

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
June 13, 2011**

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilman Garner,
Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young

Absent: None

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Matthew Lapinsky, Director of Public Works
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 led by Mayor Bennett and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Young.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Heritage Trust, Ramona B. Bennett Memorial Scholarship Award: Miranda Murray

Ms. Ruth Hendricksen, Heritage Trust Chair, presented a \$500 Memorial Scholarship in memory of Ramona B. Bennett, past Heritage Trust President, to Ms. Miranda Murray. Ms. Murray, a student, wrote the winning history essay and received a check for \$500 and a certificate of merit. She thanked everyone for the honor.

2. Appearance & Preservation Awards: Charles & Pamela Vaughn, 218 Valley Road
Ulrike Neyens, 414 Chestnut Street

Mayor Bennett and Mr. John Law presented Appearance and Preservation Beautification Awards to these residents for the beautiful appearance of their properties.

3. Maryland Municipal League, "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest Winner: Ethan Bober

Mayor Bennett recognized Mr. Ethan Bober, a 4th grade student from District 10 (Harford-Cecil) for winning the, "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. The winner was selected from approximately 2,700 students by the Maryland Mayors Association and the Communication Committee of the Maryland Municipal League. He received a Governor's Citation, a check from the Maryland Municipal League, and attended an awards ceremony in Annapolis with the Lieutenant Governor. Mayor Bennett read a proclamation from the City and designated June 13, 2011 as Ethan Bober Day in Aberdeen. Ethan thanked everyone for receiving this honor.

4. Mr. Josh Ferguson, Ripken Baseball

Mr. Ferguson, Account Service Specialist and Host Coordinator, gave a presentation about the Cal Ripken World Series (CRWS) held every August at Ripken Stadium since 2003. CRWS is an international youth baseball tournament and is the culmination of the Babe Ruth League season.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting as submitted.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Welsh, W. Bel Air Avenue;
Mr. Welsh requested modifications to the roads near Target due to traffic concerns, more recreational facilities, and resolution to parking issues in downtown Aberdeen.
2. Mr. Patrick McGrady, Holly Drive;
Mr. McGrady would like to volunteer and save the City money by putting the Council meetings on YouTube. He stated that he and his family are renovating a local Aberdeen church.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Ordinance No. 11-O-06, City of Aberdeen Comprehensive Plan 2011 (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 11-O-06, City of Aberdeen Comprehensive Plan 2011.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business – None
2. New Business
 - A. Appointment, Board of Appeals Member

Councilwoman Landbeck nominated Dominique Edwards to serve as a member of the Aberdeen Board of Appeals. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Elliott for approval.

The nomination was approved with a vote of 5 – yes.

3. Business from the Director of Planning & Community Development

A. Revised Final Plat 5th Resubdivision for Beards Hill Plaza, Lot 9

Ms. Grover stated that this property consists of two lots, together creating Lot 9 and is located off of Middleton Road. Preliminary approval was given September, 2010 and the Final Subdivision Plat was approved by the Planning Commission May, 2011. Mr. Jerry Powell of Frederick Ward Associates noted that the property consists of 1.74 acres and will be zoned B-3. Currently, no specific use is planned for this parcel. He said comments from DPW and the Director of Planning and Community have been addressed. Council discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve the Revised Final Plat 5th Resubdivision for Beards Hill Plaza, Lot 9.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

B. Final Plat One Aberdeen Exchange

Ms. Grover said this property is located at Rt. 715 and Rt. 7 and consists of four lots which are zoned B-3. The Planning Commission recommended approval May, 2011. Mr. Jerry Powell with Frederick Ward Associates said that access will be off Newton Road. The parcel contains 8.5 acres and is zoned B-3. The State Highway Administration has reduced the size of the property to four lots and the fifth lot will be open-space and non-tidal wetlands.

