

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
June 3, 2013**

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Garner, 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 Pastor Robert Clipp from Grace United Methodist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Elliott.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the minutes of the following meetings: Business Meeting/Work Session dated May 6, 2013, Business Meeting/Work Session dated May 13, 2013, and the Council Meeting dated May 20, 2013.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Aberdeen High School, Science and Math Academy Mentee

Ms. Samara Miller, a student from Aberdeen High School Science and Math Academy, gave a presentation on her stormwater management project. She worked with Mr. Lapinsky as a student mentee.

2. Miss Utility Locator Awards

Mayor Bennett announced that Mr. Luther Hahn and Mr. Wayne Sargent from the Department of Public Works received the Miss Utility 2012 Locator Achievement Awards.

3. Aberdeen Police Department, Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge 2012, Runner Up Award

Chief Trabert, Sergeant Clark, and Corporal Gentile reported that the Aberdeen Police Department placed runner up in the Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge 2012. The award honors those who excel in traffic safety enforcement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Ordinance No. 13-O-03, Budget FY 2014 (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 13-O-03, Budget FY 2014.

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

2. Ordinance No. 13-O-04, Repeal of Security Cameras (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 13-O-04.

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

3. Ordinance No. 13-O-06, Sign Code Amendments (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve Ordinance No. 13-O-06, Sign Code Amendment.

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

4. Resolution No. 13-R-04, Annexation Plan, Presbyterian Homes/Bosworth (For Introduction)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 13-R-04, Annexation Plan, Presbyterian Homes/Bosworth.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business – None
2. New Business – None
3. Business from the Director of Planning & Community Development

Ms. Grover reported that the City was awarded two grants totaling \$93,000: \$35,000 for energy efficiency upgrades for low to moderate income families in Aberdeen, and \$57,000 for an energy audit of some of the City facilities.

- a. Beards Hill Park (Chick-fil-A), Third Revised Final Plat – Lot 1A, Final Plat – Lot 7

Mr. Dudley Campbell, Principal with Bay State Land Services, and Mr. Joseph Ucciferro, Civil Engineer, Boulder Engineering, presented information to the Mayor and City Council pertaining to the proposed Chick-fil-A, 1001 Beards Hill Road, at the corner of Beards Hill Road and MD Route 22.

Background on the site included the following: the Council approved the preliminary site plan in November, 2012; the Planning Commission reviewed the revised subdivision plat in May, 2012; the Department of Public Works and the Planning Commission comments had been addressed satisfactorily; the lot line would be adjusted to accommodate the lease area for the business; and the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the plat on May 15, 2013.

Mr. Ucciferro presented an exhibit pertaining to the proposed fire hydrant locations and connection locations to Ms. Grover to satisfy the Fire Department comments. He reported that the Police Department traffic safety concerns had been addressed. Plans had been submitted to State Highway and one access permit had been granted. He presented a letter from State Highway to Ms. Grover which indicated that State Highway standards had been met and that approval was granted conditioned on City approval. They are currently working on stormwater management concerns with City staff.

Council discussion followed and included their concerns about the traffic flow and the dangerous nature of the intersection.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve Beards Hill Park (Chick-fil-A), Third Revised Final Plat, Lot 1A, Final Plat – Lot 7.

The motion was passed with a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – no.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilman Garner

Nays: Councilwoman Young

4. Business from the Chief of Police

Chief Trabert reported on a future community policing event.

5. Business from the Director of Finance

a. FY 2013 Budget Amendment

Mr. Jack is requested an amendment to the FY 2013 Budget for the following:

- The General Fund budget to be increased by a total of \$18,722 for Body Armor for the police department (funded with a State grant), firing range maintenance (funded with contributions from other municipalities), and development code amendment (funded with a State grant).
- The Capital Projects Fund budget to be increased by a total of \$76,979 for Festival Park water feature (funded with a State grant), BRAC zone improvement projects (transfer to sewer fund for the Rigdon Road sewer project), and sidewalk improvements (funded with a State grant).

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the FY 2013 Budget Amendment.

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

6. Business from the Director of Public Works – None
7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller announced the following meeting schedule: a business meeting/work session on June 10, 2013; the June 17, 2013 business meeting/work session was cancelled; the Planning Commission work session scheduled for June 12, 2013 would be 3:00 p.m. and not 7:00 p.m. A Board of Appeals meeting was scheduled in June.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council members thanked the Police Department for their help and Mr. Lapinsky for his mentorship work. Comments, clarifications and reasons were given regarding the proposed Mayor and City Council salary increase.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett commented on the proposed salary increase and explained that the salary increase was intended for future elected officials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Business Meeting/Work Session: Monday, June 10, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. (New Time)
Business Meeting/Work Session scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2013 – Cancelled
Planning Commission Work Session: Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Board of Appeals Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.