

The City Council met in special called session on Monday, April 22, 2019 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Mayor Jackson-Stanley, City Manager Patrick Comiskey, Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, Hanson, Chief Lewis, Chief Pritchett, Odie Wheeler, Crystal Slakes. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked Commissioner Rideout to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

- I. Consideration of 2020 Proposed City Budget
- II. Consideration of Proposed City Property Tax Rate of .9179

The special called session was to address the budget questions regarding the 2020 Fiscal Budget and the Property Tax increase.

As of April 22nd, the anticipated real property tax increase would increase from the current \$0.8179 per each \$100 of assessed valuation of real property in the City to \$0.9179 for each \$100 of assessed valuation of real property in the City. The final tax rate will also be discussed at the hearing on May 9th. Once the real estate tax rate and the personal property tax rate are set, the plan is to introduce the Budget Ordinance at the May 13th City Council meeting.

A major issue discussed at the meeting was the purchase of a new ladder truck for the fire department. The current ladder truck is over 25 years old and needs to be replaced.

After further discussion, the Commissioners left to the City Manager the responsibility under the City Charter to propose a budget.

Public Comment

Requests from the Public

Adjourn

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

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, April 22, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 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.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

Public Comment

The update on Sailwinds West, Inc. was removed from the Public Comment

2. Eugene Lauer, Chair of the Planning Commission, and Alan McRae of Anchor Point, Inc. are seeking a change in the Zoning Ordinance. After hearing from both individuals, the Commissioners voted on motion of Commissioner Rideout and properly second, voted 5-0 to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation that City Council not consider the proposed zoning text amendment that would have allowed a unique zoning ordinance for the City of Cambridge and one that the Planning Commission indicated was not in compliance with State Laws requiring orderly and well-planned development and did not adequately protect property owners.
3. Brandon Hesson requested permission from City Council to allow Cabin Fever Play Center to plant flowers in Cannery Way as part of the youth summer camp experience. The request was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Hamon also spoke of the DCTC project "building one porch at a time", starting with one homeowner here in the city. Mr. Hamon hopes that this project will turn into an apprentice program for students interested in the construction and building trades.

Richard Lalka spoke regarding of the proposed city tax increase. He also presented documents that stated the City of Cambridge taxes are higher than those in Easton and counties across the Bay Bridge. Mr. Lalka also spoke against Ordinance 1142, stating that the Impact Fees is money that the city could be collecting. This ordinance would abate those fees for a period of time.

Roger Creekmore of 530 Leonard Lane spoke about the drug dealing, motorcycles, and conduct in the park on Crosby Avenue.

Rick Klepfer spoke regarding a proposed ordinance from the Planning Commission. He feels that the Mill Street School property should be developed under the current zoning and not under the proposed development plan.

Herve Hamon worked with Commissioner Foster and Officer Foster along with a few churches in the city to hold an Easter Egg hunt at Great Marsh Park. Mr. Hamon performed as the Easter Bunny.

Consent Calendar

4. Request from Tommy Anderson of the American Legion Post #91 to have a Memorial Day Service on the lawn around the fountain at Long Wharf, May 27, 2019 from 10:30-1:00. This request was approved on a vote of 5-0. Upon a proper motion that was seconded.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

A series of Proposed Ordinances noted below were given their first reading and were continued over to the May 13th for 2nd reading, public hearings, and possible adoption.

5. Ordinance No. 1143 - An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, MD amending the city's Unified Development Code (UDC) to provide for a neighborhood conservation 3 overlay district; providing that the title of this ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to overlay districts in the City of Cambridge.
6. Ordinance No. 1144 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge by rezoning 201 Mill Street, tax identification no. 07-173814, identified on tax map 301 as parcel 124 and consisting of 1.86 acres, more or less, to include the neighborhood conservation 3 overlay; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a fair summary, and generally relating to the official zoning map of the city of Cambridge
7. Ordinance 1145 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Cambridge, Maryland to provide for the permitting and location of Small Wireless Facilities and Support Structures in, upon, or over the sidewalks and streets of the City of Cambridge and defining the terms associated therewith; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to Small Wireless Facilities in the City of Cambridge.
8. Ordinance 1146 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending § 4.2.3 and Table 1: Permitted Uses by zoning district of the City's Unified Development Code ("UDC") to allow Small Wireless Facilities and support structures as a Special Exception with Conditions in all zoning districts; amending § 4.4.4 and Table 2: permitted uses by zoning subdistrict in the Downtown/Waterfront Development District of the UDC to allow Small Wireless Facilities as a Special Exception with Conditions in all subdistricts; and amending § 9.2 of the UDC to define

terms associated therewith; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to Small Wireless Facilities in the City of Cambridge.

9. Ordinance 1147 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending § 4.4.4 and Table 2: permitted uses by zoning subdistrict in the Downtown/Waterfront Development District of the City's unified development code ("UDC") to allow Professional Offices as a Special Exception with Conditions in the neighborhood subdistrict; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to Professional Offices in the city of Cambridge.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption

10. Ordinance 1142 -- An Ordinance of The Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland Amending And Modifying Ordinance Nos. 1035 And 1038 By Extending The Temporary Suspension Of The Imposition And Collection of All Impact Fees Applicable To And Collectible From Properties Located Within The Corporate Limits Of The City Of Cambridge From April 30, 2019 To June 30, 2020; Providing That The Title Of This Ordinance Shall Be Deemed A Fair Summary And Generally Relating To Impact Fees In The City Of Cambridge.

A motion to go into public hearing was made by Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Cannon. Mr. Lalka spoke against it. A motion to close public hearing was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Sydnor. A motion was made to approve the Ordinance by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Sydnor. The motion passed 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

11. City Council scheduled a public hearing on May 9th at 5:00pm at City Council Chambers for the purposes of considering an increase in the proposed Real Property Tax Rate to \$0.9179 per \$100 of assessed value of real estate in the City and to maintain the Personal Property Tax Rate and its current \$1.69 per \$100 of value.

A motion for a public hearing on May 9th was made by Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Sydnor. And passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to keep property tax rate the same, was properly seconded. And passed by 5-0.

Reverend Cornish spoke on the Mace's Lane Community Center. He requested the council provide \$70,000 toward the project. A motion to approve the request using funds previously approved by City Council was made by Commissioner Sydnor properly seconded. And passed 5-0.

Public Comment

Adjourn

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

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, April 22, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor