

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
February 22, 2016**

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

Absent: None

Vacancy: One Council Seat

Also Present: 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 Don Dove, Living Hope Presbyterian Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Taylor.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Council Meeting/Work Session for January 11, 2016;
Council Meeting for January 19, 2016;
Closed Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2016; and
Council Meeting for February 8, 2016.

The motion was passed with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain, 1 – vacant.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Vacancy: One seat.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Aberdeen Fire Department, Overview of Operations

Aberdeen Fire Department President, Fred Budnick, discussed the mission, vision, stations, apparatus, membership, responses, income, budget, emergency medical services, donated services, challenges, and the future for the Department. Council discussion followed.

2. Presentation from the Aberdeen Lions Club to the Aberdeen Police Department

Representatives from the Aberdeen Lions Club presented forty stuffed toy lions to Chief Trabert for officers to give to children in crisis situations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Second Hearing: Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), Phyllis Grover

Ms. Grover explained the background, history, and purpose of the CDBG funds. The current balance was \$279,153.

Public Comment:

- a. Former Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young, Doris Circle: Councilwoman Young supported use of funds toward the transit oriented development of downtown Aberdeen. She suggested an overview of the TOD program.
- b. Ms. Marla Posey-Moss, Avon Drive: Ms. Posey-Moss recommended infrastructure, grounds keeping, recreational, and administrative improvements.
- c. Mr. Marc Taylorson, Paradise Road: Mr. Taylorson discussed the revitalization of North Deen Park and the recreation program.
- d. Ms. Barbara Osborn Kreamer, Beards Hill Road: Ms. Kreamer proposed a program to address community development needs and interest-free loans to eliminate blight.
- e. Mr. Rick Culbertson, Kendrick Drive: Mr. Culbertson, head diving coach for the Aberdeen Dive Team, requested the purchase of a second diving board at the Aberdeen Family Swim Club for competitive purposes.

The Mayor reported on other requests he received as follows: community center for children, improve Ripken Stadium, fence off railroad tracks, center for teens and pre-teens, shelter at train station for transit riders, more patrols for Festival Park, improve the crosswalks, homeless shelter, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Former Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young, Doris Circle: Councilwoman recognized and thanked various members of City staff and the Police Department.
2. Mr. Barry Decker, Mt. Royal Avenue: Mr. Decker suggested Mr. Mark Schlottman for the Council vacancy.
3. Ms. Barbara Osborn Kreamer, Beards Hill Road: Ms. Kreamer spoke about the procurement process in the City and other administrative matters.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Ordinance No. 16-O-01, Adequate Public Facilities (For Introduction)
2. Ordinance No. 16-O-02, Trees and Vegetation (For Introduction)
3. Ordinance No. 16-O-03, Floodplain Management (For Introduction)

4. Resolution No. 16-R-11, Greater Aberdeen/Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Renewal (For Introduction & Adoption)

Mayor McGrady introduced Ordinance No. 16-O-01, Adequate Public Facilities; Ordinance No. 16-O-02, Trees and Vegetation; Ordinance No. 16-O-03, Floodplain Management; and Resolution No. 16-R-11, Greater Aberdeen/Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Renewal.

A public hearing would be held on the three ordinances on March 14, 2016. Council discussion followed.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business
 - a. Council Rules of Procedure - Deferred to the next meeting.
 - b. Nomination for Council Vacancy - Deferred to the next meeting.
2. New Business
 - a. Board Appointments – None.
3. Business from Director of Planning & Community Development
 - a. Community Legacy Façade Improvement Grants:
 - 1) Park Center, LLC, 20 S. Philadelphia Boulevard;
 - 2) Park Center, LLC, 211 W. Bel Air Avenue;
 - 3) Park Center, LLC, 4 S. Parke Street.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Taylor to approve the Community Legacy Façade Improvement Grants for: Park Center, LLC, 20 S. Philadelphia Boulevard; Park Center, LLC, 211 W. Bel Air Avenue; and Park Center, LLC, 4 S. Parke Street.

The motion was passed with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain, 1 – vacant.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Vacancy: One seat.

4. Business from Chief of Police
 - a. Disposal of Departmental Equipment

A motion was made by Councilman Lindecamp and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the following vehicles for disposal due to end of service life:

- 1) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Vehicle, Serial #2FAHP71V79X102580
- 2) 2006 Ford F150 Pickup, Drug Seizure, Serial #1FTPW14V96FB80089
- 3) 2006 Cadillac 4-Door, Drug Seizure, Serial #1G6KD57966U120405.

The motion was passed with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain, 1 – vacant.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Vacancy: One seat.

5. Business from Director of Finance

Mr. Jack reported that the Constant Yield Tax Rate for FY17 was higher than FY16.

6. Business from Director of Public Works

- a. Bid No. 16-01, Replace RTU-6 HVAC (Roof Top Unit) at Ripken Stadium Budget Amendment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$120,880.52 from the General Fund for Bid No. 16-01, Replace RTU-6 HVAC (Roof Top Unit) at Ripken Stadium.

The motion was passed with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain, 1 – vacant.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Vacancy: One seat.

- b. Bid No. 16-04, Street Resurfacing, Highway User Revenue Funds

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to award Bid No. 16-04, Street Resurfacing, to Frank J. Goettner, Edgewood Maryland in the amount of \$450,000 using Maryland State Highway User Revenue Funds.

The motion was passed with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain, 1 – vacant.

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Vacancy: One seat.

c. Bid No. 16-05, Street Resurfacing, Community Development Block Grant Funds

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to award Bid No. 16-05, Street Resurfacing, to Frank J. Goettner, Edgewood Maryland in the amount of \$261,825 using Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The motion was passed with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain, 1 – vacant.

Ayes: Mayor McGrady, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Lindecamp, and Councilman Taylor.
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Vacancy: One seat.

Mr. Torster provided updates on DPW matters and infrastructure improvements.

7. Business from City Manager – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Robert Hartman, Paradise Road: Mr. Hartman commented on budget amendments and business development on Rt. 40.
2. Ms. Judith Hinch, Rogers Street: Ms. Hinch commented favorably on the trash sticker program and encouraged volunteerism.
3. Mr. Steven Johnson, Aberdeen Economic Development Commission Director: Mr. Johnson commented on street paving and asked for a long-term vision for Ripken Stadium.
4. Mr. Walter Winder, Market Street: Mr. Winder asked about a citation her received.

BUSINESS OF COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council discussed their activities, the Council vacancy, and the drafting of future legislation. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Lindecamp to amend the Council Rules of Procedure by establishing a procedure whereby two Council members or the Mayor, through the City Manager, may initiate legislation by the City Attorney.

The motion was passed with a vote of 4 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain, 1 – vacant.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Vacancy: One seat.

2. Business from the Mayor

The Mayor announced the formation of a new five-member commission for the recruitment of a City Manager. The members would be: Peter Dacey, Daniel Lambros, Jason Kolligs, and Steven Johnson. One more member would be added upon confirmation of acceptance. An Interim City Manager would be appointed. He called a Special Council Meeting for Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and announced its possible closure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting/Work Session: Monday, March 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.