

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
September 12, 2011**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Matthew Lapinsky, Director of Public Works
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police
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 led by Pastor Melvin Taylor of the Word of Faith Outreach Ministries and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Garner.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2011 meeting as submitted.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Appearance & Preservation Committee Most Beautiful Yard Award to Richard & Carrie Garrity – Mary Law

Mayor Bennett accompanied by Ms. Mary Law, Chairperson, presented this award to Ms. Garrity and thanked her for her efforts.

2. Harford County Department of Community Services Annual Action Plan (CAPER)

Ms. Patricia Hammond, Community Development Coordinator, Harford County Department of Community Services reviewed last year's federal dollar awards for Aberdeen and other programs provided by her organization.

3. Presentation from Inner County Outreach – Pastor Nathaniel Johnson & Ms. Roslyn Johnson

Pastor & Ms. Johnson thanked the Council for declaring June 9, 2011, as Inter-County Outreach Day.

4. Proclamation in Recognition of Flowers by Lucy

Mayor Bennett read a proclamation in recognition of Mr. James Weber and Ms. Thea Mabe, owners of a local business, Flowers by Lucy. The proclamation declared September 12, 2011 as "Flowers by Lucy Day" in Aberdeen.

5. Proclamation in Recognition of Constitution Week

Mayor Bennett read a proclamation declaring the week of September 17 – 23, 2011, as Constitution Week in the City of Aberdeen. September 7, 2011 was the 224th anniversary of the United States Constitution. Representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution accepted this award.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Bob Hartman, Paradise Road;

Mr. Hartman thanked the City for the new lights in Festival Park and made improvement suggestions.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 11-R-09, The Highland School Project (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 11-R-09.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve Resolution No. 11-R-09, a resolution of the City of Aberdeen for the purpose of supporting and acknowledging the Highlands School Project.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

2. Resolution No. 11-R-10, Sustainable Maryland Certified (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 11-R-10, Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipal Certification Program.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Resolution No. 11-R-10, a resolution of the City of Aberdeen for the purpose of supporting and acknowledging the Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipal Certification Program.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

3. Ordinance No. 11-O-02, Public Ethics Ordinance (For Deferral)

Mr. Miller stated that the City is required by State law to update the Ethics Chapter. He would like to defer the matter until the October 10, 2011 Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to defer Ordinance No. 11-O-02, Public Ethics Ordinance until the October 10, 2011, Council meeting.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

4. Ordinance No. 11-O-08, Repeal of Chapter 134, Ripken Stadium Management Board (For Adoption)

Mr. Miller stated that the duties of this Board have been delegated away. A smaller group may be established in the future to oversee the Stadium. Also, the Swim Center Advisory Board does not meet and its responsibilities have been delegated to the Boys & Girls Club.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 11-O-08, Repeal of Chapter 134 Code of the City of Aberdeen Ripken Stadium Management Board.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

5. Ordinance No. 11-O-09, Repeal of Chapter 147, Swim Center Advisory Committee (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 11-O-09, the Repeal Chapter 147 Code of the City of Aberdeen Swim Center Advisory Committee.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

6. Ordinance No. 11-O-10, Refinancing CDA Loans (For Adoption)

Mr. Miller explained that the refinancing of the outstanding CDA loans is for up to ten million dollars. The debt is for Ripken Stadium, City Hall and the Public Works Shop. A public hearing had previously been held. The rating agencies would tour the City later this month.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve Ordinance No. 11-O-10, Refinancing CDA Loans.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business – None
2. New Business – None
3. Business from the Director of Planning and Community Development – None
4. Business from the Chief of Police

A. Traffic Speed Trailer

Chief Trabert asked the Council for approval on a new Speed Trailer, Traffic Analyzer, and Solar Panel. Council discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the purchase of a new On Site 350 Speed Trailer, Speed Spy Traffic Analyzer, and Solar Panel from Decatur Electronics for a total amount of \$10,165.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

Chief Trabert reported that the Aberdeen Police Department was the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for Aberdeen during Hurricane Irene and was manned by Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works personnel.

5. Business from the Director of Finance – None
6. Business from the Director of Public Works

A. Bid Approval – 4 WD Pickup Truck

Mr. Lapinsky requested the purchase of up to two units, 2012 Ford F350 Pickup Trucks from Apple Ford L/M Inc. for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$35,840.00. Council discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott for the purchase of two units, 2012 Ford F350 Pickup Trucks from Apple Ford L/M Inc. in the amount of \$35,840.00.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.

Mr. Lapinsky reported that the salt shed is completed and salt has been ordered.

The new LED lights in Festival Park were made possible by the Empower Grant and not City money. The Law Street water main will be replaced next week. The EOC exercises during the hurricane were successful.

7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller stated that there will be no work session next week. The next Council meeting will be September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council:

The Council members reflected on the events surrounding the recent hurricane and the ceremony held at City Hall in remembrance of 9/11. The schedule for Heritage Trust lecture series and other community achievements were announced. The Council acknowledged that the Department of Public Works was featured in a magazine for their inflow and infiltration (I&I) accomplishments.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett reported the busy schedule of the Aberdeen Fire Department during Hurricane Irene. The Mayor attended the following: the awards ceremony for the Aberdeen Police Department held at the fire hall, Maryland Municipal League (MML) Board of Directors Retreat in Aberdeen, a benefit for the youth program of Word of Faith Outreach Ministries, BRAC Town Hall Meeting at Aberdeen High School, 9/11 Remembrance Breakfast given by the Christian Business Association and Rt. 40 Association at Richlin Ballroom, 9/11 Ceremony at APG, and a MML Convention Planning Committee Meeting in Annapolis, the City's 9/11 Ceremony and a ribbon cutting for Mantech Jobs in Belcamp, Maryland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting: Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion carried.