

CITY OF ABERDEEN
Council Meeting
September 25, 2017

Council Present: Mayor Patrick McGrady
Councilman Steven Goodin
Councilman Timothy Lindecamp

Absent: Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck
Councilman Melvin Taylor

Also Present: Randy Robertson, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Kyle Torster, Director of DPW
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police
Monica Correll, City Clerk

Mayor McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was delivered by Pastor Dan Sheffield, First Baptist Church of Aberdeen and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Steven Goodin.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- July 10, 2017 Council Meeting
- July 24, 2017 Council Meeting
- July 24, 2017 Council Work Session
- August 12, 2017 Council Goals & Visioning Session
- August 28, 2017 Council Meeting
- August 28, 2017 Council Work Session
- August 28, 2017 Closed Meeting
- August 30, 2017 Special Council Meeting
- August 30, 2017 Closed Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to approve the minutes as submitted. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no; 2 - absent.**

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

STATEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING:

August 28, 2017

On Monday, August 28, 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 8:13 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, 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, and (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.

The topic for closing under citation (4), held from 8:13 p.m. to 8:58 p.m., was contract discussions. The City Manager was given instructions on how to proceed with the contract matter. The topic for closing under citation (1), held from 8:59 p.m. to 9:43 p.m., was a personnel matter. There was no action taken.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:43 p.m.

August 30, 2017

On Monday, August 30, 2017, the Mayor and Council held a Special Council Meeting in the second floor administrative conference room at 4:03 p.m. All members voted in the affirmative to close the meeting with the exception of Councilman Taylor who arrived at 4:15 p.m.

The closed meeting convened at 4:08 p.m. in the same room. Members present were: Mayor Patrick McGrady, Councilman Steven Goodin, Councilwoman Sandra Landbeck, Councilman Timothy Lindecamp, and Councilman Melvin Taylor (at 4:15 p.m.). Also in attendance were: Randy Robertson, City Manager, Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance, and two guests from a local business who attended the meeting from approximately 4:10 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The topic for closing was contract negotiations.

During this meeting, the Mayor and Council met with the two guests for contract negotiations. No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation in Recognition of Amy Meade, Aberdeen Family Swim Center
Mayor McGrady presented Ms. Amy Meade a proclamation to honor her for her actions in saving the life of a child at the Aberdeen Family Swim Center.
2. APG Centennial Gala, APG's 100th Anniversary Celebration - Charles Nietubicz
Ms. Joan Michel, Aberdeen Proving Ground Centennial Celebration Association, announced the plans for the APG Centennial Gala. Mr. Charles Nietubicz spoke about the funding raising efforts for the APG Memorial at Festival Park and the APG Discovery Center.
3. APG Update - Major General Randy Taylor
Major General Taylor noted APG's activities: Centennial Oktoberfest, Volksmarch (5k) Walk/Run, APG-Aberdeen Centennial 10K Race, and the APG Centennial Gala. He asked the City to contribute to the next time capsule to be opened in the year 2067. MG Taylor offered other services to the community such as engagement with STEM programs in schools and training to local first responders. APG recently hosted an opioid summit.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Moe Krohn, Regional Manager for Perrywood Gardens Apartments: Mr. Krohn discussed the community programs implemented by Tryko Partners at Perrywood Garden Apartments.
2. Mr. Isaac Sassoon, Executive Vice President of Tryko Partners: Mr. Sassoon explained the benefits of the PILOT program enhancements and fiscal package.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Ordinance No. 17-O-14, Fee Schedule Revision

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to adopt Ordinance No. 17-O-14, Fee Schedule Revision. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no; 2 - absent.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Report on 2016 Local Government Ethics Law Annual Certification

The Mayor reported that the State Ethics Commission received the City of Aberdeen 2016 Local Government Ethics Law Annual Certification Report for 2016, as submitted by the Aberdeen Ethics Commission, and has found the City to be in compliance with the Public Ethics Law.

UPDATES FROM CITY MANAGER AND STAFF

1. City Manager Report

Mr. Robertson reported that the City will be using an electronic-based agenda management system with a digital camera to reduce paper consumption and allow the public to view minutes and videos. He said that the farmers market was extended during the month of October, the dog park was almost completed, and the bus shelter ribbon cutting was scheduled. Mr. Robertson informed the Council that a real-time, electronic, community survey was being planned sometime in the near future.

2. Bid No. 18-09, One (1) Compact Excavator Award

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilman Goodin to award Bid No. 18-09, one (1) Compact Excavator in the amount of \$63,498.00 to Groff Tractor Mid Atlantic, LLC, Aberdeen, MD, the lowest qualified bidder. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no; 2 – absent.**

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

Mr. Torster reported that a large piece of concrete was pulled out of the drain at Market and Baltimore Streets, the site of significant drainage problems.

3. Aberdeen Façade Improvement Program for Atlantic Property Management, LLC, 19 West Bel Air Avenue

A motion was made by Councilman Goodin and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the Aberdeen Façade Improvement Program application for Atlantic Property Management, LLC, 19 West Bel Air Avenue, in the amount of \$21,030.70 for exterior work. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no; 2 – absent.**

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

Ms. Grover informed the Council that the City had employed the Chesapeake Group to conduct a feasibility study on Festival Square and surrounding areas. The results would be presented in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Councilman Lindecamp thanked individuals involved in helping Parks and Recreation find a building to use.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- Main Street/Downtown Business Meeting, Boothe Bros., 214 W. Bel Air Avenue, September 28, 2017, 8:30 AM – 10 AM;
- APG-Aberdeen Centennial 10K Race, Sept. 30, 2017, 8:30 AM, starts and ends at Festival Park;
- Farmers Market, October 5 & 19, 2017, 4 PM - 7 PM, Festival Park;
- Aberdeen Touch a Truck, October 7, 2017, 11 AM – 1 PM
- Council Meeting: Monday, October 9, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers;
- Council Work Session: Monday, October 9, 2017, 5:30 PM, 2nd Floor Conference Room (tentative);
- Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers;
- Council Work Session: Monday, October 23, 2017, 5:30 PM, 2nd Floor Conference Room;
- Council Meeting: Monday, October 23, 2017, 7 PM, Council Chambers.

CLOSED MEETING:

A motion was made by Mayor McGrady and seconded by Councilman Goodin to close the meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The topic for closing was contract matters. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no; 2 – absent.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin, and Councilman Lindecamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Taylor.

REOPEN AND ADJOURNMENT:

The Council reopened the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.