

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting  
March 22, 2010**

**Present:** Mayor Bennett, Council President Young, Councilwoman Elliott,  
Councilman Garner, Councilwoman Landbeck

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Douglas Miller, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Matthew Lapinsky, Director of Public Works  
Randy Rudy, Chief of Police  
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance  
Monica Correll, City Clerk  
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. The prayer was led by Pastor Robert Clipp of Grace United Methodist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Elliott.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Council President Young to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Council meeting as submitted. The minutes of the March 8, 2010 Council meeting were approved with a vote of 5 – yes.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Proclamation – Boys & Girls Clubs Week

Mr. Tory Pierce, President of the Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs Harford County, accepted a proclamation from Mayor Bennett designating March 21 - 27 as Boys and Girls Club Week in Aberdeen. Mr. Pierce thanked the Mayor and everyone in Aberdeen for their support.

2. 2009 Annual Report for the Planning Commission and Department of Planning and Community Development

Ms. Grover distributed a handout of the Annual Report for 2009 from the Planning Commission and Department of Planning and Community Development as required by Article 66B of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland. She stated that the City was working with Harford County and Maryland Transit Administration. Sectional Map Amendments were approved for 16 properties on the Aberdeen Zoning Map. A handout was also provided from the Board of Appeals containing goals and objectives. The following values were listed: total residential - \$2,433,268; total commercial - \$41,190,695; total industrial - \$28,873,556; total of all permits - \$72,497,519.

Councilwoman Landbeck noted that the Council depends on the Planning Commission and this cooperation is necessary.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Ms. Karen Heavey, W. Bel Air Avenue;  
Ms. Heavey commented on the Water and Sewer Update Public Hearing at the County level. She noted that two items from Aberdeen on the water and sewer time lines are being changed; however, there is nothing on the County or City websites with this information.
2. Mr. Mike Hiob, Graceford Drive;  
Mr. Hiob congratulated the Boys and Girls Clubs on the proclamation and announced an upcoming event of this organization.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. Ordinance No. 10-O-05, Recoupment Legislation (For Introduction)

Ordinance No. 10-O-05 Recoupment Legislation was introduced by Mayor Bennett.

2. Resolution No. 10-R-05, Official Intent of Reimbursement from ENR Loan (For Introduction and Adoption)

Resolution No. 10-R-05, Official Intent of Reimbursement from ENR Loan was introduced by Mayor Bennett.

Mr. Miller noted that this Resolution allows the City to reimburse itself for any money which is used before the loan is procured and probably no funds would be used.

Council President Young said this action is very necessary and much care has been taken in drafting the Resolution.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Council President Young to approve Resolution No. 10-R-05, Official Intent of Reimbursement from ENR Loan.

**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 & Community Development
  - a. Final Plat for Aberdeen Corporate Park

Ms. Grover introduced Ms. Amy DiPietro and Mr. Paul Muddiman with Morris Ritchie Associates, Inc. She noted that the subject property is located off of Middelton Lane between W. Bel Air Avenue and Rt. 22.

Ms. DiPietro said there are two lots for subdivision with non-tidal wetlands and a forest conservation area. The Planning Commission recommended approval on March 17, 2010. The developer and the City are working on the final phases of a Public Works Agreement. The buildings will be Leed Gold Certified. Construction is scheduled to begin in the near future.

Councilman Garner asked if there was a 50 ft. buffer. Ms. DiPietro said there was with extensive landscaping.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the Final Plat for Aberdeen Corporate Park.

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

- b. Final Plats 1–7 Eagles Rest

Ms. Grover noted that the subject Plats were recorded December 2007, and are currently being revised because of a change in the size of the drainage and utility easement. Eagles Rest is part of the Carsins Run project and consists of 133 single family homes. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their March 17, 2010 meeting.

Ms. DiPietro stated that the only change was for the drainage and utility easements. There was no City opposition to the proposed changes.

Council President Young and Ms. DiPietro discussed how the project would be completed in phases and that the build-out would be market-driven. Council President Young expressed concern with the traffic on Aldino Stepney Road and Rt. 22. Ms. DiPietro stated that a traffic study had been completed and there was no indication that a traffic signal was needed for east and west bound Rt. 22. She also mentioned that the developer has provided funds to the County for this intersection.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Garner to amend the voting process to vote one time on all seven lots on the Final Plats 1–7 Eagles Rest.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve the Final Plats 1–7 Eagles Rest as amended.

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

4. Business from the Chief of Police

Chief Rudy reported that on a national level there had been 40 fatalities for officers from guns, traffic and other causes in the first quarter of 2010.

5. Business from the Director of Finance - None

6. Business from the Director of Public Works

Mr. Lapinsky reported on a manhole collapse at Aberdeen Plaza. He will make a Water and Sewer report at the next Council meeting.

a. Award of ENR Bid

Mr. Lapinsky stated that bids were received on January 21, 2010, for the ENR Project and that Wickersham Construction Company was recommended for their bid of \$19,453,748 contingent on Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve awarding the ENR Bid in the amount of \$19,453,748 to the Wickersham Construction Company contingent on MDE approval.

Council President Young asked if the City has seen any other work done by this company. Mr. Lapinsky said that they have done work for Harford County, Havre de Grace, Perryville, etc.

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

7. Business from the City Manager

a. Mr. Miller noted that a Work Session will be added on Monday, March 29.

b. Mr. Miller discussed the process for the repeal and enactment of the Charter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Mr. Keith Brusso, Hamburg Drive, Abingdon;  
Mr. Brusso, Aberdeen High School (AHS) Parent Teacher Student Association President and Ms. Diana Jackson, AHS staff member, informed the Council that a drug-free After-Prom Safe Alternative is being planned for the Juniors and Seniors. They wish to hold it in Aberdeen and asked for Council's help with negotiations at Ripken Stadium for the event
2. Mr. Mike Hiob, Graceford Drive;  
Mr. Hiob suggested a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Charter.
3. Ms. Karen Heavey, W. Bel Air Avenue;  
Ms. Heavey asked for a public hearing on the Charter changes.

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:**

1. Business from the City Council

The council members discussed their recent activities which included an Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the Army Alliance luncheon, and the celebration at Aberdeen High School for their Hall of Fame new honorees.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett attended a Maryland Municipal League (MML) program on Home Town Preparedness at Chesapeake Beach. The Mayor said that the City Manager is a member of the MML Legislative Committee and asked for an update on the Highway User Revenue Funds and what the legislators intend to do.

Mr. Miller said there was a \$615,000 reduction in Highway User Funds paid to the City from a share of the gasoline tax and car registrations. This money is used for road maintenance, overlays, pothole repairs, etc. The Senate is considering eliminating the County and Municipal share of this revenue which would increase the City tax rate in the amount of \$.06 to \$.07. The Maryland Municipal League will address this issue.

Mayor Bennett announced local Aberdeen events.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Council Work Session: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.  
Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.