

CITY OF ABERDEEN
Council Meeting
November 21, 2016

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Randy Robertson, City Manager
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 Pastor Catherine Hooker, New Beginnings Church of God, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Goodin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Former Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young, Doris Circle: Councilwoman Young said that her visions and priorities for the City were: reliable services, engagement of citizens, maintain financial security, a vital downtown, and develop a downtown association. She said that the November 12, 2016 Offsite Council Meeting was interesting, she encouraged Council Work Sessions, and endorsed Maryland Municipal League courses. She inquired on the status of a Public Works truck purchase and was told it was on order.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 16-R-16, Support for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Workforce Memorial

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Goodin to introduce Resolution No. 16-R-16, Support for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Workforce Memorial. **The motion passed by a 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 Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to adopt Resolution No. 16-R-16, Support for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Workforce Memorial. **The motion passed by a 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-17, Forest Conservation

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-17, Forest Conservation. **The motion passed by a 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. 16-O-21, Amendment to FY 2017 Budget (2)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to introduce Ordinance No. 16-O-21, Amendment to FY 2017 Budget (2). A public hearing would be held at the next regular meeting. **The motion passed by a by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

Nays: None.

4. Ordinance No. 16-O-22, Amendment to the City of Aberdeen Employee Personnel Manual

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Goodin to introduce Ordinance No. 16-O-22, Amendment to the City of Aberdeen Employee Personnel Manual. A public hearing would be held at the next regular meeting. **The motion passed by a by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

Nays: None.

5. Charter Resolution No. 16-CR-02, Resolving Electoral Tie Votes

Charter Resolution No. 16-CR-02, Resolving Electoral Tie Votes was postponed for the City Attorney to prepare amendments.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business – None.

2. New Business – None.

3. Updates from City Manager and Staff

- Mr. John Campbell, Environmental Department Foreman, briefed the Council that safety had always been a concern for trash pickup in the alleys.
- Mr. Robertson reported on the last meeting regarding the train station and APG Road. It was determined that State Highway Administration was responsible for the care and maintenance of the overpass. The Mayor added that APG Road was milled and resurfaced and steps for future projects and funding for the train station were discussed.
- The Council was invited to contribute to the employee newsletter, The Advisor. The Aberdeen Advocate newsletter was successful. The new website featured an interactive map of City properties.
- The water expansion analysis (tower) would be completed in December followed by the design.
- The Chief explained that it was a priority to help the homeless become productive citizens and that the County would provide an advocate.
- Mr. Torster reported on the status of the bus shelters: State Highway was processing the permits, the engineering firm would finish the plan, and then bidding would commence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Robert Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman said the City needs a drug and alcohol ordinance.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council: The Council discussed the concept of a homeless commission working in conjunction with Harford County.
2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor commented on the positive outlook for the projects and improvements to the train station.

CLOSED MEETING:

The Mayor announced the closing of the meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The topic of the meeting was a potential loss of community business. Ms. Brenda Graham, Procurement Officer, was to attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor McGrady and seconded by Councilman Goodin to move into Closed Meeting 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 approximately 8:11 p.m.

REOPEN MEETING: The Council returned and reopened the meeting at 8:58 p.m. The Mayor announced that no action was taken at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Planning Commission Special Meeting: Monday, November 28, 2016, 7 PM
2. Regular Council Meeting: Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7 PM
3. Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7 PM
4. Aberdeen Christmas Street Activities and Parade, Saturday, December 3, 2016,
Parade starts at 3 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.