

At 5:02 p.m., Commissioner Hanson made a motion to go into closed session that was seconded by Commissioner Rideout. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting in closed session was pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., Gen. Prov. 3-305(b)(7) and (8) to consult with the City Attorney to obtain legal advice and regarding potential litigation. City commissioners exited the closed session at 5:59 p.m.

The City Council met in regular session on September 23, 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 in observance of Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor advised the public of the reason for the closed session.

1. The Mayor asked if the Agenda would be accepted as it was. The city manager sought to remove item 13, the update on the Governor's Hall lease agreement, as there were still matters to be worked out. Commissioner Sydnor objected to that request. After further discussion, the Agenda was approved with a vote 3-2.

### **Requests for the Public**

Michael Wheatley asked if the Dorchester Young Professionals could place a toy donation box for Christmas toys at City Hall from November 15th to December 15th. On a motion by Commissioner Sydnor and a second from Commissioner Hanson the request was approved by a unanimous vote.

Sharon Smith spoke about the Finance Committee Meeting that she had planned to attend at city hall based on the public notice that it would take place at 11:30 a.m. The meeting time was changed to 10:30 a.m. without notice to the public. It was stated that future meetings will be publicized and that the public is welcomed to attend.

John Foster wanted to note that the Trunk or Treat time on the consent calendar was 6-8:30 p.m. rather than 6-8:00 p.m.

Rick Klepfer then spoke regarding the proposed amendments to the animal ordinance and his encounter with a dog that attacked and bit him as he was walked along Choptank Avenue. He was supporting the proposed animal ordinance that was being proposed which would give the Cambridge Police authority to address animal matters in the city.

Theresa Lamar, the owner of Minty's Restaurant on Locust Street, came to speak about the notice she received from the city directing her to remove some low voltage lighting she had installed for the tables in the patio area of her restaurant. She received a special exception to have outdoor seating with lighting. Odie Wheeler said he needed to meet with public works staff to discuss the matter.

Alan Girard, the Eastern Shore Director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, gave a briefing on the health of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, the Choptank, and other local tributaries. Also speaking were Tom Lee, Circuit Rider for the Healthy Waters Roundtable, and Joanna Osbourn of Envision the Choptank.

Sandra Tripp-Jones then provided the Council with a report on what has been happening with Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (CWDI).

Ina Holden, the Executive Assistant HR and Risk Management for the City of Cambridge Public Works Department spoke on the status of hiring a Housing Specialist, which is a contract position that has 2 years of state funding. There have been 11 applicants. Three have been determined to be qualified. Ms. Holden was also asked about the Economic Development Director position that was recently advertised. She indicated that the city had received 34 applications and eight (8) people were found qualified for interviews. The list has been narrowed down to four (4). No decisions have been made.

### **Consent Calendar**

The consent calendar consisted of the following Agenda Items 2 through 8. Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to approve the consent agenda seconded by Commissioner Canon. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Meeting minutes from September 9, 2019 Council Meeting.
3. The request for the CDCCP, Inc. 71st Annual Cambridge-Dorchester County Christmas Parade on December 7th from 4-10:00 p.m.
4. Waugh Church's request to use the Long Wharf Park on October 6th from 12:00pm to 1:30pm to have communion for Communion Sunday.
5. The hours set for Trick or Treat this year are 6-8:00 p.m. on October 31st.
6. The Dorchester Relay for Life request to use the wharf at Governor's Hall for their event on May 15, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to midnight.
7. The request of WHCP to hang a banner over Race Street from October 20-26 in support of their membership drive.
8. The Trunk or Treat event of the Cambridge Police on October 24th from 6:00pm-8:30 pm (changed by Officer Foster)

### **Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading**

9. ORDINANCE NO. 1156: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING §§ 6.4.1 AND 6.4.2 OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE ("UDC") TO ENHANCE THE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR GENERAL COMMERCIAL/MIXED USE BUILDINGS; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL/MIXED USE BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

The City attorney read the ordinance aloud for first reading. He advised the public the public hearing would be held prior to the second reading scheduled for the regularly scheduled city council meeting on October 28, 2019

#### **Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption**

10. ORDINANCE NO. 1157: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING § 5.5.1, TABLE 4 OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE ("UDC") FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELETING THE 50-FOOT SETBACK FOR BUILDINGS ALONG U.S. ROUTE 50; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO SETBACK REQUIREMENTS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Cheryl Hannan of 103 Mill Street spoke during the public comment period. She asked about having ordinances posted prior to the planning commission meetings. A motion by Commissioner Rideout to deny the ordinance was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. This Ordinance was denied on a vote of 3-2, with Commissioners Rideout, Cannon, and Hanson voting to deny and Commissioners Sydnor and Foster voting to support the ordinance.

11. ORDINANCE NO. 1158: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING CHAPTER 3 (ANIMALS AND FOWL) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND (THE "CITY CODE") FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFYING AND RESTATING PROVISIONS REGARDING THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL EXCREMENT; PROVIDING THAT THE CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 78 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE AND CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CODE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; PROHIBITING DOGS AT LARGE; AND CLARIFYING AND RESTATING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

During the public hearing on the ordinance, Judd Vickers of 206 Belvedere Avenue asked about how the ordinance will impact cat owners. Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to deny the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Foster. The ordinance failed

by a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Sydnor, Foster, and Cannon voted to deny the ordinance. Commissioners Rideout and Hanson voted for the ordinance.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 1159: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING CHAPTER 8 (HEALTH AND SANITATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND (THE "CITY CODE") FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING THAT NO PERSON SHALL PLACE ANY GARBAGE, REFUSE, OR OTHER SOLID WASTE UPON ANY STREET, ALLEY, OR SIDEWALK FOR COLLECTION BY CITY TRUCKS, OR ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ADJACENT THERETO, UNLESS CONTAINED IN GALVANIZED OR PLASTIC LEAKPROOF CONTAINERS WITH A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 96 GALLONS EACH AND WHICH ARE EQUIPPED WITH LIDS WHICH ARE TIGHTFITTING AND CLOSED; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY WILL COLLECT GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND OTHER SOLID WASTE PURSUANT TO SUCH REGULATIONS AND FOR SUCH FEES AS MAY BE FROM TIME TO TIME PROMULGATED BY RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE; PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON, FIRM, LANDLORD, PROPERTY OWNER, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF SUCH REGULATIONS OR OF § 8-8 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO GARBAGE CANS SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION, THE FINE FOR WHICH SHALL BE \$50; PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS FOR ANY VIOLATION OF SUCH REGULATIONS OR OF § 8-8 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO GARBAGE CANS; AND PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL NOT ACCEPT A RENTAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER § 4-42 OF THE CITY CODE FOR ANY NON-OWNER OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT WHICH HAS BEEN ASSESSED FINES FOR A VIOLATION OF SUCH REGULATIONS AND WHICH REMAIN UNPAID AS OF THE DATE THE RENTAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT IS SUBMITTED TO THE CITY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FINES ARE PAID IN FULL; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND SOLID WASTE IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster to table the ordinance until the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting so staff could answer questions presented by city commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor. The motion to table the proposed ordinance until November 25<sup>th</sup> passed 4-1. Commissioners Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson voted in favor of tabling the ordinance. Commissioner Rideout voted against the motion.

### **Old Business**

13. City Commissioners discussed the Governor's Hall lease agreement. The mayor excused herself from the meeting during the discussion to attend another appointment.

Commissioner Cannon took over chairing the meeting. Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to direct the staff to prepare a lease document to present to Mr. Grady, Mr. Troy, and CWDI. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster and was adopted by a 5-0 vote.

### **New Business**

A motion to table Resolution 19-013 the solid waste rules (Agenda Item 16) until the meeting on November 25, 2019 was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Rideout. The motion was approved 5-0.

14. That Council appropriate \$1,780.00 to the FY20 Federal BJAG grant 235.330 for the purchase of bullet proof vests.

A motion to approve Agenda Item 14 was made by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion was approved 5-0

15. That Council allocate \$1,000 to the CPD Event Fund. Cambridge Police Department received \$1,000 from the Cambridge Lions Club.

A motion to approve Agenda Item 15 was made by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

### **Meetings**

### **Notices**

### **Mayor and Council**

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Stanley informed City Commissioners of a Family Day at 618 Pine Street the night of Iron Man. He said this will bring an additional large crowd of visitors to the downtown.

### **Adjourn**

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

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, September 23, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor