

The City Council met in regular session on September 9, 2019 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order to 6:00 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.

1. Agenda was approved as submitted.

### **Requests from the Public**

The Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, Genevra Farrare-Arrington, requested having camera's installed on Cornish Drive and Weaver Avenue. She advised the housing authority will pay for the cameras if the city installs them. Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to direct city staff to install the cameras provided the housing authority pays for them. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Ms. Farrare-Arrington also suggested having speed bumps installed in the same area. Commissioner Foster made a motion to forward the matter to the city traffic and safety committee. Th motion was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and passed 5-0.

Adrian Holmes of Alpha Genesis and Barbara Seese from Dorchester Center for the Arts thanked the Mayor and Council for their support with the "Day of Resilience". A special thanks was given to City employee Herve Hamon for his help.

Sharon Smith of 1105 School Street spoke on her concerns to have the City work hard to seek more grant funding to support work of the City. Ms. Smith also commented on Ordinance 1157 regarding the 50-foot setback of properties along Route 50. She is against the ordinance.

Portia Johnson-Ennels of 700 Cornish Drive spoke about the CDBG Grant for the Pine Street area, Ms. Ennels stated the next person hired to work on the project should reside in the city.

**Consent Calendar:** Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve the items on the consent calendar. Commissioner Sydnor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. The Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2019 were approved.
3. The noise variance for the Awaken Hearts Concern were approved.
  - 3a. The Concerned Citizens request to use Cornish Park for a "Back to School" picnic was approved.
  - 3b. The ADA Committee request to send out an application and letter regarding vendor services for their upcoming event was approved.

### **Ordinance for First Reading**

The city attorney read the summary of the ordinance out loud to the public. Ordinance No. 1160: An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland approving the sale of certain real property located at 809 Fairmount Avenue, described in a Special Warranty Deed dated December 17, 2013 and recorded among the Land Records of Dorchester County, Maryland at Liber A.J.C. No. 1191, folio 250, and shown on Dorchester County Tax Map 302, Grid 4 as Parcel 1964, with a Tax Account Number of 07-125143, and 811 Fairmount Avenue, described in a Deed dated July 2, 2019 and recorded among the Land Records of Dorchester County, Maryland at Liber A.J.C. No. 1529, folio 4, and shown on Dorchester County Tax Map 302, Grid 4 as Parcel 1965, with a Tax Account Number of 07-144059, such property having been declared by the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to be surplus and not needed for any present or foreseeable public use, and authorizing the Mayor and the City Manager, or such other officers of the City as may be appropriate under the circumstances, to execute all documents and take any and all action necessary to effectuate the conveyance thereof to Rufus and Arlette Sampson for the sum of \$100; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to the sale of surplus real property in the City of Cambridge.

Only one bidder submitted a bid for each of the properties. The mayor opened the bids. Mr. Rufus Sampson was the only bidder offering \$100 for each parcel. Commissioner Sydnor proposed adding \$100 to the cost of each parcel for advertising costs. Mr. Sampson agreed to the advertising cost. On a motion by Commissioner Sydnor and seconded by Commissioner Cannon to amend the ordinance for a total parcel amount of \$200 per parcel (\$400 total) was approved by city commissioners on a 5-0 vote. The ordinance will be presented to the city commission for a second reading on October 28, 2019.

The city attorney presented a proposed agreement with Mr. Sampson allowing him access to the property prior to the final reading of the ordinance. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the agreement and Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Ordinance for Second Reading**

There were no Ordinances presented for a second reading.

### **Old Business**

The city attorney read the resolution summary aloud.

5. Resolution No. 19-012: A Resolution of The Commissioners of Cambridge is Approving The Application And Receipt Of Financing For A Maryland Community Block Grant – Special Loans (The Project) For Improvements To Canary Park Further Described In The Application Dated September 9th, Cannery Park Improvements, Phase Ii, (The Application) To Be Financed Either Directly By The Department Of Housing And Community Development (The “Department”) Of The State Of Maryland Or Through Other Departments Or Agencies Of The State Of Maryland.

City Commissioners held a public hearing on the resolution. Mr. Richard Walker of North 107 Regulator Drive asked what the city was going to do with the funds. The mayor advised the area was going to be developed into an open space park. Public Works Director Odie Wheeler advised of other work completed in the area. On a motion by Commissioner Cannon and seconded by Commissioner Rideout this request was approved unanimously.

### **New Business**

6. There were two requests for deer hunting. County Airport Director Meighan Chisholm presented a request to shoot deer whenever necessary during the year. He advised they would prepare a plan that DNR would approve and they would contact the DNR and City Police Department prior to any shooting events. Commissioner Hanson made a motion to approve the request provided the airport received DNR approval and that the city was presented with a copy of the plan and the police department was notified prior to any shooting event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

George Brittingham made a request to allow deer hunting on his property with bow and arrow, muzzle loaded guns, and shotguns. Commissioner Hanson made a motion to allow deer hunting on the leased property during deer season with muzzle loaders, bow, and shotguns during the appropriate seasons for one year. The police chief asked that a listing of the names of the hunters be provided to the police chief. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved on a 5-0 vote.

7. The Cambridge Police Department was approved to received \$65.55 cash from Mid-shore Recyclers Inc., for the sale of scrap metal, with the money being placed in the CPD Event Fund. The motion to approve the measure was made by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Sydnor. The motion passed 5-0.
8. The Budget Revision Adding \$11,137.60 of city reserves to the Rescue Fire Company Department Budget was approved. Commissioner Rideout made the motion to approve and Commissioner Hanson seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.
9. Appointments / reappointments for the Municipal Utilities Commission are:

Megan Nabb Holotik - reappointed until 2022

Glenn Ford, Sr. - reappointed until 2022

Andy Pasden - reappointed until 2022

On a motion by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Cannon, the appointments were approved 5-0.

10. Appointments/reappointments for the Ethics Commission

Theresa Stafford – appointed until 2023

Kisha Petticolas – reappointed as alternate until 2023

On a motion by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Sydnor, the appointments were approved.

**Public Comment**

Michael Wheatley of 509 Edlon Park Drive asked about the chairperson of the Ethics Commission.

Karen Smith of 1105 School Street asked about the CDBG application approved earlier in the meeting.

**Requests from the Public**

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made properly seconded.

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, September 9, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor