

**CITY OF ABERDEEN**  
**Council Meeting**  
**July 10, 2017**

**Council Present:** Mayor Patrick McGrady  
Councilman Steven Goodin  
Councilman Timothy Lindecamp  
Councilman Melvin Taylor

**Absent:** Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck

**Also Present:** Randy Robertson, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Taylor Whichard, City Engineer  
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police  
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 Mr. Rob Armstrong, Living Hope Presbyterian Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Steven Goodin.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the following minutes. **The motion was passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 – absent.**

Closed Meeting, June 5, 2017  
Closed Meeting, June 16, 2017  
Council Meeting, June 16, 2017  
Closed Meeting, June 20, 2017

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin  
Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilwoman Landbeck.

**STATEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING FOR JUNE 20, 2017:**

On Tuesday, June 20, 2017, the Mayor and Council held a regularly scheduled Council Meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. All members voted by roll call in the affirmative to close the meeting.

At approximately 7:50 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 were: Randy Robertson, City Manager; Opiribo Jack, Finance Director; and Shawn Donald, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The topic was contract discussions.

During this meeting, the Mayor and Council discussed a contract matter. No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Introduction of New Staff  
The City Manager announced the following newly hired employees: Denise Hartzell, Administrative Assistant; Martina Capelli, Code Enforcement Officer; Tyra Garrison, Plant Operator; and Chance Lankenau, Maintenance Trainee.
2. SR 22 Update by District, Wendy Wolcott, State Highway Administration  
Representatives from the State Highway Administration gave a construction update and answered questions from the Council and the public. Attendees included: Wendy Wolcott, District Engineer; Jesse Free, Asst. District Engineer Construction; Tom Briggs, Area Engineer Construction; Amy Andrews, Project Engineer Construction; and Jeff Schroeder, Project Engineer Construction. Final traffic configuration at Beards Hill was expected to be completed at the end of July or early August pending weather and utility issues. After Phase 1 and 2, surfacing for the entire project would be completed.
3. Economic Development Update, Tom Fidler, MacKenzie Commercial Real Estate  
Mr. Fidler briefed the Council on the marketing of the properties located at 102 North Rogers Street (former Moose Lodge) and 34 North Philadelphia Boulevard (former Aberdeen High School). He also discussed a retail marketing strategy plan for Aberdeen. Council discussion followed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Mr. Richard Butler, North Philadelphia Boulevard: Mr. Butler commented on the condition of a vacant building 122 North Philadelphia Boulevard.
2. Mr. James Hudson, West Bel Air Avenue: Mr. Hudson reported on the condition of the drinking water dispensed at his location.

3. Ms. Carol Bruce, Oak Street: Ms. Bruce discussed Parks and Recreation matters and also for proper notification during utility work for residents.
4. Mr. Bob Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman reported on lights left on late at night at the skate park.
5. Ms. Joyce Woods, Carol Avenue: Ms. Woods commented in favor of the petition against the Charter Amendment Resolution 17-CR-01.
6. Ms. Ann Malane, Carol Avenue: Ms. Malane spoke about a code enforcement issue at the Sunnyside Drive property.
7. Ms. Wilma Nowosielski, Old Robinhood Road: Ms. Nowosielski stated that she was opposed to Charter Amendment Resolution 17-CR-01. Councilman Lindecamp answered that the Charter Amendment Resolution restored the balance of power.

### **LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. Ordinance No. 17-O-12, Grading and Erosion and Sediment Control Code

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to adopt Ordinance No. 17-O-12, Grading and Erosion and Sediment Control Code. **The motion was passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 – absent.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin  
Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilwoman Landbeck.

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

- a. Unfinished Business: None.
- b. New Business: None.
- c. Updates from City Manager and Staff

Mr. Robinson reported that the City was trying to step up the pace of code enforcement. The Council's Goal and Visioning Session was scheduled on August 12, 2017 and the facilitator, Dr. Eric Randall, would be sending the Council preparation work. He also reported that the bus pads had been completed and the shelters were expected to be installed in 10-12 weeks. A budget amendment would be needed for additional costs of the bus pads and for additional expenses on police cars. Harford County was expected to contribute funds toward the bus pads. He said that Secretary Holt was still interested in the old train station.

- a. Use of CDBG Funds Allocated by Harford County Government

Ms. Grover briefed the Council on the availability of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) and proposed use of the funds for sidewalk repairs on East Bel Air Avenue.

The Mayor said that he and the Council needed more time to consider the use of the CDBG funds and delayed action until further consideration. Ms. Grover was asked to forward all qualifying projects to the Council for review.

b. DPW, Surplus Vehicle

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve the surplus of Old Unit #14, 2003 Ford F-450, VIN# 1FDXF47P13EC61762. **The motion was passed by a vote of 4 – yes; 0 – no; 1 – absent.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin  
Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Councilwoman Landbeck.

c. 102 North Rogers Street (former Moose Lodge)

The City Manager asked the Mayor and Council for their input on a property offer. The Mayor informed the Council that the City received a letter of intent for acquiring the property located at 102 North Rogers Street in the amount of \$200,000, contingent on the condition that the City approved rezoning to qualify for a place of worship. Council discussion followed. The Council was in agreement that they were not interested in the offer at that time due to the rezoning it would require.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:**

1. Business from the Council Members: The Council extended thoughts and prayers to Councilwoman Landbeck and her family upon a recent family accident.

Councilman Lindecamp stated that the signatures on the Charter Amendment Resolution petition amounted to about 6% of the voting population of the City; some were not properly registered and some were for the post office ramp petition. He suggested that the citizens should make the decision on the type of government for the City. He discussed the following matters: pothole issues, signs needed for pedestrian safety, an ROTC program for schools, consideration of rental licenses, finding money for the sewer plant, and the Stadium contract negotiations. He said that he regretted signing a recent letter sent to Ripken representatives and would rather pursue a mutual agreement approach.

Councilman Taylor stated he toured Ripken Stadium and hoped negotiations would work out. He carried Aberdeen's flag at the Maryland Municipal League Conference opening ceremonies.

2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor reported on the efforts and phone calls in support of installing a handicap ramp at the Aberdeen Post Office. He said that all congressional representatives were informed and that a meeting would be convened on the matter. He also said that curb painting improvements were being considered for the City and contract negotiations were continuing with the tenant at the City-owned baseball stadium.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Work Session: Monday, July 24, 2017, 5:30 PM, 2nd Floor Conference Room (TBD)

Council Meeting: Monday, July 24, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers

Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers

Events

Aberdeen Farmers Market, July 20, 2017, 4-7 PM, Festival Park

Third Fridays, July 21, 2017, 6 PM, Festival Park

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.