

City of Aberdeen
Business Meeting, Work Session
May 4, 2015

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

Council Absent: Councilwoman Elliott

Staff: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance
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. Finance

- a) FY 16 Budget: Mr. Miller reviewed the FY 16 Budget priorities. Of special note was that the real estate taxes would reduce from \$.68 per \$100 of assessed value to \$.66 per \$100 of assessed value, core municipal services would be well-maintained, and the budget was balanced.
- b) Bond Refunding: The City decided to postpone refinancing the debt until late summer or fall.

2. Legislative

- a) Session Wrap-up: Mr. Miller reported that the Legislative Session in Annapolis had ended. Legislation to help with costs associated with the Rt. 22 expansion did not pass but a letter would be sent to State Highway Administration asking them to work with the City. The City will receive a \$500,000 bond bill to use toward the safety needs at Ripken Stadium. There was an increase in highway user revenues to Aberdeen.
- b) 2016 Maryland Municipal League Legislative Priorities – The next Maryland State Assembly was scheduled to start in January, 2016. However, the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee would start its work on municipal priorities in July, 2015.

3. General

- a) Miscellaneous Project Update: Mr. Miller reported that:
 - a wellness lecture was scheduled and the Council was invited;
 - security would be increased in City Hall;
 - construction was scheduled within City Hall;
 - the Wellhead Protection concerns were being reviewed by the City Attorney;
 - the Moose Lodge clean-out was almost complete;

- the City bought a structure on 25 N. Philadelphia Road;
- the command vehicle retrofit would be completed during June;
- 19 officers were deployed to Baltimore City;
- the ATC annexation would become active again;
- the definition of “carriage homes” in the zoning code was being worked on;
- City staff and State Highway staff were working on the Rt. 40 project complications.

C. Other Business

The Mayor made the following announcements:

May 11:	Business Meeting/Work Session at 4:00 p.m.
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

Adjournment: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.