

The City Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 13, 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, Commissioner Jameson Harrington, Commissioner Sputty Cephas, Commissioner Chad Malkus, (via WebEx) city assistant attorney Patrick Thomas, city police chief Mark Lewis, chief Adam Pritchett, nd acting city manager David Deutsch. 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.

After an amendment to add a #9 Traffic Pilot to the agenda, the agenda was then approved on a 5-0 vote.

Requests from the Public

Mayoral Citations for the Unity Fest

Mayoral citations were given to the Unity Festival Organizers, Isaac Adams "III Kidd", Buddy Ennals, Sergio Martinez, Lakesha Dobbins

Jordan Pearlstein – Youth Mentorship Presentation (J. Noah Skills Academy)

Mr. Pearlstein has been rescheduled to the October 25, 2021, Commission meeting.

Consent Calendar

2. July 1, 2021, Special Called Meeting Minutes
3. August 23, 2021, Meeting Minutes

4. 72nd Annual Cambridge-Dorchester County Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 4pm-10pm, Race Street.
5. 2022 Crawfish Boil and Muskrat Stew Fest, Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Long Wharf, 11am-6pm.
6. Bill Christopher is requesting to have a Grade Level Reading Program Kick-off, Wednesday, October 20, 2021, from 5pm-7:30pm at Cannery Way.

On a motion by Commissioner Harrington and a second by Commissioner Malkus, the consent calendar was approved.

Ordinances for First Reading

Ordinance No. 1192 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING §§ 6.3.2, TABLE 6A (SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY LAND USE) AND 6.3.3 (MODIFICATION OF PARKING REQUIREMENT) OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR MAXIMUM OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT BY LAND USE; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Ordinances for Second Reading

None

Old Business

New Business

8. Ethics Commission Roster Discussion

The mayor asked the Commission to nominate qualified individuals for the Ethics Commission. The mayor stated that he would like to have the nominations to have qualifications, legal background, something other than just being a citizen, etc. Nominations are due by the 23rd of September.

9. Traffic Pilot

Commissioner Roche gave a presentation along with Mr. Kelly regarding a Traffic Pilot on the corner of Cedar and Pine Street. Mr. Kelly also spoke of dressing up a parking space at a business center with planters. Mr. Kelly stated that after having conversation with citizens, it was mentioned to also have chess and checker boards, seating added. Mr. Kelly stated that crosswalks will be added. Commissioner Roche suggested to have Department of Public Works "DPW" participate. The Traffic & Safety Committee will coordinate with DPW, city manager to complete the traffic pilot project. On a motion by Commissioner Cephas and a second by Commissioner Roche.

Meetings

The City of Cambridge Historic Preservation Commission will conduct a in person meeting on Wednesday September 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. from City Council Chambers, 305 Gay Street.

The City of Cambridge Commission will meet in a Work Session on Rental Registration Tiered System, October 18, 2021, Commission Chambers at 6pm.

Public Comment

None

Department or Division Head Comments

Ina – on board with the Traffic Pilot

Chief Lewis – welcomed Acting City Manager – David Deutsch

Pat Escher – stated she is waiting on the Board of Appeals for substation. She also stated the approval of Phase 1 and 2 of Rails of Trails and the amendment to the Hyatt Masterplan.

David Deutsch, Acting City Manager introduced the new city Accounting Specialist

Commissioner's Comments

Ward 1 – Commissioner Roche welcomed and thanked the acting city manager

Ward 2 – Commission President Cephas spoke regarding the weekend's events and she welcome the acting city manager.

Ward 3 – Commissioner Harrington spoke of the weekend's events and the 100-year celebration of the Chamber.

Ward 4 – Commissioner Cephas welcomed the acting city manager, and stated that he was looking forward to working with him and congratulated the Chamber.

Ward 5 – Commissioner Malkus said congrats to the Chamber, Commissioner Malkus wished the IRONMAN lots of luck. He also invited everyone to come downtown to experience IRONMAN, he then wished his son Happy Birthday.

Acting City Manager, David Deutsch – stated that he and the mayor met with Angie Hengst, to make sure she had everything she needed for the IRONMAN races.

Mayor's Comments

The mayor welcomed the acting city manager. He spoke about the events of the weekend, and the 100-year celebration for the Chamber, he then spoke of the “Day of Resilience” and how the city of Cambridge has had its highs and lows over the years.

Adjourn

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

With no further business, Mayor Andrew Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 6:58p.m.
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, September 13, 2021, insofar as I personally am aware.

Andrew Bradshaw
Mayor