

The City Commissioners conducted the City business on Monday, June 8, 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.

The meeting began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Mayor.

#### 1. Agenda

The agenda was amended to remove the request of the Planning and Zoning Commission for an adjustment in the stipend they are given for their work. One item regarding a state grant that was received late but needed a quick decision was added. The agenda was then approved on a 5-0 vote with a motion by Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Cannon.

#### **Public Comment**

During the Public Comment time, Tom Puglisi spoke about the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and the importance of having qualified candidates appointed to serve.

#### **Requests from the Public**

The importance of (ADA) American Disabilities Act was a major concern as the City gets request for outside dining. Herve Hamon met with some restaurant owners to ensure there was compliance.

#### **Consent Calendar**

The Consent Calendar was approved with 5-0 vote on a motion of Commissioner Hanson and a second by Commissioner Rideout.

#### 2. The May 26th Meeting Minutes

- 2b. The request of the Chamber of Commerce for 4th of July Car Parade through the City.

**Ordinance for First Reading**

3. Ordinance 1164 - Proposes to amend the city's Unified Development Code to give the Planning and Zoning Commission additional authority to review and possibly rezone limited areas within the city. It was read and continued over for July 13th for a 2nd reading, public hearing, and possible adoption.
4. Ordinance 1165 -The Emergency Ordinance regarding outdoor dining, the closing of Poplar Street. It was read and then given a public hearing

**Ordinance for Second Reading**

**Emergency Ordinance No. 1165 – After a lengthy debate the Mayor moved Ordinance 1165 for discussion later in the meeting; in the meeting Commission Rideout made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foster providing a 20 ft lane was left open for fire trucks. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote for Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
- Public Hearing**

**Old Business**

5. The Working Waterfront Implementation Plan had portions of the plan that were recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission adopted with some deferred on a vote of 5-0 on a motion by Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Hanson.
6. City Staff was authorized to continue to work with the County and State to reconfigure properties on Cedar Street and come back to city council for a final approval at a later date on a vote of 5-0 on a motion by Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Cannon.
7. The Main Street's request of closing Poplar Street was approved.
8. After ADA concerns were discussed, the High Street and Popular Street closures were approved.
9. The first amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Agreement was approved on a vote of 5-0 on a motion by Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Cannon.
10. Resolution 20-07 consenting to a second extension of the State of Emergency in the City of Cambridge declared by the Mayor and City Manager was approved 5-0 on a motion by Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Hanson.

11. Cambridge Planning and Zoning Commission's Request for Stipend Adjustment – Removed from Agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

### **New Business**

12. Anne Roane was elected to be a member of the Historic Preservation Commission on a vote of 3-2 on a motion by Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Hanson. Commissioner Cannon joined in the majority and Commissioners Foster and Sydnor voted against. The application of Grady Wilson to become a member of the Historic Preservation Commission will be addressed at the July 13th City Council meeting to allow Mr. Wilson the opportunity to submit information regarding his qualifications that address the requirements for HPC membership for people that reside outside the city limits. On a motion by Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Hanson on a vote of 3-2 with Commissioner Cannon joining the majority and Commissioners Foster and Sydnor voting against.
13. The City Health Insurance Administration Annual Renewal was approved on a vote of 5-0 on Commissioner Hanson's motion and a second by Commissioner Rideout.
14. The MacLeod Law Group, LLC legal services agreement renewal was approved on a vote of 5-0 on a motion by Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Hanson. Commissioner Sydnor asked that the City Attorney provide a written statement regarding a budget issue that had been decided last month. The City Attorney indicated that he would provide the statement in writing.
15. Resolution 20-08 The Maces Lane Project Funding Agreement was approved on a 5-0 vote on a motion of Commissioner Sydnor and a second by Commissioner Cannon.
16. Resolution 20-09 The Harriet Tubman Mural Viewing Area Funding Agreement was approved on a vote of 5-0 on a motion of Commissioner Sydnor and a second by Commissioner Cannon.
17. Commissioner's amended the Agenda to add the Demolition Funding Agreement with the State of Maryland.

### **Comments**

The proposed \$380,000 Demolition Funding Agreement from the state that would help the city acquire more property for the Pine, High, and Race Street areas that also included approximately \$117,000 to reimburse the city for monies expended to demolish 507 Race Street was approved on a vote of 5-0 on my motion and second by Commissioner Cannon. The City Attorney will prepare a resolution to address this issue that needed a vote by City Council prior to June 12th.

**Requests from the Public**

**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 8:34 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, June 8, 2020, insofar as I personally am aware.

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor