

The City Commission held a Special Called meeting on Monday, July 1, 2021. The meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at 305 Gay Street in Cambridge.

All Commissioners and Mayor were present except Spuddy Cephas and Brian Roche attended via webex. Also present were Tyler Walker, Assistant IT, Patrick Thomas, Assistant City Attorney, city police chief Mark Lewis, and city police captain Louis Nichols and city manager Patrick Comiskey. 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. Citizens were also able to participate in the meeting by logging into the meeting by calling 408-418-9388 and entering the meeting number and password: Meeting Number 132 958 6308; Password 5808.

Commission President Cephas led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Agenda

1. Poplar Avenue Street Closures and Other Potential Amendments to 2020 Emergency Ordinance Regarding Temporary Waiver and Relaxation of Certain City Code Provisions.

The City Attorney explained that the previous order had expired leaving the city with a 48 hour grace period.

It was decided that music, bands should be inside unless approved by the Commission

Public Comment

Chris Brohawn – stated that he liked the one-way street idea that it was nice to see the people dining outside.

Dormain Greene – The Property Shoppe office stated that she would like for the Ava's table to be moved from in of the door to her office.

Brad Walters – requested moving the structure in front of Ava's, he then said that it could be okay as long as there is a fire lane.

It was agreed to extend the Ordinance period until October 31, 2021. This is with the one-way street closures. Commissioner Malkus stated that most businesses were on board with the extension.

It was asked to have a diagram made up of the closures/set-ups and have the fire chief review it within ten business days, then have the City Manager have everyone sign-off on it. Commissioner Roche suggested that the Engineering department be responsible for making the diagrams.

On a motion by Commissioner Malkus and a second by Commissioner Harrington the decision passed on a vote of 5-0. Added to the motion were the times of the outdoor dining, Friday 3-11, Saturday 10-11, Sunday 10-5. No outside bands and the police will handle covering and uncovering the traffic lights.

2. Greenwood Avenue and Leonard's Lane Security Concerns

Theresa Stafford and Lynette Wongus both spoke regarding having more police presence. It was discussed to have police/security service on site due to the large gatherings of people. On a motion from Commissioner Harrington and a second from Commission President Lajan Cephas to contact Allied Security Agency.

Lajan will prepare a letter to send to the property manager.

This matter passed on a 4-0 vote as Commissioner Sputty Cephas fell off of the webex system.

It was also tasked to Dale Price to see why Commissioner Cephas lost communication.

Mayor's Comments

Adjourn

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

With no further business, Mayor Andrew Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, July 1, 2021, insofar as I personally am aware.

Andrew Bradshaw

Mayor