City of Aberdeen Business Meeting, Work Session May 11, 2015

Council Present:	Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Smith, and Councilwoman Young
Council Absent:	None
Staff:	Douglas Miller, City Manager Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development Monica Correll, City Clerk Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

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

A. Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business - None

B. Work Session

1. Review of Rezoning Request

Mr. Miller explained the Council's role in the rezoning request proceedings for 727 and 811 Old Philadelphia Road. The role of the Council changed from a legislative body to a quasi-judicial role and decisions would be based on the facts and opinions as presented to them. Evidence given to the Council: March 23, 2015 Council Meeting minutes, a slide presentation from the applicant, a staff report from the Department of Planning and Community Development dated March 5, 2015, and Planning Commission minutes dated February 11, 2015. Ms. Grover recapped the history and current details. The Council mutually agreed that they needed more time to review the matter.

2. Floodplain Open House

Ms. Grover reported that the Harford County was hosting a FEMA Flood Risk Open House scheduled for May 14, 2015 at Harford Community College to discuss preliminary flood maps and flood insurance options. The City was partnering with the County and this was one of the first steps in a lengthy process.

C. Other Business

1. Election Dates: Mr. Miller explained that there have been significant changes to the election requirements. The City Clerk provided the following election information:

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Important Election Dates

Voting

Election Day:Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for One Mayor and Four Council SeatsVoting Place:Aberdeen Senior Center, 7 Franklin StreetPolls:Open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Candidates

Candidate Filing Start Date: Monday, August 31, 2015. Filing Deadline: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. sharp. Candidate Withdrawal Deadline: Friday, October 2, 2015 (must be in writing). Candidate Packages available starting on Monday, August 3, 2015. Financial Disclosure Forms for 2014 will be required.

Voters

Voter Registration Applications and Absentee Ballot Applications: Available in City Hall Lobby and on City's website, <u>www.aberdeen-md.org</u>.

Voter Application Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Absentee Application Deadline: Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Return to: Harford County Board of Elections, 133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050.

Absentee Ballots: Mail or return to Aberdeen City Hall. Deadline for Absentee Ballots: November 3, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

Post-Election

Certified Official Results:	Friday, November 6, 2015 by 12:00 p.m.
Swearing-in Ceremony:	City Hall Council Chambers,
	Monday, November 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

2. Other

The Mayor made the following announcements:

May 18:	Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
May 25:	Memorial Day Celebration (Veterans Memorial Park)
June 1:	Business Meeting/Work Session at 4:00 p.m.
June 8:	Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
June 28-July 1:	Maryland Municipal League Conference
July 20:	Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.