

The City Commissioners conducted the City business on Monday, May 11, 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 6:00 p.m. All the city Commissioners were present on the conference call including the City Attorney Chip MacLeod, City Police Chief Mark Lewis, City IT Director Dale Price, and City Manager Patrick Comiskey. Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson participated remotely in the conference call.

1. Commissioner Hanson moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

The Mayor invited public comments from citizens viewing on-line. She read out the telephone number and waited for public comment. No one called in for public comment.

Consent Calendar

Items 2, 4, and 5a & 5b of the consent calendar were approved on a motion by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

2. May 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. Farmer's Market request to have the weekly Thursday afternoon event at Long Wharf
4. ADA Committee requested to utilize the city property at the corner of Race and Cedar Streets on October 10, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. for their annual ADA Fair
5. School Board's request for a senior class vehicle parade through town
 5. a. First Amendment to IRONMAN
 5. b. First Amendment to EAGLEMAN

Commissioner Rideout asked the Main Street Director Katie Clendaniel to answer questions about the farmers' market. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve the Farmers' Market program provided they followed the Governor's Executive Order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Sydnor asked about enforcing social distancing at the High School Graduating Senior Car Parade. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve the high school parade and Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Ordinance for First Reading

Ordinance 1162 City of Cambridge Tax Rates for Real and Personal Property

Ordinance 1163 City Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for All City Funds

City Attorney Chip MacLeod read the ordinances. The Ordinances will be heard a second time and considered for adoption at the May 26, 2020 meeting where they will be read a second time with a public hearing held. City Commissioners will decide on them that evening.

Ordinance for Second Reading

There were no Ordinances for Second Reading

Old Business

8. Award of Contract for Long Wharf Electrical Improvements – Tomey Electric, Inc. for the amount of \$24,400. A motion to approve the award was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commission Cannon. The motion was adopted unanimously.
9. The Maryland DHCD proposal to reimburse the City for demolition costs of the building at 507 Race Street from currently awarded grant funds was approved on a 3-2 vote. A motion to approve the measure was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Rideout. Commissioners Rideout, Cannon and Hanson voted for the proposal. Commissioners Sydnor and Foster voted against the motion.
10. Resolution No. 20-05 Extending the State of Emergency Declaration and the Executive Order No. 20-02 were approved unanimously after Commissioner Sydnor made the motion to approve the extension and Commissioner Rideout seconded it.
11. The City Attorney requested authorization to draft a Charter Resolution to clarify the compensation of Elected Officials. A motion to leave the measure alone was made by Commissioner Sydnor and Seconded by Commissioner Foster. This motion failed on a vote of 2-3. Commissioners Sydnor and Foster voted for the motion. Commissioners Rideout, Cannon and Hanson voted against the motion. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to direct the city attorney to prepare the Charter Resolution clarifying the compensation of elected officials. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2. Commissioners Rideout, Cannon, and Hanson voted for the motion. Commissioners Sydnor and Foster voted against the motion.

New Business

12. City Planner Pat Escher presented the Waterfront Implementation Plan and advised City commissioners the plan parts recommended for implementation would be presented at the next City Commission Meeting.
13. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve hiring PKS to undertake city auditing services for the current and next two fiscal year end audits for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, 2021, and 2022. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.
14. Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to accept an award of \$38,132 from the Federal Government for police overtime and increase the amount of funds allocated for police overtime by \$38,132. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Cannon, and Hanson voted for the motion and Commissioner Foster abstained.

Comments

During the closing comment period, we learned that the basketball courts remain closed due to the Governor's Executive Order. The city manager confirmed that the proposed budget contained no raises this year given the downturn in the economy due to the Covid-19 crisis. He mentioned that the FY 21 budget anticipated no funding from the Highway User Fund for the coming year and he would soon learn if the city would receive any additional Highway User Funds for this year. At this point he is unsure if he will need to ask for monies from the reserve to balance this year's budget, but the city has received some unexpected monies that may allow us to close out the year without an adjustment.

The Mayor reported that almost 2000 care packages had been prepared and were being distributed to community members in response to the Covid-19 crisis. The police chief indicated that his officers were continuing to enforce the use of masks in businesses that are open and are providing warnings, education, and finally taking enforcement action if businesses fail to cooperate.

Requests from the Public

The Mayor invited public comments from citizens viewing on-line. She read out the telephone number and waited for public comment. No one called in for public comment.

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 7:44 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, May 11, 2020

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor