

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
October 25, 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
Captain Henry Trabert, Aberdeen Police Department
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance
Monica Correll, City Clerk

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was led by Reverend L.S. Brown, St. James AME Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Elliott.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2010 meeting as submitted.

Councilwoman Elliott requested correction to the October 4, 2010 closed session statement. Mayor Bennett said that the statement had already been approved. There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Garner, Councilwoman Young

Nays: Councilwoman Elliott

The motion passed with a vote of 4 – yes, 1 – no.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Appearance and Preservation Most Beautiful Yard Award, Ms. Mary Law

Mayor Bennett along with Ms. Mary Law, Chair of the Appearance and Preservation Committee presented William and Chalmetta Brown of 120 Mt. Royal Avenue and Sharon and Edmund Pankey of 424 Rogers Street, the Most Beautiful Yard Award in appreciation of their work.

2. Proclamation in Recognition of Delegate Dan B. Riley

Mayor Bennett presented Delegate Dan B. Riley a proclamation in recognition of his friendship to Aberdeen and his years of service to the citizens of Maryland. Councilwoman Young presented Delegate Riley a basket with symbolic Aberdeen markings. Delegate Riley thanked everyone and expressed his desire to continue in public service after the expiration of his current term in the Maryland House of Delegates. He encouraged everyone to communicate their wishes to their elected officials including the hotel tax in Harford County.

3. Proclamation for Municipal Government Works Month

Mayor Bennett presented a proclamation and declared November to be Municipal Government Works Month in the City of Aberdeen in an effort to promote municipal awareness.

4. Presentation by Sgt. Severn, Dedication of Sobriety Check Point

The Aberdeen Police Department, the Harford County Sheriff's Office, and the Havre de Grace Police Department dedicated a sobriety check point on Friday, October 29 in honor of Jarrett Anthony Vaughan, who was struck and killed by an impaired driver. Sgt. Severn explained that the check point serves to educate the public that drinking and driving is a crime.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Wood, Pine Street;

Mr. Wood expressed his dissatisfaction regarding the maintenance of his street and wants more police presence.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 10-R-04, APD Pension Plan Amendments (For Introduction and Adoption)

The Mayor and Council decided to discuss at a future work session.

2. Resolution No. 10-R-16, Harford County Sheriff's Office, Junk & Scrap Metal Processor Records Management (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mr. Miller explained that the Maryland General Assembly passed a law requiring scrap dealers to keep comprehensive record of scrap sales. The law dictates that a local police entity should be the record keeper. The Harford County Sheriff's Office has offered to do this for the County and the three municipalities. Since Aberdeen is a home rule municipality, we must designate our right to do this over to them.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve Resolution No. 10-R-16 to designate Harford County's Sheriff's Office as the responsible law enforcement agency responsible for junk and scrap metal processor records management.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business – None
2. New Business – None
3. Business from the Director of Planning & Community Development

Ms. Grover updated the Council on the status of grants and grant applications. The City receives a stipend every year from Community Legacy Block Grant program (CDBG). This year, \$108,000 will be used for street resurfacing for extending Baltimore Street and a portion of Mt. Royal Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the use of CDBG funds to resurface parts of Baltimore Street and Mt. Royal Avenue.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Ms. Grover explained that other grants were used for façade improvements at several local businesses and the Energy Efficient Grant helped five families to upgrade their energy systems. Ms. Grover more fully informed the Council on Safe Routes to Schools, ARRA Stimulus Funds, Clean Energy, Energy Efficiency Block Grant, and the ENR Inflow and Infiltration Study.

4. Business from the Interim Chief of Police – None
5. Business from the Director of Finance

Mr. Jack informed the Council that the Federal Trade Commission and other agencies issued regulations requiring financial institutions and creditors to develop identity theft prevention programs to be in place by December 31, 2010. The City is affected by this because of its utility accounts and must adopt a policy by the end of the year.

4. Business from the Director of Public Works

Mr. Lapinsky was not in attendance.

5. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller reminded everyone that the next Council meeting is November 15 and the Council business/work session is November 22. He also advised caution while driving on Halloween which is October 31.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council members discussed the Open Meetings Act, local community events, the hotel tax, early voting, rededication of Edgewood High School, and the Fall Maryland Municipal League Conference classes. The Council expressed their gratitude to Delegate Riley.

2. Business from the Mayor

The Mayor attended a retirement dinner for the Harford County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, a Ripken Stadium event benefiting leukemia research, and the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference. The Mayor discussed MML's future priorities and the response to a recent mailing by the Council to prospective elected officials running in the November 2010 election regarding highway user revenue, state aid for police protection, and the hotel tax.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting: Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Work Session: Monday, November 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. by unanimous consent.