

The City Commissioners conducted the City business on Monday, April 13, 2020 by way of a conference call because of the Corona Virus threat. The mayor was stationed at her normal station in the City Commission Meeting Room on Gay Street. City Commissioners conference called into the meeting utilizing Webex. Citizens were able to observe the meeting by going on-line to TownHallStreams.com. Citizens were invited to call in their public comments by calling the mayor during the meeting at 410-228-5808.

Mayor Victoria Jackson Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. All the city Commissioners were present on the conference call including the city attorney, city police chief, and city manager. Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson participated remotely in the conference call.

### **Agenda**

1. Commissioner Cannon moved to approve the agenda with a second from Commissioner Rideout though Item 8, the Marina Management Agreement, was removed for inclusion in a future closed session of the Mayor and City Commissioners. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

The Mayor invited citizens to call in during the public comment period, but no citizen chose to do so.

### **Requests from the Public**

No one provided a presentation during requests from the public.

### **Consent Calendar**

Commissioner Rideout moved to approve the consent calendar and Commissioner Hanson second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

2. March 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. A request to have the Groove City Cultural FEST, on August 15, 2020 from 1pm-7pm between Elm & Washington Streets.

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

There were no ordinances introduced for first reading.

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

There were no ordinances introduced for second reading.

**Old Business**

4. The chairperson of the Council Compensation Advisory Committee, Joe Brooks, presented the Compensation Committee's Report. Mr. Brooks presented a verbal summary of the findings and recommendations.
  - Maintain Mayor and Commissioner salaries as they are
  - Remove health insurance and life insurance as benefits for the elected officials
  - Maintain the city paying FICA on top of the salaries, providing cell phones and computers to those elected officials that want them, a potential state retirement benefit, and travel expenses to allow the elected officials to participate in training events through the Maryland Municipal League (MML).

Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve the recommendations. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. Commissioners Sydnor, Foster, and Cannon abstained from the motion. The city attorney advised the motion failed. City Charter Amendments require at least three commissioners voting in the affirmative. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to revisit the recommendations at a future commission meeting. Hanson seconded the motion. Commissioners Rideout, Hanson, and Cannon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Sydnor and Foster abstained from the vote.

5. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-04 – A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REGARDING THE PINE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ACTIVITIES IN CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND. Commissioner Sydnor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

6. Commissioner Hanson moved to approve Executive Order No. 2020-01 - An Executive Order of the Mayor and the City Manager of the City of Cambridge declaring a state of emergency in the City of Cambridge as a result of COVID-19. Commissioners Rideout and Cannon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
7. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve the Letter dated April 8, 2020 to Matthew W. Sibley, Rear Admiral signed by Mayor Jackson-Stanley to oppose the closure of the Coast Guard Station in Oxford, Maryland. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
8. The Marina Management Services Agreement had been removed from the agenda when the agenda was approved.

9. The Budget Revision of April 13, 2020 to allocate \$1.2 million of city carry-over funds to Offset Potential Uncollected Revenues from Business Activity Reductions Due to the Corona Virus was moved to a future meeting by a motion of Commissioner Rideout that was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. The decision was adopted unanimously.
  
10. The Mayor requested a motion to allow the city commission to hold virtual meetings of the Mayor and City Commission during the current state of emergency. Commissioner Rideout made the motion to approve to motion and Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Sydnor voted against the motion.

**Meetings****Notices****Mayor and Council****Public Comment****Adjourn**

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

I certify the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the City Commission Meeting held Monday, April 13, 2020.

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Mayor