

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
June 8, 2015**

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Smith, and Councilwoman Young

Absent: None

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works (DPW)
Chief Henry Trabert, Aberdeen Police Department
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 delivered by Mayor Bennett and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Smith.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 18, 2015, and the Business Meeting, Work Session held on June 1, 2015.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation – Heidi Bumba, Maryland Rural Water Association Clerk of the Year Award

Mayor Bennett congratulated Ms. Heidi Bumba for being the recipient of the 2015 Maryland Rural Water Association (MRWA) Clerk of the Year Award at the MWRA Conference held on May 4-6, 2015. He noted that this was for her outstanding performance as an Administrative Assistant for the Department of Public Works, Water and Wastewater.

2. Proclamation for Bob Evans Restaurant - Aberdeen Lioness Lions Club

Mayor Bennett presented a proclamation to Mr. Gary Horner, the General Manager of the Aberdeen Bob Evans Restaurant, in recognition of their community service. Mr. Horner was also given a plaque from the Aberdeen Lioness Lions Club by their president, Brenda Conjour.

3. Aberdeen Lions Club Earth Day Contribution

Mr. Mark Schlottman of the Aberdeen Lions Club presented a \$500 contribution to the City of Aberdeen to benefit the Earth Day Committee.

4. Heritage Trust Beautification Awards

Mayor Bennet and Ms. Judy Hinch, a member of the Aberdeen Heritage Trust, presented awards to the owners of 66 Liberty Street; Pat's Pizzeria; 370 Stratford Avenue; Tarring-Cargo Funeral Home for beautification work on their properties.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Tim Wills, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County, Aberdeen, Maryland: Mr. Wills announced that the Boys & Girls Clubs' corporate headquarters were relocated to 15 South Parke Street in Aberdeen and that the swim club was opened for the season.
2. Ms. Carol Bruce, Oak Street: Ms. Bruce addressed the needs of the Parks and Recreation program and suggested a task force.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 15-R-01, Harford Family House Project (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced the resolution. A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve Resolution No. 15-R-01, Harford Family House Project.

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

2. Resolution No. 15-R-03, LASOS, Inc. Project (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced the resolution. A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Resolution No. 15-R-03, LASOS, Inc. Project.

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

3. Resolution No. 15-R-04, Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County Project (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced the resolution. A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve Resolution No. 15-R-04, Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County Project.

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

4. Resolution No. 15-R-05, SARC, Inc. Project (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced the resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Resolution No. 15-R-05, SARC, Inc. Project.

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

5. Ordinance No. 15-O-05, Budget FY 2015-2016 (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. Budget FY 2015-2016.

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

6. Resolution No. 15-R-06, Pomeroy Rezoning Request (For Introduction and Adoption)

Cancelled from the agenda.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business – None
2. New Business - None
3. Business from Director of Planning & Community Development
 - a. Community Legacy Façade Award – Silbaugh Memorials

Ms. Grover explained that Silbaugh Memorials, located at 105 South Philadelphia Road, applied to Aberdeen's Development Façade Improvement Program. The Architectural Review Committee had reviewed and endorsed the application. The recommended amount was for \$15,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the Community Legacy Façade Award in the amount of \$15,000 to Silbaugh Memorials.

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

4. Business from Chief of Police - None
5. Business from Director of Finance
 - a. FY 2015 Budget Amendment

Mr. Jack requested an amendment to the FY 2015 budgets for the General and Capital Projects Funds.

General Fund budget increase by a net total of \$673,000 for the following:

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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| General Fund Contingency | \$ (20,000) | Transfer to Senior Center Operations |
| Senior Center Operations (for HVAC repairs) | 20,000 | Transfer from General Fund Contingency |
| City Hall Security Upgrade | 90,000 | Funded with Fund Balance |
| Transfer to Capital Projects Fund (for Street Resurfacing | <u>583,000</u> | Funded with Fund Balance |
| Total | <u>\$673,000</u> | |

Capital Projects Fund budget increase by a total of \$583,000 for the following:

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Street Resurfacing | <u>\$ 583,000</u> | Transfer from General Fund |
| Total | <u>\$ 583,000</u> | |

The City Manager explained that the Hillcrest Paving Project went over budget due to unexpected sidewalk, curb, and gutter expenses. BRAC zone money in the amount of \$68,000 was returned to the State due to an accounting error made by the State.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve the FY 2015 Budget Amendment for the General Fund budget increase by a net total of **\$673,000** and the Capital Projects Fund budget increase in the amount of **\$583,000**.

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

6. Business from Director of Public Works - None

7. Business from City Manager - None

BUSINESS OF COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council – Councilwoman Young encouraged citizens to volunteer and apply for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board.
2. Business from the Mayor – Mayor Bennett thanked the Council and staff for their budget work. The hotel tax made it possible to reduce the property tax by two cents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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| Planning Commission Meeting: | Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. |
| Next Council Meeting: | Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. |

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The motion carried.