

**CITY OF ABERDEEN**  
**Council Meeting**  
**October 24, 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 Councilman Taylor and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Landbeck.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 Council 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 Council Closed 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.

**STATEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING:**

The Mayor read the Statement of Closed Meeting: On October 10, 2016, the Mayor and Council held a regular Council Meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. All members voted by roll call in the affirmative to close the session.

At approximately 8:30 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 was Randy Robertson, City Manager; Henry Trabert, Chief of Police; and Monica Correll, City Clerk.

The session was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, 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; (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; and, (12) to conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct. The topic of the meeting was a personnel matter involving a City employee.

During this meeting, the Mayor and Council discussed a personnel matter involving a City employee. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:41 p.m.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Dr. Dianna G. Phillips, Ph.D., President, Harford Community College  
Dr. Phillips discussed initiatives for the future of the college and with the local community.
2. Aberdeen Heritage Trust Beautification Awards  
The Mayor and Ms. Judy Hinch, Heritage Trust member, presented Beautification Awards to: Wawa Store, 231 N. Philadelphia Boulevard; Christakis and Doxia Loizou, 551 Beards Hill Road; and Becky Preston, 955 Edmund Street, in appreciation of their participation in the beatification of the City.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

#### **Public Comments:**

- a. Mr. Mark Schlottman and Ms. Angela Johnson, Aberdeen Board of Elections: The members asked that the approval of the Resolution occur after the Board gave further input to the Council.
- b. Mr. Bob Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman commented that the polling time (7 AM to 8 PM) was inadequate for voters and that the candidates should contribute a fee toward a run-off election.
- c. Ms. Carol Bruce, Oak Street: Ms. Bruce inquired about the legal wording of the document.

The Mayor said that the City Attorney had commented on the Harford County Board of Elections opinions regarding Charter Resolution No. 16-CR-02, Resolving Electoral Tie Votes. The Aberdeen Board of Elections would be consulted before a vote was taken on the Resolution.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Ms. Judith Hinch, N. Rogers Street: Ms. Hinch commented that the City's first time event named, "Touch a Truck," involving the display of large City vehicles from the Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works was a success.

2. Mr. Mark Schlottman, Aberdeen Lions Club: Mr. Schlottman announced a fundraiser of the Lions Club.
3. Ms. Manuela Bassham, Morning Dove Ct.: Ms. Bassham informed the Council that the homeowners association for her neighborhood would be closed by the end of the year. The maintenance of the two stormwater ponds would be taken over by the City.
4. Ms. Judith Hinch, N. Rogers Street: Ms. Hinch announced that the Fire Department and Police Department would host a first time City event for Halloween called, "Truck or Treat".

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

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

The Mayor said that time was needed to review notes from the City Attorney and the Aberdeen Board of Elections before action was taken by the Council.

2. Ordinance No. 16-O-17, Forest Conservation

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to introduce Ordinance No. 16-O-17, Forest Conservation. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.** A public hearing would be scheduled for November 7, 2016.

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

Nays: None.

3. Ordinance No. 16-O-18, Amendment of FY 2017 Budget

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Goodin to introduce Ordinance No. 16-O-18, Amendment of FY 2017 Budget. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.** A public hearing would be scheduled for November 7, 2016.

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

Nays: None.

4. Ordinance No. 16-O-19, Amendment of FY 2016 Budget (5) (Emergency)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to introduce Ordinance No. 16-O-19, Amendment of FY 2016 Budget (5) (Emergency). **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 Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to suspend the prohibition against passing the ordinance at the meeting it was introduced for

Ordinance No. 16-O-19, Amendment of FY 2016 Budget (5) (Emergency). **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.

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to adopt Ordinance No. 16-O-19, Amendment of FY 2016 Budget (5) (Emergency). **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.

### **BUSINESS OF THE CITY:**

1. Unfinished Business - None
2. New Business – None
3. Updates from City Manager and Staff
  - The City Manager reported that he and Mr. Torster attended a Harford County Consolidated Transportation CPT (Capital Program Tour) Pre-Tour Meeting with SHA (State Highway Administration) in Bel Air. The topic of the APG Road was discussed. Another meeting regarding APG Road would be scheduled in November concerning right-of-way issues and repairs.
  - The Harford County Metropolitan Area Network (HMAN), high-speed broadband infrastructure, would be operative soon.
  - The City's electronic newspaper, The Advocate, had been released and input from the Council was needed.
  - Frito-Lay would make a major investment in their pretreatment area. DPW staff, especially Mr. George Skinner, Assistant Superintendent, Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant, have ensured compliance with the City's permit.
  - The Council was provided a draft agenda for the offsite to be held at the Holiday Inn Express on November 12, 2016. Dr. Eric Randall, PhD, retired colonel, and author, volunteered to attend the offsite.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

### **BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:**

1. Business from the City Council: Councilwoman Landbeck reported on the Planning Commission Meeting that she attended as the Council liaison. The Council commented on the "Touch a Truck" event, the Public Works Department's completion of road repairs this year, the Maryland Municipal League's Fall Conference, and the hotel tax appropriation.

2. Business from the Mayor: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Council Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7 PM

Next Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7 PM

Special Council Meeting: Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Council Offsite, Holiday Inn Express, 1007 Beards Hill Rd., Saturday, November 12, 2016, 8 AM

**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): (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; (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State; (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; and, (12) to conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct. For citations (1) (8) (12), the topic of the meeting was a personnel matter involving a City employee. For citation (4), the topic to be discussed was a contractual issue with an existing business. Chief Trabert would attend citations (1) (8) (12) and Mr. Torster would attend citation (4).

A motion was made by Mayor McGrady and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck 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 8:07 p.m.

**REOPEN MEETING:** The Council returned and reopened the meeting at 8:42 p.m. The Mayor announced that no action was taken at the meeting and that a Statement of Closed Meeting would be made at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.