

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
August 8, 2016**

Council Present: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp and Councilman Taylor

Absent: None

Also Present: Randy Robertson, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works
Chief Henry Trabert, Aberdeen Police Department
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance
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 Merritt Schatz, Grove Presbyterian Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Taylor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 25, 2016, Council Meeting were approved by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.

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

The minutes of the August 3, 2016, Special Council Meeting were approved by a vote of 5 – yes; 0 – no.

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

STATEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING FOR JULY 25, 2016:

The Mayor read the Statement of Closed Session: On July 25, 2016, the Mayor and Council held a regularly schedule Council Meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. All members voted by roll call in the affirmative to close the session.

At approximately 8:20 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 was Randy Robertson,

City Manager; Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works; Theresa Hartman, HR Manager; and Monica Correll, City Clerk.

The session was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto, (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Topics discussed were a real estate acquisition and a possible lawsuit.

Under citation (3), the Mayor and Council discussed a real estate acquisition. No action was taken and discussion under this citation ended at 8:32 p.m. Under citation (8), the Mayor and Council discussed a possible lawsuit and telephoned the City Attorney. The Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Attorney to act behalf of the City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING FOR AUGUST 3, 2016:

The Mayor read the Statement of Closed Session: On August 3, 2016, the Mayor and Council held a Special Council Meeting in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. All members voted by roll call in the affirmative to close the session.

At approximately 6:49 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 was Randy Robertson, City Manager; Frederick Sussman, City Attorney; Theresa Hartman, HR Manager; and Monica Correll, City Clerk.

The session was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Statutory Authority Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b): (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter and (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. The topic was potential litigation matters.

During this meeting, the Mayor and Council discussed potential litigation matters and asked the City Attorney to communicate on the City's behalf. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Recognition of Award for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Finance Department

Mr. Robertson announced that the Finance Department, under the direction of Mr. Opiribo Jack, qualified for a "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" from the Government Finance Officers Association.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSIN COMPLIANCE:

The Mayor announced that, through the efforts of the Aberdeen Ethics Commission, the City of Aberdeen was found the City to be in compliance with the State of Maryland Public Ethics Law following the Commission's submission of the Local Government Ethics Law Annual Certification documents.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Maryland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds For Use: No public comments were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Former Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young, Doris Circle: Former Councilwoman Young reported on a Washington Post article about aggressive driving behavior.
2. Mr. Robert Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman complimented the Department of Public Works for their role in the repair of a water main break and the Police Department for their assistance when a family member passed away.
3. Mr. Mike Franckowiak, Marjorie Lane: Mr. Franckowiak commented on the noise level from Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 16-R-08, Community Development Block Grant Funds Plan for Use

Mayor McGrady proposed the following amendments to Resolution No. 16-R-08, Community Development Block Grant Funds Plan for Use:

- Wrestling mats estimated at \$8,000 plus half of the cost of wrestling mat hoists for \$8,000 equaling **\$16,000**.
- Upgrades to North Deen Park roller rink for scoreboard and surface fixes estimated at **\$10,000**.
- Three portable aluminum bleachers for North Deen Park estimated at **\$3,000**.
- Two portable basketball hoops for Aberdeen Parks and Recreation estimated at **\$8,000**.
- Two storage containers at North Deen Park estimated at **\$4,000**.
- Security cameras at North Deen Park estimated at **\$12,500**.
- Balance left for funding roadwork would be revised to **\$46,006.11**.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve the amendments proposed by Mayor McGrady for Resolution No. 16-R-08, Community Development Block Grant Funds Plan for Use. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 - yes; 0 – no.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.

Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve Amendment No. 1 proposed by Ms. Grover to strike line number 27, "Construct parking lot at Franklin and Parke Streets, estimated cost \$200,000." **The motion passed by a vote of 5 - yes; 0 – no.**

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin, Councilwoman Landbeck,
Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.

Nays: None.

Resolution No. 16-R-08, Community Development Block Grant Funds Plan for Use as amended was adopted by a vote of 5 – yes; 0- no.

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin, Councilwoman Landbeck,
Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.

Nays: None.

2. Resolution No. 16-R-13, Resolution of Support for Frito Lay, Inc.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-R-13, Resolution of Support for Frito Lay, Inc. was passed with a vote of 3 – yes; 2 – no.

Ayes: Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.

Nays: Mayor McGrady, Councilman Goodin.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Rules of Council Procedure

The Mayor and Council continued their discussion from the August 3, 2016 Special Council Meeting on Council Rules of Procedure on the topics of legislation, suspension of amendment of rules, and Council liaisons. It was noted that Councilman Lindecamp had volunteered as liaison to the Board of Parks and Recreation and Councilwoman Landbeck had volunteered as for the Planning Commission.

2. New Business – None.

3. Updates from City Manager and Staff

Mr. Robertson reported that he asked the City Attorney about enabling legislation that would allow the City to borrow money without going through the expensive bond counsel process. He also updated the Council that the responsibilities of the Code Enforcement Officer would be aligned with the Police Department to provide proactivity and better service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Harford County Councilman Patrick Vincenti, District E: Councilman Vincenti introduced his new legislative aid, Ms. Samantha Harris.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council: The Council commented on the success of the Cal Ripken World Series and reported on a Pastor's meeting.
2. Business from the Mayor: The Mayor announced community events, the commemoration of a red bud tree to Miss Ann Moxley in Aberdeen Festival Park, and that youth from Harford Family House painted the benches in Festival Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, August 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Third Friday Festivals in Festival Park, August 19 and September 16, starting at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.