Councilwoman Young mentioned that the name "Exchange" is being used by an APG business. Mr. Powell said they would consider this issue in the future.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve Final Plat One Aberdeen Exchange.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

C. Bid Award – Road Resurfacing Project -Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Ms. Grover recommended the bid award go to Frank J. Goettner Construction Company of Kingsville, Maryland for the contract amount of \$110,700.00. The bid

form contained an escalated amount of material which was more than was needed for FY 2011. The City will be using line item amounts for the contract. The bidder unit total for Frank J. Goettner Construction Company was \$401,043.00. The work will begin on June 14, 2011. The City will resurface Mt. Royal Avenue, (mill, overlay, concrete and utility adjustments) from W. Bel Air Avenue to the south Church property line and Baltimore Street Extended (tar and chip). Council discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve the Bid Award – Road Resurfacing Project (CDBG funded) contract in the amount of \$110,700.0 to Frank J. Goettner Construction Company of Kingsville, Maryland for the resurfacing of Mt. Royal Avenue (mill, overlay, concrete and utility adjustments) from West Bel Air Avenue to the south Church property line and Baltimore Street Extended (tar and chip).

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

4. Business from the Chief of Police

A. Declaration Aberdeen Police Department (APD) Surplus Vehicles

Chief Trabert requested the Mayor and Council declare certain APD vehicles, which are no longer adequate for police purposes, as surplus for future auction. The Mayor and Council were provided a list of ten vehicles with very high mileage and mechanical problems.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the Declaration APD Surplus Vehicles.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

Chief Trabert reported that the first Community Policing Event held at Highland Commons was very successful and well attended. This was a meet-and-greet event with the opportunity for citizens and officers to socialize in an unofficial capacity. He thanked everyone involved for their help.

5. Business from the Director of Finance

A. Budget Amendment

The following is a report from Mr. Jack.

The FY 2011 budgets for the General and Capital Projects Funds need to be amended as follows.

The General Fund is being amended for repairs to the swimming pool at the Swim Club, unexpected costs for winter operations, and transfer of funds to the Capital Projects Fund to complete a project that was carried over from FY 2010. These amendments will be funded with fund balance.

The Capital Projects Fund is being amended for two grants from the State, one grant from the Department of Justice, and one grant from Harford County Government. The grants from the State are for LED lighting for City Hall and BRAC Zone Improvements. The one from the Federal Government is for the purchase of a Fingerprint Laser Scanner; and the one from the County is an additional funding for community development projects. The Capital Projects Fund is also amended for the completion of the locker room at the Environmental Building; the project is a carry-over from FY 2010.

GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
1. Swim Club repairs	\$33,000	Funded with fund balance
2. Winter Operations	12,000	Funded with fund balance
3. Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	9,500	Funded with fund balance
Total	\$54,500	

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		
1. LED Lighting	\$80,000	Funded with State Grant
2. BRAC Zone Improvement Projects	94,596	Funded with State Grant
3. Finger Print Laser Scanner	11,908	Funded with Federal Grant
4. CDBG projects – Street Resurfacing	2,419	Funded with County Grant
5. Locker Room Addition	9,500	Funded with Transfer from General Fund
Total	\$198,423	

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the FY 2011 Budget Amendment.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

6. Business from the Director of Public Works

Mr. Lapinsky reported that the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Upgrade at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is 40% complete. The information is available on the City website.

7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller stated that today's meeting is only Council Meeting scheduled in June. The Work Session scheduled next week will only last a few minutes and will go into Closed Session for the Council to discuss an Annexation Agreement.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council extended their sympathy to the family of Dr. Frederick Hatem, a local, beloved obstetrician, who recently passed away. The Council announced the Heritage Trust presentation schedule and reported that the Planning Commission is working on the preliminary site plan for the expansion of Grace Methodist Church including the parking lot. The Planning Commission also approved the final draft of the subdivision regulations.

The Council reported on their activities which included participation in the Forum for Women Interested in Running for Public Office, the Memorial Day Service at Veteran's Memorial Park, the graduation ceremony at Aberdeen High School, Bakersfield Elementary Patriot Ceremony, the Army Alliance Annual Dinner, a bus tour at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and the Gala at Swan Harbor Farms for the Inner County Outreach 25th Anniversary.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett extended his condolences to the family of Dr. Hatem. He attended the following events in addition to those mentioned by the Council: Maryland Municipal League (MML) Executive Meeting in Annapolis, MML Chapter Meeting in Mt. Airy, Parks and Recreation Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Jarrettsville Garden, and the Highland Commons Community Outreach Event. During the Swan Harbor Farms Event, a proclamation was presented to honor Inner County Outreach and to Pastor Nat Johnson and his wife Roselyn declaring June 9, 2011 as Inner County Outreach Day in the City of Aberdeen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Work Session: Monday, June 20, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.