

**CITY OF ABERDEEN**  
**Council Work Session**  
**January 23, 2017**

**Council Present:** Councilman Goodin, Councilwoman Landbeck,  
Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor

**Absent:** Mayor Patrick McGrady

**Also Present:** Frederick Sussman, City Attorney  
Randy Robertson, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works (left 5:38 p.m.)  
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police  
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance (left 5:38 p.m.)  
Brenda Graham, Procurement Officer (left 5:38 p.m.)  
Monica Correll, City Clerk

The Work Session began 5:30 p.m. in the second floor administrative conference room.

Procurement Policy

Regarding Ordinance No. 16-O-23, A Procurement Policy; Mr. Robertson explained the proposed changes to the Procurement Policy made by the City Attorney and that they were administrative in nature rather than substantive.

Closed Meeting Change

The Council discussed the closed meeting which was scheduled at the end of the Council Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. that evening. The four members of the Council concurred with the City Attorney and the City Manager to hold the closed meeting at the end of this work session.

Reclassification Request Discussion

Mr. Sussman discussed the role of the Council in conducting a proceeding for a property owner initiated application for a property reclassification. He also discussed State laws, the City Code §235-13, a memorandum from the former City Manager dated May 6, 2015 about the Council's role in rezoning proceedings, the rules of procedure for conduct of zoning map amendment hearing, and post-hearing procedures. He advised the Council to have backup procedures for a mayor pro tem or vice mayor.

Closed Meeting Announcement

Councilman Lindecamp announced the closing of the meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (7) to

consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter, and (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. The topic of the meeting under citations (7) and (8) was a pending lawsuit. The topic of the meeting under citation (7) was to consult the City Attorney regarding a possible tax issue.

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to move into closed meeting in the 2nd floor administrative conference room. **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 – absent.**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Mayor McGrady.

The Council proceeded into closed meeting at approximately 6:27 p.m. and later adjourned at 6:47 p.m.