

**City of Aberdeen
Business Meeting, Work Session
January 13, 2014**

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
Monica Correll, City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Bennett.

Business Meeting: Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business - None

Work Session

1. Presentation; Harford Regional Water and Sewer Authority
2. The Budget Amendment; Funding for Phase II of Water and Sewer Authority Study

Mayor Bennett gave a presentation on the following Harford Regional Water and Sewer Authority topics: water and sewer authority principles; areas of investigation; sources of information; existing water and sewer utility background; current water and sewer challenges; potential benefits for the political subdivisions and customers; future considerations; recommendations and next steps. The current advisory committee members were:

City of Aberdeen: Mayor Michael E. Bennett, Douglas Miller.

Town of Bel Air: Craig Ward

Harford County Government: Bruce McMillin, Jerry Wheeler

City of Havre de Grace: Garrett Lyttle, William Russell

The Council had in their possession for consideration, a copy of the "Memorandum of Understanding Between Harford County, Maryland, the City of Aberdeen, the City of Havre de Grace, and the Town of Bel Air Regarding Regional Water and Sewer Authority Study." It was pointed out by Mayor Bennett that there were many issues to be resolved before an agreement to join a regional water and sewer authority would be approved.

Mr. Tim Whitte, Harford County Director of Public Works, explained the five phases of the decision-making process during the study. The City would need to decide whether or not to move into Phase II and be part of the continuing study. Mr. Miller said that the City of Aberdeen would pay a portion of the shared cost of the study to participate in Phase II and that a budget amendment would be needed if the Council wished to proceed.

3. IBD (Integrated Business District) Changes

Mr. Miller asked the Council for their comments pertaining to changes in the (IBD) overlay zone of the development code, such as drive through restaurants, gas stations, and convenience stores located on the west side of I-95.

4. RV and Boat Storage

The Council was informed of a citizen poll on RV/boat regulations and was given a list of the key concepts for consideration. The Council discussed some of their concerns.

5. Election Law/Compensation Changes

Mr. Miller said that the City Attorney placed the election law changes and compensation changes into charter amendment and ordinance form. He briefly described them and asked the Council to review. The Charter Amendment Resolutions were: Mayor and Council Member Qualifications and Revisions to City's Electoral Process. The ordinances were: Campaign Finance and Mayor and Council Compensation.

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:00 p.m.