

The City Council met in public work session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2020 to discuss a proposal for accounting services from the accounting firm of TGM Group, the firm that has done the annual audit of the City the past few years. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, and Hanson. Commissioners Cannon and Foster arrived shortly after the meeting started. The City Manager proposed hiring the firm to serve as the city's Finance Director. The purpose of the work session was to listen to the proposal by Roy Geiser of TGM Group. The work session ended at 5:35 p.m.

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020 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, Cannon, and Hanson. Commissioner Foster arrived at the close of requests from the public. The city attorney, city manager, and police chief were also present. 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.

A motion to amend the agenda was made by Commissioner Rideout to remove the staff report item under Requests from the Public. There was no second, so the motion was not considered.

The mayor requested approval of the agenda and the commission approved the agenda unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Foxwell of 413 Glenburn Avenue spoke to the City Commissioners on several topics including trash on the streets, the ducks and geese at the end of Oakley Street, and the newspapers coverage of the cruise ship docked in town, and the closing of the Banner Newspaper office on Cedar Street.

Charles McFadden, of the 200 block of Belvedere Avenue and President of CAN, came forward at the request of the CAN Board to thank Susan Webb for all the great work that she and the Code Enforcement staff are doing. He asked that as part of the reorganization of DPW that the Code Enforcement Office be placed directly under the City Manager and that the city consider adding staff to the Code Enforcement office.

Requests from the Public

Herve Hammond of the city planning staff presented a summary of events surrounding the structure behind the house at 207 High Street that is called the "Slave Cabin". Staff filed written reports and photographs regarding the matter and orally reported that the concerns raised by the neighbor at 205 High Street had been addressed by the owner of 207 High

Street and that the interior repairs to the cabin had been successfully completed and certified by the MDIA inspector.

Larry Mills, the owner of 205 High Street, then spoke on his concerns regarding the cabin that included it leaning, it having lead paint on it, his belief that it had structural problems, who would pay if the cabin fell on his property, some broken facia, and his refusal to have any work on the building be done from his side of the property line. The Mayor suggested that he meet with the City Manager to discuss his concerns. Commissioner Foster, who had been absent during this part of the meeting, returned and asked to be included in any meetings between Mr. Mills and city staff.

Consent Calendar

The consent calendar was approved on 5-0 vote on a motion from Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The city attorney presented a point of information that neither he nor the assistant city attorney were present at the February 24, 2020 meeting.

2. The February 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
3. The request of Chesapeake College to hold an event in the municipal parking lot behind the Cambridge Center on May 6th from 4-6 p.m.
4. The request of Paul Dendorfer of Blue Ruin to have a "Masters Goes Blue" event in the alleyway behind the Blue Ruin on April 10th from 5-9 p.m.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

No proposed ordinances were introduced

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

No proposed ordinances were presented.

Old Business

5. The Cambridge Police Department asked that the city accept the Federal Byrne Justice Grant in the amount of \$11,836 and that the police budget be increased by that amount with half of the monies going to the city police department and half going to the county sheriff's department. On a motion from Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson, this passed on a vote of 5-0.
6. Resolution No. 20-01 - Accepting the terms and conditions required to receive the \$510,000 CDBG grant from the state for the development of Cannery Park. On a motion from Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson, this was adopted on a vote of 5-0.

New Business

7. The Police Department asked that their Event Fund be reduced by \$1,000 and that the Police Patrol K-9 account be increased by that amount. On Commissioner Sydnor's motion and seconded by Commissioners Hanson and Cannon, that motion passed 5-0.
8. The request by city staff for permission to seek a \$50,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to help with the development of Cannery Park. A public hearing was held at which no citizen spoke, and on a motion by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Rideout, the request passed on a vote of 5-0. If the grant is awarded, the monies will be used to draft construction documents to guide the design implementation of the park, demolish and clear debris in the park, grade the land, and do other things to the great lawn area and the overlook improvements. This will only be a portion of the monies needed to construct the park area.

Commissioner Comments

The Mayor reported on two upcoming meetings of Eastern Shore Local Elected Officials both of which will be in Cambridge. Commissioner Sydnor asked that City Council have a work session on the preparations for the upcoming City election that is scheduled in October. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rideout also mentioned a work session regarding Code Enforcement. Commissioner Rideout also raised concern about the need to have a lien placed against the properties at 505 and 507 Race Street. Commissioner Rideout's motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster, the commissioners voted 5-0 to have the city attorney record the appropriate lien documents.

Public Comment

Mr. Foxwell of 413 Glenburn Avenue stated his concern for the condition of landscaping at Long Wharf.

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 6:45pm. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, March 9, 2020.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor