

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2019 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve the agenda as presented was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 5:0.

Public Comment

Michael Wheatley complimented City Council on the professional way City Council meetings are held.

Michael Wheatley said Cambridge Main Street has worked really hard to beautify the City and making downtown alive and vibrant. Katie Clendaniel has done great work; she goes above and beyond. He hopes Council will support Cambridge Main Street's funding request.

Requests from the Public

2. SUBJECT: Update on the Eastern Shore Climate Adaptation Partnership's (ESCAP) activities over the last year (sea level rise project, nuisance flood guidance, etc.) and their anticipated projects for 2019

Brian Ambrette with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy reported that the Eastern Shore Climate Adaptation Partnership is a partnership among six counties and two municipalities including Cambridge. Brent Jett represents the City on this partnership. They have been in operation for about three years. Primarily they are providing data and planning tools to counties and towns to help them protect the life and safety of their citizens and their assets from flooding and severe weather.

Their first project is the sea level rise planning project. They worked with the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative at Salisbury University to produce very high-resolution mapping products that including Cambridge so the City has information on potential flood depths for storms whether they happen today or 100 years in the future. The tools will help Cities and Counties incorporate the information into local ordinances, codes, and other planning tools.

Their second project is piece of guidance for meeting a new State regulation to produce a nuisance flood plan. At the last legislature session, Maryland passed a bill requiring communities to produce a nuisance flood plan and submit the plan to the Maryland Department of Planning by July 1, 2019. They have produced a tool that has helped communities meet that legislative requirement.

They will be doing their third project in 2019. It is an extreme precipitation study looking at how rainfall patterns are changing over the Eastern Shore Region. They know it is raining harder. They see an increase in extreme rainfall events. It is raining differently than it has in the past. This will be important for updating engineering and design of stormwater management conveyances and other types of projects that are dealing with removing rainwater from the site or storing rainwater.

They are working in the sustainability of their partnership and formalizing the partnership among the jurisdictions. All their projects are of no cost to any of the counties or towns. They have done all the fundraising and grant writing for the projects.

Consent Calendar

3. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meetings on January 28, 2019
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
4. SUBJECT: Request from Jason Chance, TCR Event Management, for permission to hold a running event starting and finishing at Great Marsh Park on Saturday, April 20, 2019 between the hours of 7:00 am and 12 pm and a variance from the noise ordinance
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
5. SUBJECT: Request from the American Legion Post 91 for a letter of support to State Highway to have the corner parcel of State property adjacent to their building turned over to them for a nominal price
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve the Consent Calendar Items 3 through 5 as presented was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

6. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1139 -- An Ordinance of The Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland Amending § 5.1.4 of The City's Unified Development Code ("UDC") To Provide That Fences Shall Not Extend at a Height Exceeding Six Feet Forward of the Primary Rear Building Façade and Fences Extending Forward of the Primary Rear Building Façade Shall Not Exceed Four Feet in Height Subject to Certain Conditions; Providing That the Title of This Ordinance Shall be Deemed a Fair Summary and Generally Relating to Fences in the City of Cambridge.

Recommendation: That Council

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1139 by reading of title only; and
- B. Schedule March 11, 2019 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1139.

Enforcement Authority: Pat Escher, A.I.C.P., Division Manager – Division of Planning, Housing and Economic Development, Department of Public Works

Chip MacLeod introduced Ordinance 1139 by reading the title. A second reading, public hearing, and possible vote will take place on March 11, 2019.

7. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1140 -- An Ordinance of The Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland Amending § 2.4.2(E) Of the City's Unified Development Code ("UDC") To Provide for The Replacement of Existing Nonconforming Multifamily Structures Within the Residential District That Are Damaged or Destroyed by Accidental or Natural Causes or Other Causes Beyond the Property Owner's Control, Under Certain Conditions; Amending § 2.4.2(F) of the UDC Regarding the Timeframes for Abandonment and Discontinuance of Nonconforming Uses Of Structures and Situations; Amending Certain Provisions Of § 2.4 of The UDC For Clarity and Consistency and to Better State the City's Intent with Respect to Nonconformities; Providing That the Title of This Ordinance Shall Be Deemed A Fair Summary and Generally Relating to Nonconformities in the City of Cambridge.
- Recommendation: That Council
- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1140 by reading of title only; and
- B. Schedule March 11, 2019 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1140.

Enforcement Authority: Pat Escher, A.I.C.P., Division Manager – Division of Planning, Housing and Economic Development, Department of Public Works

Chip MacLeod introduced the ordinance by reading the title. A second reading, public hearing, and possible vote will take place on March 11, 2019.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

8. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1138 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending § 4.2.3 and Table 1: permitted uses by zoning district of the City's Unified Development Code ("UDC") to allow Bingo as a Permitted Use with Conditions in the General Commercial Zoning District 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 bingo in the City of Cambridge.
- Recommendation: That Council:
- A. Give Ordinance No. 1138 a second reading by reading of title only;
- B. Open the public hearing, take public comment, and close the public hearing; and
- C. Pass Ordinance No. 1138.

