

**CITY OF ABERDEEN**  
**Council Meeting**  
**October 23, 2017**

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

**Also Present:** Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Kyle Torster, Director of DPW  
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police  
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 Apostle Michael Keys, New Beginnings Church of Worship, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

September 25, 2017 Work Session  
September 25, 2017 Closed Meeting  
October 3, 2017 Special Council Meeting  
October 3, 2017 Closed Meeting  
October 9, 2017 Work Session  
October 9, 2017 Council Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the minutes as submitted. **The motion passed by a vote of 1- yes; 0 - no.**

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

**STATEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Aberdeen Heritage Trust Beautification Awards

Mayor McGrady and Ms. Judith Hinch, member of Aberdeen Heritage Trust, presented a Beautification Award and a gift to each of the following winners in appreciation of their participation in beautifying the City of Aberdeen:

- James and Barbara Hughes, 480 Paradise Road;
- Thomas & Carole Grabenstein, 461 Paradise Road;
- Mamie's Café with Love, 939 Beards Hill Road (not in attendance).

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Ordinance No. 17-O-01, Development Code Revision
  - a. Mr. Michael Hiob, Graceford Drive: Mr. Hiob stated he was a member of the Aberdeen Planning Commission and thanked the Council for their consideration of the Ordinance.
2. Ordinance No. 17-O-15, Code Enforcement - Height of Vegetation
  - a. Mr. Michael Hiob, Graceford Drive: Mr. Hiob questioned whether other issues such as trimming were applicable to this Ordinance. The Mayor said that the Code Enforcement Officer could answer his questions.
  - b. Mr. Robert Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman asked about overgrown bamboo as a violation. Chief Trabert answered that it was not a violation per the Code.
  - c. Mr. John Bender, Pleasant Wind Court: Mr. Bender questioned whether the abatement of violations would mean that the cost would pass onto the property owner. The Chief said that the owner is responsible for the costs.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Mr. Bernard Kenley, Baltimore: Mr. Kenley spoke about addiction dependency and the need for recovery houses.
2. Mr. Robert Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman expressed concern about a section of Middleton Road in poor condition, the water connection for Ashley Addiction Treatment, and the costs associated with the new refuse pickup program.
3. Mr. Michael Hiob, Graceford Drive: Mr. Hiob was in favor of the “pay- as-you-throw” trash sticker system. He encouraged revenue-neutral stickers.

#### **LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

3. Ordinance No. 17-O-16, Amendment of FY 2018 Budget

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to introduce Ordinance No. 17-O-16, Amendment of FY 2018 Budget. **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 public hearing would be held at the November 13, 2017 Council Meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

## **UPDATES FROM CITY MANAGER AND STAFF**

### **1. City Manager Report**

Mr. Torster, representing Mr. Robertson, informed the Council about a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held for the MARC Station bus shelter. DPW staff had been working on cloudy water issues on Graceford Drive.

### **2. Preliminary Site Plan for Middleton Holdings Property, Lot 1, 999 Middleton Road**

Messrs. Dudley Campbell and Mitch Ensor, both from Bay State Land Services, and Mr. Tom Fidler, MacKenzie Commercial, discussed the preliminary site plan intended for the construction of a Starbucks.

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for Middleton Holdings Property, Lot 1, 999 Middleton Road. **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. Revised Preliminary Site Plan for The I-95 Center, LLC**

Mr. Robert Capalongo, Bohler Engineering, was present to discuss the property specifics. The intended uses were: retail, a restaurant, day care center, and convenience store.

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the Revised Preliminary Site Plan for The I-95 Center, LLC. **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.

### **4. Proposal 18-05 Ripken Stadium Facility Condition Analysis - Engineering Services**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to approve the proposal for engineering services to Shahl Sheaffer Engineering, State College, PA for \$79,438.00 to establish and evaluate Ripken Stadium's current condition, estimate the equipment's remaining useful life, and provide a benchmark for comparing the facility condition and necessary investment for future years. **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.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Mr. John Bender, Pleasant Wind Court: Mr. Bender asked about the construction of a water tower near The I-95 Center. Mr. Torster explained the status of the project.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

The Mayor and Council and discussed the new dog park, flooding issues near Mt. Royal Avenue and Bel Air Avenue, the APG Centennial Gala, and other community activities.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 11:30 AM, Holiday Inn Express;
- Bus Shelter Ribbon Cutting, Thursday, October 26, 2017, 10 AM, MARC Station, 18 E. Bel Air Avenue;
- Aberdeen Fire Department Trunk or Treat, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017, 5 - 8 PM, 21 N. Rogers Street;
- Planning Commission Meeting, Wednesday., November 8, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers;
- Council Work Session, Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, 5:30 PM, 2nd Floor Conf. Room (tentative);
- Council Meeting, Monday, November 13, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers;
- Council Work Session, Monday, November 27, 2017, 5:30 PM, 2nd Floor Conf. Room;
- Council Meeting, Monday, November 27, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers.

#### **CLOSED MEETING:**

A motion was made by Mayor McGrady and seconded by Councilman Goodin to close the meeting under Statutory Authority to Close Session, 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, and (14) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process. The topic was contractual matters and discussions. **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.

**REOPEN MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was reopened at 9:50 p.m. Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.