

SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING

CITY HALL BOARD ROOM

August 22, 2024

3:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMAN MET IN THE CITY HALL BOARD ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR JOHNNIE D. STEVENS, ALDERMAN NICHOLAS HOLLIDAY, ALDERWOMAN RHONDA MOORE, ALDERMAN JAMES IVORY, ALDERMAN JEREMY BELLE, ALDERMAN JOHN CAIN, MELISSA MOORE, CITY CLERK, AND CITY ATTORNEY WALTER ZINN, JR

Invocation: Mr. Richard Boone

Roll Call

Not present for the meeting: Alderman Jeremy Belle

Present over-the-telephone: Alderwoman Rhonda Moore

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve Employee Enhancement and pay all necessary charges according to state guidelines for Fernando Davis and Terry Morgan to attend the 2024 NRPA Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia / October 7-10, 2024 / Registration fee: \$695. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Promotion Request by Aberdeen Fire Chief Norris James promoting Guyvester Dobbs from Battalion Chief to Assistant Fire Chief at a rate of pay of \$18.65 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Moore to approve the Promotion Request by Aberdeen Fire Chief Norris James promoting Foster Fields, Jr. from Captain to Battalion Chief at a rate of pay of \$16.45 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Promotion Request by Aberdeen Fire Chief Norris James promoting Elliott Johnson from Certified Firefighter to Captain at a rate of pay of \$15.27 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Promotion Request by Aberdeen Fire Chief Norris James promoting Marvin Fort from Captain to Training Captain at a rate of pay of \$16.05 per hour. No vote was done on the Motion because Alderman Cain rescinded the motion and Alderman Ivory rescinded the second.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, second by Alderman Ivory to enter in Closed Determination to ascertain if we need to go into Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday seconded by Alderman Cain to come out of closed determination. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues concerning Public Works Director Richard Boone, Assistant Public Works Director Tohona Larthridge, Street Department Employee Earvin Thompson, Monroe County Sheriff's Office Inmate Invoices for the City of Aberdeen, and possible Litigations. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

The Mayor and Board announced to the public that the Board was entering into Executive Session to discuss personnel concerning Public Works Director Richard Boone, Assistant Public Works Director Tohona Larthridge, Street Department Employee Earvin Thompson, Monroe County Sheriff's Office Inmate Invoices for the City of Aberdeen, and possible Litigations.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to come out of Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Alderman Holliday exited the meeting @ 4:20 P.M.

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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve payment of \$39, 186.95 to the Monroe County Board of Supervisors for housing Inmates (City of Aberdeen) with the understanding that Comptroller Karen Crump will continue to work with Ms. Kaitlyn Johnson in making sure there are no more discrepancies other than the ones indicated today. Monroe County Attorney David Houston has agreed to credit the City of Aberdeen Account with the understanding in the event of the discrepancies that Ms. Crump confirmed along with Board Attorney David Houston. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory recommending that Director of Public Works Mr. Richard Boone be written up concerning misappropriation of City equipment. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory requiring Court Clerk Janel Davidson to communicate with City Comptroller Karen Crump and Monroe County Sheriff's Office Ms. Kaitlyn Johnson on a weekly basis to ensure that the City of Aberdeen daily charges for Inmates that still belongs to the city and not the County are handled correctly. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to terminate the employment of City employee Earvin Thompson immediately from his position at Public Works. On a roll call vote, Alderman Ivory and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderwoman Moore voted "Nay". Alderman Holliday and Alderman Belle wasn't present at the meeting.

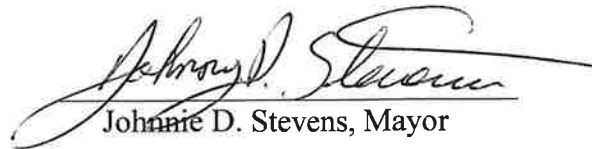
Mr. Earvin Thompson stated to the Board that he should be allowed to speak in defense of being terminated from his job. Mr. Thompson stated he doesn't think it's fair for the Board to terminate him since he was working and minding his own business when he was approached by the Complainant, and he defended himself. Alderman Cain asked Attorney Zinn, Jr. to address Mr. Thompson's concern. Attorney Zinn, Jr. explained to Mr. Thompson that the Board has information from Chief Shumpert's Office stating what happened that day. Mr. Thompson disagreed with the actions of the Board and may consider filing actions with the Court.

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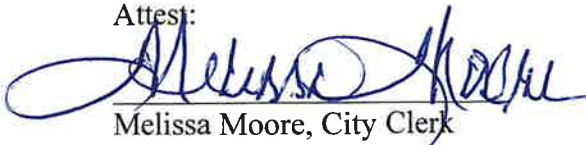
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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to adjourn until the September 3, 2024, Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


Johnnie D. Stevens, Mayor

Attest:


Melissa Moore, City Clerk