

The City Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021. The meeting was scheduled for its regular time of 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at 305 Gay Street in Cambridge.

The mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:08 p.m. Those present in person or virtually were Mayor Bradshaw, Commissioner Brian Roche, Commissioner Lajan Cephas (via WebEx), Commissioner Jameson Harrington, Commissioner Sputty Cephas, Commissioner Chad Malkus, city assistant attorney Patrick Thomas, city police chief Mark Lewis, Carol Richardson, 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.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Roche and seconded by Commissioner Malkus to have item 9 removed from the agenda. Motion failed on a 2-3 vote.

Commissioner Malkus motioned to have CAN removed from the agenda. On a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Malkus voting no, the mayor directed CAN to speak during the Public Comment.

The agenda was then approved on a motion by Commissioner Sputty Cephas and a second by Commissioner Harrington and vote of 5-0.

Requests from the Public

Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN) Marina Committee Presentation

This session moved to Public Comment

Consent Calendar

1. July 19, 2021, Meeting Minutes

2. July 26, 2021, Meeting Minutes
3. August 9, 2021, Meeting Minutes
4. Bob Lawrence is requesting to have the 2022 Fishing Derby on August 6, 2022, at Long Wharf from 6:00am to 1:00pm
 4. a. Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race, Saturday, September 24, 2021, at Long Wharf, Near the Oyster Shed, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

After discussion of the time July 19, 2021, meeting ended 8:05pm and the closed session ended at 8:00pm.

The July 26, 2021, minutes, the Stone Boundary Neighborhood should have said E. Appleby Road.

After the revision of the July meetings the Consent Calendar was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Ordinances for First Reading

5. ORDINANCE 1188 – Proposed by the City Planning Commission

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING § 4.4.4 AND TABLE 2 – PERMITTED USES BY ZONING SUBDISTRICT IN THE DOWNTOWN/WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY’S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ALLOW STORAGE BUILDINGS AS A PERMITTED USE WITH CONDITIONS IN ALL DOWNTOWN/WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ZONING SUBDISTRICTS AND AMENDING § 9.2 OF THE UDC TO DEFINE TERMS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO STORAGE IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Ordinance 1188 was read the Assistant City Attorney for first reading, second reading is scheduled for September 27, 2021.

6. ORDINANCE 1189 – Proposed by the City Planning Commission

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING § 4.2.3(D) AND TABLE 1: PERMITTED USES BY ZONING DISTRICT OF THE CITY’S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (“UDC”) TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL CANNABIS PROCESSING FACILITIES FOR CONSUMER PACKAGE GOODS IS A PERMITTED USE WITH CONDITIONS IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT

THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ZONING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Ordinance 1189 was read the Assistant City Attorney for first reading, second reading is scheduled for September 27, 2021.

Ordinances for Second Reading

7. CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. CR-2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND PASSED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND §§ 4-302(1) AND 4-304 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE TO AMEND § 3-83 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY CODE, INCLUSIVE OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, THAT ARE PUNISHABLE AS A MISDEMEANOR TO \$1,000.00 AND/OR UP TO SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AND INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FINES FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS THAT ARE PUNISHABLE AS MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS TO \$1,000.00; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO MISDEMEANORS AND MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

The mayor opened public hearing on the Charter Resolution. No one spoke or called in regarding the resolution. On a motion from Commissioner Roche to table the resolution until the rental licensing has been determined and a second by Commissioner Malkus. Commissioner Roche then withdrew his motion. Commission President Lajan Cephas motioned to approve the resolution with a second by Commissioner Harrington on a 5-0 vote.

Old Business

8. Enterprise Vehicle Lease Contract

Motion to approve the Enterprise Contract was made by Commission President Lajan Cephas and a second by Commissioner Malkus and a vote of 5-0.

9. Fire Truck Purchase Proposal – Purchase of 3 trucks for \$3.8 million with COVID Funds

After a lengthy discussion with the Fire Chief Adam Pritchett on hand to answer questions, and a motion by Commissioner Malkus, second by President Lajan Cephas to purchase the ladder truck. The was approved on a 5-0 vote.

New Business

10. **Parking Minimums in the City – Planning Commission**

Commissioner Roche suggested that no action taken on this item at this time. The Assistant City Attorney will prepare an Ordinance for presentation to the Planning Commission.

11. **Presentation of Tiered Rental Licensing Proposal – City Technology Committee**

Gregg Voss of Technology Committee spoke regarding creating a work session to be scheduled sometime in October for rental registration.

12. **Presentation of Proposed Ordinance requiring inspections of newly registered rental units and any rental units that change hands going forward. This was proposed by the former ordinance committee of the former city commission. Proposed for commission review by the city manager.**

This item will be presented at the same October work session.

13. **Consideration of City Manager Acquiring his city cell phone from the city prior to leaving office. (City Commissioners approved in December 2020 allowing outgoing commissioners to acquire their city issued laptops for \$100).**

On a motion by Commissioner Malkus and a second by Commissioner Harrington this was approved on 5-0 vote.

Meetings

Planning and Zoning – September 7, 2021

Public Comment

Charles McFadden, 200 Belvedere – give an update of the CAN Committee

Veronica Taylor, Groove City Culture Fest – thanked the city for their donation and invited them to attend the next GrooveFest.

Kim Pushee – spoke regarding lady walking down the street drinking while walking dog and dogs not being on a leech.

Tyrone Pushee – stated that dogs should be on a leech at Great Marsh Park.

Dr. Theresa Stafford, 2429 Rock Drive – stated that she was threatened three times by a city police officer. Dr. Stafford stated that she is going to file a formal complaint.

Carol Richardson stated that she wanted to be involved in the housing and rental inspections.

Lynette Wongus – thanked the city and DPW crew for their timely clean-up after the GrooveFest on August 21, 2021.

Motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Harrington and a second by Commissioner Spuddy Cephas. The was approved on a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Malkus voted against.

Department or Division Head Comments

Commissioner's Comments

Mayor's Comments

Mayor explained what was discussed in the closed session.

Closed Session – This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Article 3-305(b) (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; (2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice

Adjourn

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

With no further business, Mayor Andrew Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, August 23, 2021, insofar as I personally am aware.

Andrew Bradshaw
Mayor