

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
September 19, 2016**

Council Present: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman 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 Sarah Elliott, Wesleyan Chapel United Methodist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Steven Goodin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the minutes of the August 22, 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 Lindecamp and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016 Special Meeting. **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.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Fallen Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Employees Memorial & APG Technology, Heritage and Education Center – Mr. Charles Nietubicz , APG Centennial Celebration Association (ACCA)

Mr. Charles Nietubicz discussed the APG Centennial Celebration Association, the APG Technology Heritage and Education Center, and the APG Workforce Memorial. One of the current major efforts was the development and dedication of the APG Workforce Memorial to honor the people who gave their lives at APG in support of the research, development,

test, and evaluation mission carried out at APG since 1917. He asked for Council approval for the final memorial design, construction, and dedication ceremony.

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to grant nominal approval to proceed with the memorial plan by the ACCA to submit the final plans to the Council by November 1, 2016. **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.

2. B&O Train Depot, Festival Park, Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development, & 34 N. Phila. Blvd. – Mr. Ken Holt, Secretary of State, MD Dept. of Housing & Community Development

Mr. Ken Holt, Secretary of State, Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development said that the State of Maryland and the Department of Housing and Community Development were interested in the relocation of the train station to Festival Park to be part of a broader redevelopment plan along with the old high school for public use. Financial support was available from the State to approximately one million dollars. Council discussion followed.

3. FY2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) – Ms. Barbara Richardson, Harford County Dept. of Housing and Community Development

Ms. Richardson reported on the Draft FY2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Aberdeen would receive \$87,131 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for FY 2017. Council discussion followed about eligibility and use requirements.

4. Discussion on Current and Future Leases for 18 N. Howard Street – Mr. Robertson read a memo from the City Manager and the Director of Planning & Community Development to the Mayor and Council members dated September 15, 2016. The memo referenced letters dated August 9, 2016 addressed to the Aberdeen Room Museum and Archives and the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce from the City Manager. He clarified that a new lease was being prepared by the City Attorney because the lease had expired.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. Carolyn Jones, S. Rogers Street: Ms. Jones petitioned that the trash pickup be returned to Church Lane/Chapel Alley for residents of S. Rogers Street.
2. Mr. Brian Lynch, S. Rogers Street: Mr. Lynch was in support of returning the trash pickup to Church Lane/Chapel Alley for its residents.
3. Ms. Louise Costello, Bel Air: Ms. Costello announced the “Think Pink” events in Aberdeen to benefit breast cancer awareness.

4. Mr. Jon Livesey, Barkess Court, Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum Treasurer: Mr. Livesey commented on the Aberdeen Room lease matter.
5. Mr. Richard Foreman, S. Rogers Street: Mr. Foreman supported the Church Lane/Chapel Alley trash pick.
6. Mr. Brandon Pervis, S. Rogers Street: Mr. Pervis supported trash pick up on Church Lane/Chapel Alley and said that it added to the aesthetic value of the City.
7. Mr. Swisko, S. Rogers Street: Mr. Swisko supported the City's decision on trash pickup and wanted what was best for the welfare of the employees.
8. Ms. Kimberly Francis Dimeall, Liberty Street: Ms. Francis said that decisions should support what is best for the Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum. Festival Park used to be a burial site.
9. Ms. Molly Cronin Kelly, Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum: Ms. Kelly discussed a meeting that was held between the Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum and City representatives.
10. Ms. Nancy Merritt, Mt. Royal Avenue: Ms. Merritt expressed concern about lack of daycare due to stricter laws and also the lack of transportation to the Boys & Girls Club from the local schools for after-school care.
11. Former Councilwoman Ruth Elliott, Edmund Street: Councilwoman Elliott commented on miscommunication regarding the Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum.
12. Mr. Richard Herbig, Historical Society of Harford County: Mr. Herbig reported on the transfer of ownership of the B&O train station from the Historical Society of Harford County to the Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum in the near future. He asked that the resources of the State be focused on other areas. Relocation of the station would be expensive and the station may not withstand another move.
13. Ms. Charlotte Cronin, founder of the Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum: Ms. Cronin discussed the beginnings of the Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum and hoped that the relationship between the City of Aberdeen and the Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum continues.
14. Ms. Carol Bruce, Oak Street: Ms. Bruce said that citizens want transparency and want to be informed. She was concerned about the condition of the Post Office.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Charter Resolution No. 16-CR-01, Borrowing Authority – Notes

Mr. Robertson and Mr. Jack explained that this Resolution would provide authority for the City to take out a bank loan. This would be explained in more detail at the next Council Meeting.

2. The Mayor asked the City Attorney to draft a Charter Resolution to resolve electoral tie votes.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business

- a. Rules of Council Procedure – Postponed.
2. New Business None.
3. Updates from City Manager and Staff

The City Manager updated the Council on the status of the playground equipment. He and Mr. Torster attended a meeting with the State Highway Administration on the Rt. 22 project.

- a. Bid No. 17-11, Demolition of 21 N. Philadelphia Boulevard

Three bids were received by the Department of Planning and Community Development and recommendation was made for BARCO Enterprises, Inc., the lowest bidder.

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to award Bid No. 17-11, Demolition of 21 N. Philadelphia Boulevard to BARCO Enterprises, Inc., White Marsh, Maryland in the amount of \$32,490. **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.

- b. Bid No. 17-02, Ripken Stadium Railing Concrete Repair

One bid was received by the Public Works Department and recommendation was made for Whiting-Turner, Newark, Delaware.

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to award Bid No. 17-02, Ripken Stadium Railing Concrete Repair to Whiting-Turner, Newark, Delaware not to exceed \$358,000. **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.

- c. Bid No. 17-03, Ripken Stadium Railing Concrete Replacement

Three bids were received by the Public Works Department and recommendation was made for Tuttle-Dant Clayton, Corp., Fisher, Indiana, the lowest bidder.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to award Bid No. 17-03, Ripken Stadium Railing Concrete Replacement to Tuttle-Dant Clayton, Corp., Fisher, Indiana in the amount of \$635,590. **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. Ms. Caroline Jones, South Rogers Street: Ms. Jones asked about the cutting of dense foliage in Chapel Alley. Mr. Torster explained that the homeowner has the responsibility of overgrown vegetation.
2. Ms. Linda Baine, Mt. Royal Avenue: Ms. Baines commented on improving communication via the website, newsletters, Facebook, etc. on City events and matters.
3. Ms. Carol Bruce, Oak Street: Ms. Bruce commented negatively on the Parks and Recreation program . Councilman Lindecamp said that Parks and Recreation programs are a problem throughout the County.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council: The Council discussed the Ripken Stadium negotiations, mowing contracting, paving priorities, budget preparation, and having work sessions.
2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor said that the organization, Lifescouts, will retire approximately fifty American flags from the property of a citizen who lived on Beards Hill Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting: Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.