

**CITY OF ABERDEEN**  
**Council Meeting**  
**May 22, 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  
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works  
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police  
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance  
Shawn Donald, Recording Secretary

Mayor McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was delivered by Pastor Don Dove, Living Hope Presbyterian Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Steven Goodin.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None.

**STATEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING, MAY 8, 2017**

On May 8, 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 9:23 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; Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning & Community Development; Kyle Torster, Director of DPW, and Monica Correll, City Clerk.

The meeting was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State; (8) to consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about

pending or potential litigation; and (14) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process. The topic, under citation (1), was about a personnel matter involving a City employee. The topic, under citations (4) and (8), was an update on a contractual discussion. The topic, under citation (14), was about a contract presentation.

During this meeting, the Mayor and Council met with the City Manager and the appropriate staff for discussion purposes. No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:44 p.m.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. The Honorable Patrick S. Vincenti, Harford County Council, Aberdeen's 125th Anniversary

Mayor McGrady received proclamations and a plaque commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Aberdeen from Councilman Patrick S. Vincenti, Council President Richard Slutzky, Legislative Aid Samantha Harris, Harford County Executive Barry Glassman, State Senator Robert G. Cassilly, Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti, Mr. Gregory Pizzuto of Visit Harford, Captain Harry R. Jobes, and Captain Jobes' sons, Mr. Bobby Jobes, Mr. Charles Jobes, and Mr. Joey Jobes.

Proclamations were also presented by Mayor McGrady, Mr. Gregory Pizzuto, Harford County Executive Barry Glassman, Senator Robert G. Cassilly, and Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti to Captain Jobes in recognition of his decoy carvings and promotion of Harford County tourism.

2. Aberdeen Police Department Crime Busters, Chief Trabert

Chief Trabert, Lt. Will Reiber, and Assistant Jennifer Liberto presented a slide show about a new, social media-based initiative called the Aberdeen Crime Busters to help solve crimes with the help of the community.

3. Harford Family House Award to the Aberdeen Police Department

A representative from Harford Family House presented a certificate of appreciation to the Aberdeen Police Department for their time and energy for Harford Family House and the families that they serve.

4. Follow Up to Status and Way Forward of Route 22, State Highway Administration

Representatives from the State Highway Administration included Ms. Wendy Wolcott, District Engineer; Jim Ports, Jr., Deputy Secretary of Transportation; Jesse Free, Asst. District Engineer; Tom Briggs, Area Engineer; Amy Andrews, Construction Coordinator;

John Vananzo, Traffic Operations; Jeff Schroeder, P.E.; and Cornelius Barmer, Highway Development Noise Abatement.

Mr. Ports summarized the basic schedule and timeline for three projects along MD State Route 22. SHA clarified that the projects were fully funded.

- Rt. 22 at Paradise Road Project: Notice to proceed was given on 4-21-15. The original completion date was estimated for 10-1-17. Completion was now expected to be late 2017; two months later than anticipated.
- Rt. 22 at Beards Hill Road Project: Notice to proceed was given 8-1-14. The original completion date was estimated on 10-1-17. Completion was now expected to be in the spring of 2018; six months later than anticipated.
- Rt. 22 at Old Post Project: Notice to proceed was given 12-9-13. The original completion date was estimated for 11-30-15. The project was completed on 12-14-16.

The SHA representatives addressed questions from a previous Council meeting about Beards Hill Road south side (near McDonald's Restaurant) and north side (near Chick-fil-A), Paradise Road, and Middeton Road. The following improvements were made: markings on road ways, directional arrows on turn lanes, better signal timing and cycles, improved configuration for lane closures, "no turn" signs and signs indicating that businesses were open were added. Traffic patterns were being monitored and details from car accidents would be evaluated. Extending the noise barrier would need to be approached as a separate project. Two through lanes at the intersection of Beards Hill and State Rte. 22, in both directions were scheduled to be finished mid-summer. The median work needed to be finished for the project to be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018.

Questions and concerns from the public followed regarding a natural noise abatement barrier, changing construction work hours, contractor accountability, creative solutions, and relief to area businesses during construction.

SHA remarked that the changing of construction working times and nightly lane closures was a challenge for the contractor. They explained that a barrier extension study was underway which might be completed by October 1, 2017. Funding for this was a separate process and depended on the Secretary.

Senator Cassilly suggested using an online tool or communication piece for the community to access construction updates. SHA asked that a business group be organized for discussion purposes. Aberdeen Proving Ground should be informed about the traffic improvements for the benefit of the businesses.

## 5. New Sewer Truck, Kyle Torster

A representative from Maryland Industrial Trucks explained the features and capabilities of the new combination sewer jet truck purchased by the City.

The Mayor called for a break between 9:17 p.m. to 9:25 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Ordinance No. 17-O-11, Budget FY 2017-2018
  - a. Mr. Robert Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman inquired about the budget surplus. Mr. Jack responded that the surplus information would be available in the financial statement released at the end of the fiscal year.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Ms. Alberta Barnes, Washington Street: Ms. Barnes commented on a memorial; three unused lots on Washington Street in poor condition; and the lack of handicap parking spaces at Walmart.
2. Mr. Kirk Salvo, Baltimore County: Mr. Salvo expressed his support of the extension of Middelton Road and commented on the Route 22 construction.
3. Ms. Tandra Ridgley, Woodland Green: Ms. Ridgley expressed her opposition to Charter Resolution Amendment No. 17-CR-01, Revisions to City's Structure of Government.
4. Ms. Betty (no last name), unknown address: Expressed concern for speeding in Swan Meadows and commented on the memorial.

#### **LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. Ordinance No. 17-O-11, Budget FY 2017-2018: Postponed to the next meeting.
2. Ordinance No. 17-O-12, Grading and Erosion and Sediment Control Code

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

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

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

1. Unfinished Business: None.

2. New Business: None.
3. Updates from City Manager and Staff

The City Manager reported on community events. He said that there would be a change of command at APG and Colonel James Davis would make his last report at the next meeting.

- a. Preliminary Site Plan for 783 West Bel Air Avenue

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for 783 West Bel Air Avenue. **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes, 1 – absent; 0 – no.**

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

- b. Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with the City of Aberdeen and Aberdeen Commons, LLLP (PILOT)

Postponed to the next meeting.

- c. Year-To-Date Financial Report

The Mayor and Council received the Year-To-Date Financial Report from Mr. Jack.

- d. Professional Engineering Services, Middleton Road Extension

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Taylor to approve an agreement for Professional Engineering Services with CNA, LLC with a cost of \$89,730. Funds to be approved for this work under the Capital Improvement Budget submitted for FY18 by the Department of Public Works. Council discussion followed. **The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes, 1 – absent; 0 – no.**

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

- e. 102 North Rogers Street

The Mayor and Council decided not to close the meeting. A potential contract for 102 North Rogers Street (the former Moose Lodge) was pending and the applicant, Mr. Jared Noe, needed a letter of intent as a condition of financing. Council discussion followed

regarding other bidders. The City Manager said there was a possibility of one from a church. It was noted that the property was not zoned for this and would require a waiver.

It was decided to postpone a decision to approve acceptance of the Letter of Intent as prepared by the City Attorney in order for the Council to review the applicant's financial documents and address other concerns.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:**

1. Business from the Council Members: Councilman Taylor commented on the APG Live Fire event. Councilman Mr. Lindecamp read a statement about his work as a Councilperson to clarify his actions and his decisions.
2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor said that the Post Office would provide assistance for those with disabilities by arrangements in advance. He read the announcements.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers

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

Events:

Memorial Day Service, May 29, 11:00 AM, Veterans Memorial Park

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, City Hall Closed

APG Fallen Workers Memorial Dedication & Ceremony, Wed., May 31, 11 AM, Festival Park

Aberdeen Farmers Market, Thursday, June 1, 4 -7 PM, Festival Park

APD Community Policing Event, Saturday, June 10, 10-2 PM, Victory Park

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.