

CITY OF ABERDEEN
Council Meeting
June 5, 2017

Council Present: Mayor Patrick McGrady
Councilman Steven Goodin
Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck
Councilman Timothy Lindecamp
Councilman Melvin Taylor

Absent: None

Also Present: Randy Robertson, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance
Monica Correll, City Clerk

Mayor McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was delivered by Councilman Melvin Taylor and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Timothy Lindecamp.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Closed Meeting minutes of May 8, 2017 were 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. Update from APG Garrison Commander, Col. James E. Davis and Recognition of His Departure

Mayor McGrady and the City Manager presented a plaque to Col. James E. Davis thanking him for his service and support for the City during his time in the area.

2. Capstone Project

Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School graduate, Michael Collins, presented the data he collected for his Capstone Project on Aberdeen's trash collection process with the goal of saving money.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Ms. Jackie Smith, Aberdeen Avenue: Ms. Smith expressed her concern for the safety of children in the Swan Meadows area due to speeders.
2. Mr. Thomas Snier, Aberdeen Avenue: Mr. Snier discussed drug activities in the area.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Ordinance No. 17-O-11, Budget FY 2017-2018

A motion was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Goodin to adopt Ordinance No. 17-O-11, Budget FY 2017-2018. **The motion was passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.**

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

Nays: None.

2. Resolution No. 17-R-04, Supporting the Community Legacy Application (1)

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to introduce Resolution No. 17-R-04, Supporting the Community Legacy Application (1). **The motion was passed 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 Councilman Taylor to adopt Resolution No. 17-R-04, Supporting the Community Legacy Application (1).

The motion was passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.

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

Nays: None.

3. Resolution No. 17-R-05, Supporting the Community Legacy Application (2)

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to introduce Resolution No. 17-R-05, Supporting the Community Legacy Application (2).

The motion was passed 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 Councilman Taylor to adopt Resolution No. 17-R-05, Supporting the Community Legacy Application (2)

The motion was passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.

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

Nays: None.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business: None.

2. New Business:

a. Council Discussion on Vision and Goals

The Council talked about setting up a date to discuss their vision and goals. The Mayor shared his vision for the City.

3. Updates from City Manager and Staff

The City Manager reported on a refuse workers meeting, the school crossing guards' recognition luncheon, the success of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Workers Memorial, and the status on the Rte. 22 project.

a. Discussion on the Acquisition of Tax Credit Properties in Aberdeen by Enterprise Homes, Inc.

Ms. Christine Madigan, Executive Vice President, Enterprise Homes, Inc. explained that Council consent was required for the transfer of assets from the Shelter Group Affiliate to Enterprise Homes Affiliate.

A motion was made by Councilman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve transfer of assets from the Shelter Group Affiliate to Enterprise Homes Affiliate. **The motion was 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: There were no public comments.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

Business from the Council Members and Business from the Mayor:

Councilman Taylor discussed a petition letter generated by Mayor McGrady for signatures against Charter Amendment Resolution 17-CR-01, Revisions to the City's Structure of Government and stood by his vote in favor of the Resolution saying that it was for the good of the community. Councilwoman Landbeck added that she voted in favor of this Resolution based on whether it was good for the citizens, good for employees, and the right thing to do. She explained that the Resolution did not change the current form of government, the Council-Manager form of government. The Resolution changed two functions of the Mayor, separating the branches of government. The Mayor should not be legislative and executive at the same time; he should not create the budget and then vote on it. The Resolution clarified a third matter, the appointment of volunteers still remained with the Mayor; but he should seek the advice of the Council. Councilman Lindecamp agreed and validated this with comparisons to other local governments. Mayor McGrady said that the powers of the mayor were removed and given to the Council which, therefore, changed the form of government. He sent the letter to the public because he believed the citizens should have a say in the matter at the polls.

The Council commented on Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School Capstone Projects, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Workers Memorial Dedication, and the Memorial Day Ceremony in Veterans Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers
- Council Work Session: Monday, June 19, 2017, 5:30 PM, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- Council Meeting: Monday, June 19, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers
- APD Community Policing Event, Saturday, June 10, 2017, 10 AM - 2 PM, Victory Park
- Aberdeen Farmers Market, Thursday, June 15, 2017, 4 - 7 PM, Festival Park
- Third Fridays, June 16, 2017, 6 PM, Festival Park

CLOSED MEETING:

At approximately 8:14 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor McGrady and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to close the meeting 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; and (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. The topic for closing was an update on contractual discussions. **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.

REOPEN AND ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor and Council reopened the meeting at 8:51 p.m. and being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.