION. A PROPERTY OWNER AND/OR TENANT OR OCCUPANT WHO FAILS TO ABATE A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE FINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE X (ENFORCEMENT) OF THIS CHAPTER AND ASSESSED ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABATEMENT OF THE VIOLATION AND THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. ALL COSTS SHALL BE A LIEN ON THE OWNER'S LAND AND SHALL BE COLLECTED AND ENFORCED IN THE SAME MANNER AS CITY REAL PROPERTY TAXES, EXCEPT THE LAND MAY NOT BE SOLD AT TAX SALE TO SATISFY THE LIEN.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-08, Nuisance Abatement as amended was passed by a vote of 5 - yes; 0 – no.

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

Nays: None.

2. Ordinance No. 16-O-09, Vegetation Abatement

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to amend Ordinance No. 16-O-09, Vegetation Abatement by adding “except the land may not be sold at tax sale to satisfy the lien” to § 250-15, height restriction, paragraph F, page 2, line 13. **The motion passed with a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

§ 250-15. Height restriction.

F. A violation of this section shall constitute a municipal infraction. A property owner and/or tenant or occupant who fails to abate a violation of this section shall be fined in accordance with the provisions in Article X (Enforcement) of this chapter and assessed all costs incurred by the City associated with the abatement of the violation and the City's administrative costs. All costs ((will be added to the City's real estate tax bill)) SHALL BE A LIEN ON THE OWNER'S LAND AND SHALL BE COLLECTED AND ENFORCED IN THE SAME MANNER AS CITY REAL PROPERTY TAXES, EXCEPT THE LAND MAY NOT BE SOLD AT TAX SALE TO SATISFY THE LIEN.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-09, Vegetation Abatement as amended was passed by a vote of 5 - yes; 0 – no.

3. Ordinance No. 16-O-12, Budget FY 2017: The Council discussed the budget.

CLOSED MEETING:

The Mayor announced the closing of the meeting pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority, 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.

(3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

The topics discussed: contract for a new city manager and parking lot lease.

A motion was made by Mayor McGrady and seconded by Councilman Goodin to move into Closed Session in the 2nd Floor Administrative Conference Room. **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.

The Council proceeded into closed meeting at 7:45 p.m.

REOPEN MEETING:

The Council returned and reopened the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Roll call established that all Council was in attendance. The Mayor said that the Council took action during the closed session and a statement would be made at the next meeting.

The Mayor read a letter from the City Manager Commission (Messrs. Jason Kolligs, Peter Dacey, Steve Johnson, Dan Lambros, and Raymond Warfield) dated May 10, 2016 announcing their recommendation of Mr. Randy E. Robertson for City Manager.

The Mayor nominated Mr. Randy E. Robertson as City Manager for the City of Aberdeen.
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.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION (continued):

4. Ordinance No. 16-O-12, Budget FY 2017: The Council continued budget discussions.

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Taylor to amend Capital Projects (General Fund) DPW Admin (2)SUV from \$56,000 to \$28,000. **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.

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to amend Capital Projects (General Fund) Design/Installation AC System for DPW Mechanic Shop (Contract) from \$60,000 to \$0. Council discussion followed. **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 1 – no.**

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

Nays: Councilwoman Landbeck.

A motion was made by Councilman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Goodin to increase Executive Personnel Cost by \$10,000 to read \$467,228 for the purpose of increasing the salary of the incoming City Manager. **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.

The Mayor said further action on the budget would be postponed until the June 6, 2016 Council Meeting.

5. Ordinance No. 16-O-13, Trash Collection Stickers Fees

A motion was made by Councilman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-13, Trash Collection Stickers Fees. **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.

6. Ordinance No. 16-O-14, Zoning Application Fees

The motion passed for the adoption of Ordinance No. 16-O-14, Zoning Application Fees. **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.

7. Ordinance No. 16-O-15, Amendment of FY 2016 Budget (3): Postponed to the June 6, 2016 Council Meeting.

8. Resolution No. 16-R-03, Hardy Family Series LLC Annexation

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to adopt Resolution No. 16-R-03, Hardy Family Series LLC Annexation. Action on Resolution No. 16-R-03, Hardy Family Series LLC Annexation was postponed until after the public hearing.

9. Resolution No. 16-R-04, Terms of Bond Refunding, Tax Exempt: Postponed to the Council Meeting of June 6, 2016.

10. Resolution No. 16-R-05, Terms of Bond Refunding, Taxable: Postponed to the Council Meeting of June 6, 2016.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business – None.
2. New Business – None.
3. Business from Director of Planning & Community Development – None.
4. Business from Chief of Police

- a. Disposal of Departmental Equipment

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve of the disposal of a Wanco, Inc., Model – RT 50, Speed Display Trailer due to end of service life, unable to repair. **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.

5. Business from Director of Finance – None.

6. Business from Director of Public Works

- a. Surplus of Vehicle

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to surplus Vehicle #20, 2001 Ford F-350, Vin #1FTSF31F71EA29897. **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.

7. Business from the Interim City Manager

Discussion followed on the costs associated with the Rt. 22 improvements and the replacement of stadium railings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Richard Bruno, Beards Hill Road: Mr. Bruno commented on the hospital system in Harford County.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council: The Council commented on budget changes for the Parks and Recreation Board, the City Manager Commission, bus shelters, and local community events.
2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor thanked the City Manager Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Third Friday Festivals at Aberdeen Festival Park, 5 PM – 8:30 PM – June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16.

Summertime Movies in the Park; June 17, July 22, August 26, September 23.

Next Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.