

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
September 24, 2012**

Present: Mayor Michael E. Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck,
and Councilwoman Young

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott, Councilman Garner

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Matthew Lapinsky, Director of Public Works
Lt. Anthony Burke, Aberdeen Police Department (“APD”)
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 led by Apostle Dianne Welsh, Breath of God Christian Fellowship and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Landbeck.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2012 Council meeting as submitted.

The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young.

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Garner.

The Statement of Closed Meeting on September 17, 2012 was read by the City Clerk.

Statement of Closed Meeting:

On September 17, 2012, the Mayor and Council held a regularly scheduled meeting/work session in Council Chambers which began at 4:00 p.m. All members voted by roll call in the affirmative to close the meeting.

At approximately 4:35 p.m., a closed meeting was convened by the Mayor and Council in the second floor administrative conference room. Members present were: Mayor Michael E. Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilman Bruce Garner, Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck, and Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young. Also in attendance was Douglas Miller, City Manager.

The session was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-508(a): (14) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation 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.

During this meeting, the Mayor and Council were given draft annexation agreements for 830 Gilbert Road, LLC and Aberdeen Technology Campus, LLC for review, discussion purposes, and formulation of the annexation agreements. No actions were taken during this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Jim Phillips, Stratford Avenue;

Mr. Phillips reported on the high grass near the Hillsdale pumping station.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 12-R-12, Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund Project (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced and read Resolution No. 12-R-12, Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Resolution No. 12-R-12, Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund Project.

The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young.

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Garner.

2. Ordinance No. 12-O-10, Chapter 210, Building Construction Standards (For Adoption)

The following amendments were proposed by Mayor Bennett.

- (6) Section 82-2B(10) (referenced IBC items 1 and 15) of Harford County Bill No. 11-51 are deleted, **AS ALL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR ZONING PURPOSES.**

(7) Chapter 1, Part 2, Sections 105.2.1, 105.2.2, and 105.2.6 of the 2012 IBC are deleted, **AS ALL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, FENCES, AND DRIVEWAYS REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR ZONING PURPOSES.**

A motion was made by Mayor Bennett and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 12-O-10, Chapter 210, Building Construction Standards.

The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young.

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Garner.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 12-O-12, Chapter 210, Building Construction Standards as amended.

The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young.

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Garner.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business - None

2. New Business

A. Appointments

Mayor Bennett nominated Mr. Mark Schlottman to be reappointed to a 5- year term on the Planning Commission.

The nomination was passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young.

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Garner.

3. Business from the Director of Planning and Community Development – None

4. Business from the Chief of Police – Chief Trabert was not in attendance.

Lt. Anthony Burke, who substituted for Chief Trabert, reported that the funeral of Detective Mark Franklin would take place at Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, Maryland on September 25th.

5. Business from the Director of Finance – Mr. Jack was not in attendance.

6. Business from the Director of Public Works

A. Leaf Vacuum Truck Purchase

Mr. Lapinsky submitted a request for the purchase of a Leaf Vacuum Truck. City personnel have inspected this vehicle and only one employee will be needed to operate this equipment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the purchase of a Leaf Vacuum Truck from the Virginia Truck Center of Chester, Virginia in the amount of \$140,414.

The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young.

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott, and Councilman Garner.

Mr. Lapinsky stated that the street sweeper schedule is being revised and a new one will be available soon.

He also reported that a member of Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc. and also Frederick Ward Associates devoted time with the student mentee who was from the Aberdeen High School Science and Mathematics Academy. Mr. Lapinsky also took this student to Penn State to view some of their storm water management projects.

7. Business from the City Manager

A. APG Vehicle Purchase

Mr. Miller reported that the City is in need of three one-ton pickup trucks with an extended cab and snow plow. Estimates have been received and he recommends Apple Ford in the amount of \$43,580 per vehicle for the lowest compliant bid. No City funds will be used for this purchase; Aberdeen Proving Ground (“APG”) will provide total funding.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the APG Vehicle Purchase of three one-ton pickup trucks with an extended cab and snow plow in the amount of \$43,580 per vehicle.

The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young.

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Garner.

- B. Mr. Miller stated that the APG water system is deficient for water storage. The next five-year City plan for APG will eliminate the Chapel Hill Plant which has continued for many years to serve APG. A rehabilitative plant on APG will be activated and a water tower is needed. He recommended the low bid from CBI, Inc. in the amount of \$1,898,660. The Mayor added that these are federal funds.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve an APG Budget Request for design and build .5 MG Water Tower, APG Bid Number APG WTP 10-7. It was recommended that the order be placed with CBI, Inc. in the amount of \$1,898,660.

The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young.

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Garner.

Mr. Miller stated that September 27th is the APG Oktoberfest opening night and is also Aberdeen Night.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The City Council reflected on the loss of members of the Aberdeen Police Department and extended their condolences. They reported on their meetings and activities.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett announced that the City Sustainable Community Committee will be organized to work on certification to form a Green Team in conjunction with Aberdeen High School Students. Volunteers are needed for this organization.

Mayor Bennett attended the funeral of Officer First Class Charles Armetta. He announced the passing of Detective Mark Franklin, CSI from an illness. He extended sympathy to their families and friends and said that both men will be missed by the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Work Session: Monday, October 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

APG Oktoberfest, September 27 – 30, September 27 was Aberdeen Night.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes and 2 – absent.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young.

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Garner.

<p><i>Legend: BOLD CAPITALIZATION denotes addition. STRIKETHROUGH denotes deletion.</i></p>
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