

The City Council met in regular session on August 12, 2019 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. 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 Jackson-Stanley advised the public the commission met in closed session to receive legal advice.

Agenda

1. Commissioner Hanson moved to approve the agenda which was seconded by Commissioner Rideout. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment

No one spoke during the public comment period.

Requests from the Public

Adrian Holmes of 405 Maryland Avenue spoke for Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation in requesting street closures for Race, Muir, and Gay Streets on September 7, 2019. She also asked to close the 400 block of Race Street just after the Blackwater Bakery from 12:30pm-2:00pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the request. The motion passed 5-0.

Mike Starling of 119 Choptank Avenue, Chairman of Dorchester Goes Purple, provided an update of the Dorchester Goes Purple campaign. He said, "Awareness starts at home." The kick-off event is scheduled for Friday, August 30th at Sailwinds Park starting at 6:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by commissioner Cannon. The motion passed 5-0.

2. Meeting Minutes from July 22, 2019 Council Meeting.
3. A request from Sheniqua Fletcher to have a walk for Lupus on September 21, 2019 from 9:00am-12:30pm at Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh.
4. Dorchester Chamber of Commerce is requesting to have a banner hung across Race Street from August 28th - Sept 12, 2019 for Dorchester Goes Purple.
5. Jymil Thompson of Dorchester County Public Schools is requesting to have a MLMS Block Party at Cosby Street/Greenwood Avenue on August 28, 2019 from 5pm-7pm.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

No ordinances were introduced for a first reading.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

No ordinances were presented for a second reading.

Old Business

6. Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to extend the paving contract at the same rate of the previous year to Russell Paving and to approve the list of streets presented for a cost of \$245,796. The motion was seconded by commissioner Cannon. The motion passed 5-0.
7. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-010: A Resolution of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to adopt standard forms of petition for a voter-initiated amendment to the Charter of the City of Cambridge and to refer a Charter Amendment Resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Cambridge to a referendum vote. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 5-0.
8. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-011: A Resolution of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to declare certain real property owned by the Commissioners of Cambridge located at 809 Fairmount Avenue and 811 Fairmount Avenue, Cambridge, Maryland as surplus and no longer needed for any public purpose or use and authorize the advertisement of such property for offers to purchase. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 after a public hearing was held on the matter.

New Business

9. Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to approve allocating proceeds of \$725 from a public auction to the city drug forfeiture account for use by the city police department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster. The motion passed 5-0.
10. City Planner Pat Escher presented a grant proposal for making improvements to Cornish Park. The proposal was for funds from the state's community parks & playgrounds program. Commissioners held a public hearing on the matter and Theresa Stafford of 2429 Rock Drive suggested placing cameras in the park. She also suggested lighting. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve applying for up to \$300,000 and Commissioner Rideout seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor and Council

Mayor Jackson-Stanley advised of an upcoming proclamation for the DAR to promote the United States Constitution.

Commissioner Sydnor suggested the city provide property for the county council to build an animal shelter.

Commissioner Foster discussed the "Bridging the Gap" program she initiated.

Commissioner Hanson requested the city consider changing its charter to allow for deer hunting around the airport.

Odie Wheeler asked about the proposed sign for Great Marsh Park with Gerry Boyle's name on it. Various Commissioners concurred with the proposed sign.

The Mayor advised the public about the recent city/county meeting to hear from CWDL.

Public Comment

Theresa Stafford of 2429 Rock Drive spoke about commissioners supporting after school and summer programs.

Commissioner Sydnor asked about loitering on public spaces along Greenwood Avenue.

Donna Towers of 311 Cambridge Landing suggested cleaning-up Maryland Avenue.

Robbie Aaron of 217 Killarney Road spoke about the Cambridge Main Street organization not allowing citizens to speak during Main Street meetings.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Sydnor and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.