

The City Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022. 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 Commission President Lajan Cephas opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Those present in person or virtually were Commissioner Brian Roche, Commissioner Jameson Harrington, Commissioner Sputty Cephas, Commissioner Chad Malkus, City Assistant Attorney Patrick Thomas, City Police Chief Mark Lewis, and 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 into 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 2555 161 9336; Password 5808.

Commission President Lajan Cephas asked for a moment of silence for the youth in our community and police department. Commissioner Sputty Cephas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Agenda**

1. Commission to approve or amend agenda as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Sputty Cephas and seconded by Commissioner Malkus the Agenda was approved on a 5-0 vote.

### **Presentations from the Public**

Steve Vondenbosch, the owner of 447 Race Street

It was stated that Mr. Vondenbosch would work with the City Manager and Pat Escher to develop a plan of work on the tree planting at Race and Muir Streets. On a motion by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner Harrington this request was approved on a 5-0 vote.

### **Consent Calendar**

2. March 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes
3. Award of Contract for Sewer Line Cleaning and Video Inspection
4. Andrew Shannon of the Cambridge Empowerment Center is requesting to have a Summer Learning Program "Summer Celebration," August 17, 2022, from 4pm to 7pm.
5. Alpha Genesis CDC is requesting a letter of support to fund the rehab of 420 - 422 Race Street.

On a motion by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner Harrington, the Consent Calendar was approved unanimously as presented.

### **Ordinances for First Reading**

None

### **Ordinances for Second Reading**

6. **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.**

- A. Second Reading
- B. Public Hearing
- C. Council Action

On a motion by Commissioner Sputty Cephias and a second by Commissioner Malkus the Public Hearing was opened. The City Attorney read the Ordinance aloud. On a motion by Commissioner Roche and a second by Commissioner Malkus, Ordinance 1192 was approved as presented. On a motion by Commissioner Sputty Cephias and a second by Commissioner Malkus the Public Hearing was closed.

### **Old Business**

7. Refuse Collection

The Acting City Manager is requesting to extend the refuse contract for six months. Commissioner Malkus stated that the capital cost for City operation needs to be considered. Commission President Lajan Cephias would like to bring the service back in-house. Commissioner Roche stated that recycling could be an added service, and that accountability is necessary. A motion by Commissioner Sputty Cephias and seconded by Commission President Lajan Cephias to direct the City Manager, staff to gather information to prepare for an RFP regarding the service, and to analyze the cost of in-house service. The motion contained a 45-day period for staff to conduct the assessment, and report back to Council. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

## 8. Police Accountability Software

On a motion by Commissioner Sputty Cephas and a second by Commissioner Malkus and a 5-0 vote the request for accountability software was approved.

**Meetings**

The City of Cambridge Board of Appeals public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm at Council Chambers, 305 Gay Street, Cambridge, Maryland.

**Public Comment**

Michael Wheatley – asked Council how long would it take to purchase the trash trucks if Council were to bring the refuse service back in-house. Mr. Wheatley then presented Council with the ethics disclosure forms.

Robert Aaron – spoke regarding having a skateboard park in Cambridge, suggesting that the skate park in Salisbury could be an good model.

Adrian Holmes – spoke regarding the easement for Cannery Way. Pat Escher directed her to have the easement drafted.

**Department/Division Head Reports**

Chief Lewis – spoke regarding the new accountability software and how it could be paid for with Forfeiture Fund monies initially and provided for in future years budget.

Pat Escher - gave an update on the Maces Lane project. Ms. Escher stated that a member of the Maces Lane community group will be acting as project manager.

**Acting City Manager Comments**

David Deutsch – stated that the street sweeper schedule has been posted on the website. He stated that election RFP responses are due on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He then gave a brief overview of the Bradford House, the various actions taken by staff regarding the resident complaints.

**Commissioners' Comments**

Commissioner Roche spoke of the pedestrian markers that have gone up around town, along with the 4-way stops. Commissioner Roche also spoke of the need for improvements on Poplar Street.

Commissioner Harrington stated that he attended the Tuskegee Airman Event held at Sailwinds over the weekend.

Commissioner Spatty Cephas thanked the Acting City Manager for his time.

Commissioner Malkus spoke regarding the hiring of an Executive Director for Main Street, he then thanked the Acting City Manager for his time here in the City.

Commission President Lajan Cephas spoke regarding our community uniting and helping each other. She then thanked the Acting City Manager.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Spatty Cephas and a second by Commissioner Malkus.

With no further business, Commission President Lajan Cephas adjourned the meeting at 7:40p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, April 11, 2022, insofar as I personally am aware.

---

Lajan Cephas  
Commission President

*City Commission meetings are conducted in open session unless otherwise indicated. Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, all or a portion of the Commission meeting may be held in closed session by vote of the Commission. Please note that the order of agenda items is subject to change and that meetings are subject to audio and video recording.*