

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2019 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Stanley reported that on January 14, 2019 at approximately 7:16 p.m., Council went into closed executive session for the purpose of discussing secondary employment for certain employees under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) – (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. All Council members were present along with Patrick Comiskey, Chip MacLeod, Oden Wheeler, and Chief Mark Lewis. No motions were made.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve the agenda as presented was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

Public Comment

Michael Wheatley said Rescue Fire Company would like to thank the Council for allowing them to have their 84th annual train garden. Being a part of the Downtown Cambridge Main Street, he thanked Council for all the support Council is giving to them. They look forward to the help and working together.

Requests from the Public

2. SUBJECT: Request from Jane Devlin, Richardson Maritime Museum, for a letter of support for their Legislative Bond Bill for the rehabilitation and re-purposing of the brick building at 103 Hayward Street to house the complete museum collection and administrative office

Recommendation: The Council approve the letter of support.

Jane Devlin thanked Council for their continued support of the Richardson Maritime Museum. They are making a large step to the plans approved in 2008. They sold the building at 401 High Street and will doing a lease-back. They are now looking for funding to restore the brick building on Hayward Street. This is a step to consolidate onto one campus. They are requesting the City supply a letter of support for their \$200,000 bond bill application. They have committed to a 1:1 match but are not asking for any funds from the City.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to provide a letter of support for the Richardson Maritime Museum for their legislative bond bill application for the rehabilitation and

repurposing of the brick at 103 Hayward Street was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

3. SUBJECT: Request from the Cambridge Yacht Club for permission for overnight camping for up to 20 tents on the front grounds either to the left or right of Yacht Club Drive during the Admiral Byrd Regatta (July 19th and 20th)
Recommendation: That Council allow camping on the two nights; Cambridge Yacht Club will be responsible for the port-a-potties; fires are not permitted directly on the ground; and an insurance certificate naming the City as additional insured be provided before the event.

Tom Kranz requested permission to allow up to 20 tents to camp two nights in the grassy area near the Yacht Club. In support of their 108 Regatta, they are expecting somewhere upwards of 40 boats to sail in their Friday, Saturday, and Sunday events. They are attracting a large number of trailered boats which do not have any accommodations for their skipper and crew. Allowing them to camp makes it far more affordable for them. It also makes their regatta competitive for the fleets. The Yacht Club will provide porta-potties for them and will allow them to use the Yacht Club showers. No alcohol will be allowed off club grounds. Neither vehicles nor trailers will be allowed on the grass. Campfires will not be allowed. The campers will eat at the Club or in town. The campsite will be left cleaner than it was found.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor that Council allow camping on the front grounds either to the left or right of Yacht Club Drive during the Admiral Byrd Regatta (July 19th and 20th); Cambridge Yacht Club will be responsible for the port-a-potties; fires are not permitted directly on the ground; no alcohol will be allowed in the park; and an insurance certificate naming the City as additional insured be provided before the event was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

Consent Calendar

4. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meetings on January 14, 2019
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
5. SUBJECT: Request from Maces Lane Community Center Steering Committee for a letter of support for the Maces Lane Community Center for a bond bill for to complete Phase 1 and begin Phase 2
Recommendation: That Council submit the letter of support
6. SUBJECT: Request from Maces Lane Community Center Steering Committee for a letter of support for the Maces Lane Community Center for a Heritage Area capital grant
Recommendation: That Council submit the letter of support
7. SUBJECT: Request from the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce for permission to hold the Boat Docking Competition at Long Wharf on Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm; use of City trash cans, permission to erect a tent(s); a variance

from the noise ordinance; closure of the Long Wharf parking lot from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm; permission to serve alcohol in the park

Recommendation: That Council approve the request subject to:

- A. Submission of a certificate of property and liability insurance naming the City as additional insured, acceptable to the City prior to event,
- B. Submission of copy of County liquor license prior to event

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve Consent Calendar Items 4, 5, 6, and 7 based on the recommendations of the staff was seconded by Cannon and approved 5:0.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

None

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

None

Old Business

8. SUBJECT: Housing Report (January)

Recommendation: That Council receive a report from Yvette L. Robinson, Housing Specialist

Ms. Robinson reported that the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is moving along as planned. They are currently reviewing the housing market report. She anticipates forwarding a final draft to Council for review and comments prior to the February housing report.

A big part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is community engagement and input. They have a couple of community meetings planned. The community's input is critical in how they move forward in implementation. A schedule of the meetings is included with the Council Agenda Report.

They have had several meetings with the State of Maryland DHCD to complete the housing policy for homeownership rehabilitation. They also made the State aware of what they were going to ask for in the next funding round to keep this process moving forward.

They have received 16 applications for the housing rehab program. There are two properties on Pine Street that have been identified for acquisition. The first appraisals have been completed.

Their goals for 2019 include: (1) Continue to secure additional funding for program implementation; (2) Seek out capacity building funding for an organization to assist residents in becoming home-buyer ready in areas such as financial planning, credit repair, home-buyers' education classes, etc.; (3) Identify key projects that can include

the community for implementation through creative place making; and (4) Develop a marketing strategy to begin seeking developers to partner with the City in implementing key projects as found in the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan once it is completed.

9. SUBJECT: Main Street Funding Request
Recommendation: That Council consider the request

Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Cannon, Katie Clendaniel, and Valarie Brown will meet on Thursday at 1:00 pm to discuss this further. Commissioner Foster asked Council to email her questions they may have. This item will be put on the February 11, 2019 agenda.

New Business

None

Mayor and Council

Commissioner Sydnor discussed the number of Police Officers leaving Cambridge and the possible consequences if something is not done.

Commissioner Sydnor asked Oden Wheeler to look into speed bumps and the difficulties they may cause when snow plowing is necessary.

Commissioner Rideout asked that Council receive for quarterly reports on income and expenses as they had done in the past. This will assist Council in trying to address the significant concern Commissioner Sydnor addressed in reference to the Police Department. Commissioner Sydnor said this will be addressed at the Finance Committee meeting this Thursday.

Oden Wheeler reported that the slip lining on the sewer pipes on the High Street project will start Monday and Tuesday of next week. The new bricks will be put down at the end of the project which probably will be May.

Commissioner Hanson announced that on behalf of the Governor and Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, that 2019 will be the Year of the Veteran.

Public Comment

Michael Wheatley said the issue with the Police Department is not new. He commended Council for now seeing that this is a very important issue and they are taking a drive and the drive is very thriven. He hopes we do not lose any more officers.

Davina Cropper owns a business of Poplar Street and is on the Board of Cambridge Main Street. She hopes Council will consider helping Main Street. People want to come to a town where there are events.

Rev. Keith Cornish, representing the Maces Lane Alumni Association, thanked Council for their support with the letters for their funding requests. They are aware of a proposal from CHDC which would fund the \$4.5 million that they are investigating. Commissioner Sydnor said this project will be discussed at the City/County meeting on February 4, 2019.

Adjourn

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved unanimously.

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, January 28, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor