

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
October 11, 2010**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Matthew Lapinsky, Director of Public Works
Captain Henry Trabert, Aberdeen Police Department
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 Leonard Alston of New Beginning Christian Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Garner.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2010 Council meeting.

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

A statement of closed session for October 4, 2010, was read into the minutes by Ms. Correll:

On October 4, 2010 at approximately 4:50 p.m. at City Hall, a closed session was held by the Mayor and City Council in the second floor administrative conference room. Members present were: Mayor Michael E. Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilman Garner, Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young. All members, with the exception of Councilwoman Young, voted by roll call in the affirmative to close the session. Also in attendance were: Douglas R. Miller, City Manager, and Monica A Correll, City Clerk.

The session was held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-508 (a): (1) (i) the appointment, employment assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; and, (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. During this meeting the Mayor and City Council discussed the employment contract of Chief Randy Rudy for contract year starting January 24, 2011.

The following actions were taken during the session. A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Garner for non-renewal of Chief Randy Rudy's employment contract. By roll call, the following vote was

taken: Mayor Bennett, Councilman Garner, and Councilwoman Landbeck voted yes; Councilwoman Elliott and Councilwoman Young voted no. The motion passed with a vote of three (3) in the affirmative and two (2) in the negative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve the statement of closed session held on October 4, 2010.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation in Recognition of Charlotte and William Cronin

Mayor Bennett presented Mr. & Mrs. Cronin a proclamation to thank them for their service managing the Aberdeen Room. Mr. and Mrs. Cronin thanked the volunteers for their dedication and noted that October 11 is the anniversary date of the founding of the Aberdeen Room.

2. Appearance and Preservation Committee, Most Beautiful Yard Award , Mrs. Mary Law

Proclamations were read by Mayor Bennett to thank the following homeowners for maintaining and beautifying their properties. Mrs. Mary Law, Appearance and Preservation Chair, was also present to thank the homeowners.

- 1) Patricia Johnson, 622 Market Street
- 2) Robert & Ruth Elliott, 210 Edmund Street
- 3) Betty Day, 403 Ford Street (award accepted by Ms. Elliott)

3. Presentation by Eagle Scout, Max Landbeck

Mr. Max Landbeck discussed his Eagle Scout project to recondition and paint fire hydrants in the City following DPW specifications. He will be helped by 25 - 30 recruited volunteers and the paint will be supplied by the City. Mayor Bennett and the Council expressed their appreciation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION: None

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

- 1. Unfinished Business – None

2. New Business – None
3. Business from the Director of Planning & Community Development – None
4. Business from the Interim Chief of Police – None
5. Business from the Director of Finance – None
6. Business from the Director of Public Works

Mr. Lapinsky stated that the ENR Project is 17% complete and a report will be submitted at a later date. Specifics on the project are on the website. An update on the Harford County Water & Sewer Master Plan has been submitted.

Mr. Lapinsky reported the following information on a recent rainstorm: 6.5 inches at Windemere, 7.5 inches at the treatment plant, and 7 inches at City Hall. The waste water treatment plant handled 13.3 million gallons per day during the rain and 13.5 million gallons the day after.

7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller said there will be no work session on Monday, October 18. A Council meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. He stated that trick-or-treat activities in Aberdeen are scheduled for October 31, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Cronin and the Most Beautiful Yard Award recipients. The Council also thanked Chief Rudy for his years of service to Aberdeen and wished him success in the future. Interim Chief Henry Trabert was welcomed. The Council discussed their activities including the dedication of the Aberdeen Fire Department No. 3 firehouse on October 9, the Historical Society of Harford County's 125th Dinner Anniversary honoring Mr. and Mrs. Cronin, and Harford County's Most Beautiful People Awards.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett attended a breakfast in Edgewood with Governor O'Malley, the opening of the Hollywood Casino, a ribbon cutting at Smiths Detection in Edgewood, the ground breaking for access road at Rt. 715, a Maryland Municipal League (MML) Executive Board/Audit Committee Meeting in Annapolis; a BRAC relocation fair at Aberdeen High School, Aberdeen Crop Walk; and the No. 3 Fire House dedication.

The Mayor said that Lt. Governor Brown announced that the State has allocated additional funding toward the design and improvement of local intersections Rt. 22 and Post Road; Rt. 22 and Paradise Road; US Rt. 40; MD Rt. 7; and MD Rt. 159 to help with the BRAC influx.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to adjourn the meeting.

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

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