Enforcement Authority: Pat Escher, A.I.C.P., Division Manager – Division of Planning, Housing and Economic Development, Department of Public Works

Chip MacLeod read the title of the ordinance.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to hold a public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

Nobody from the audience asked to speak.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to close the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to pass Ordinance 1138 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

Old Business

9. SUBJECT: Main Street Funding Request
Recommendation: That Council consider the request

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to allocate the \$20,000 to Main Street as outlined in the document provided with the agenda was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 4:1.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to appropriate \$20,000 to the Special Events Contribution account was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

New Business

10. SUBJECT: General Fund Budget Revision Request
Recommendation: That Council approve the budget revision

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor that Council appropriate \$10,800 from the Appropriated Reserves and forward it to the Banquet and Awards Fund for RFC was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 5:0.

11. SUBJECT: Appointment of a representative from the City of Cambridge to be on the Heart of the Chesapeake Heritage Area Board of Directors
Recommendation: That Council appoint a representative

A motion by Commissioner Hanson that Council appoint Herve Hamon to represent the City of Cambridge on the Heart of the Chesapeake Heritage Area Board of Directors was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

Mayor and Council

Richard Colburn thanked Council for offering their letter of support for the American Legion.

Commissioner Rideout commented on the wonderful event at Bethel AME Church hosted by the Eastern Shore Network for Change. Congressman Elijah Cummings raised two issues that he thinks we need to think about during budget preparation times. One is the importance of the education of our children in the context of having a community that will

grow and continue to grow. The other point is the importance of working together. If we do not work together, we will have too many challenges that will prevent us from succeeding.

Commissioner Foster said it is appropriate that Main Street to finally recognize Pine Street as part of Main Street. They said Pine Street was part of Main Street but never put dollars towards Pine Street. In July 1967, Pine Street was totally destroyed. Some things have been done but there is a lot more to be done. She and Commissioner Cannon are going to be visiting most of the churches in the area and give them updates on what is going on at the community meetings.

Commissioner Cannon said they will let the public know exactly what is being done towards the revitalization of Pine Street. There has been some mis-information that money is coming from some organizations when it is really not coming from those organizations. The money is coming from the grants provided by the State and the Revitalization Committee.

Commissioner Cannon said Ms. Hallowell wants to join the ADA Committee. Stephanie Hallowell is part of the Young Professionals Group to the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce. She is a graduate student majoring in rehabilitation counseling at University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She has background experience in social work and rehabilitation counseling. Based on the meeting that she attended, she knows that Herve Hamon and Commissioner Cannon emphasized that one of the things that we have for the ADA Committee is to promote an accessibility campaign to promote awareness for individual who have disabilities. She noted some barriers that needed removal in the American Legion photographs that were submitted with their documents. She also gave some suggestions on how the fund the changes.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to allow Ms. Hallowell to join the ADA Committee was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

Oden Wheeler reported that the slip-lining of the sewer lines in the 300 block of High Street was completed last week. They have begun putting in the new laterals from the back of the curb into the main. Their goal is to have the street done before Memorial Day. They will update the businesses each Friday on what to anticipate during the next week.

Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley reported that she attended two Maryland Municipal League legislative meetings for this fiscal year. MML wants to get ahead of the game with legislation before companies start installing small cell towers everywhere. Chip MacLeod reported that the industry really got out in front of all the local governments and tried to get legislation passed that would outright pre-empt local governments from regulating these new towers. It is important for local governments to be able to regulate the location of those devices without slowing down the use of cell phones.

Public Comment

Robert Aaron said the public cannot speak at the Downtown meetings. You can only listen. He said when they hold events downtown, their liquor license says the drinks have

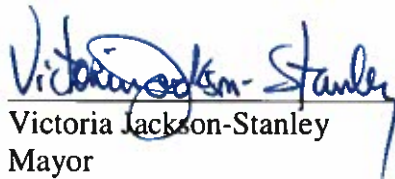
to be consumed on the property. The businesses who serve booze and let the people walk on the street are breaking the law. He asked what Council was going to do about it or what he could do about it. Mayor Stanley said when Main Street hold special events downtown, they always ask special permission to have drinking on the street. They City gives them permission to have the alcohol in a confined area so they are not breaking the law.

John Foster, Cambridge Police Department, asked permission to have the Easter Egg Hunt at Great Marsh Park on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the request contingent upon the availability of the park was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 5:0.

Adjourn

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

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, February 11, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.


Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor