

The City Commissioners conducted the City business on Monday, March 8, 2021 by way of a conference call because of the Corona Virus threat. The Mayor was stationed at his normal station in the City Commission Meeting Room on Gay Street. All the commissioners were present, in person or by participating remotely utilizing Webex. The assistant city attorney Patrick Thomas and IT Director Dale Price were present, in person. The city manager participated remotely using Webex. Police Chief Mark Lewis did not attend the 5:00 p.m. meeting but participated in the 6:00 p.m. meeting remotely using Webex. Citizens were able to observe the meeting by going on-line to TownHallStreams.com. until the closed session began.

The Mayor opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. A motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner S. Cephas and seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas. The session was closed under General Provisions Article 3-305(b) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the state; and 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 and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. The commission voted 5-0 to go into closed session. The commission entered closed session at 5:04 p.m. and came out of closed session at 5:57 p.m.

The Mayor convened the regular meeting at 6:04 p.m. All the commissioners were present in person or virtually through Webex. 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

Commissioner Malkus made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas and the motion was approved unanimously.

Joel Bunde and the Hyatt were presented a Mayoral Citation. Commissioner Malkus and Mayor Bradshaw made the presentation.

Requests from the Public

Presentations to the city commission were made by Owen Bailey of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy; Jeff Breslin, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Baltimore; and Jymil Thompson of the Wyatt Foundation.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Commission President Lajan Cephas and a second by Commissioner Malkus the consent calendar items were approved unanimously.

2. February 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3. Gary Glanz of Mainstreet is requesting to have a Sip & Savor on April 10, 2021 on Poplar Street, Cannery Way, Blackwater Bakery Parking lot. The street closure area is Poplar and the 400 block of Race Streets from 12pm to 5pm.
4. Jason Chance is requesting to have a Crab Run on May 9, 2021 at Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh from 7am to 12pm.
5. Amy Craig is requesting a letter of support with the Community Legacy Grant for the Harriet Tubman Statue.

Ordinance for First Reading

6. The assistant city attorney read Ordinance No. 1172 aloud. An Ordinance Of The Commissioners Of Cambridge, Maryland Amending The Form-Based Code Development Standards Applicable To The Gateway Subdistrict And Table 2: Permitted Uses By Zoning Subdistrict In The Downtown/Waterfront Development District Of The City's Unified Development Code For The Purpose Of Permitting Properties Within The 400 Block Of Maryland Avenue That Were Previously Used As Mixed-Use Commercial And Residential To Be Converted Entirely To Residential Use, Subject To Certain Conditions; Providing That The Title Of This Ordinance Shall Be Deemed A Fair Summary And Generally Relating To The Gateway Subdistrict Standards In The City Of Cambridge.
7. The assistant city attorney read Ordinance No. 1173 aloud. An Ordinance Of The Commissioners Of Cambridge, Maryland Amending Table 1: Permitted Uses By Zoning District Of The City's Unified Development Code For The Purpose Of Allowing Professional Offices As A Permitted Use In The Corridor Mixed-Use Zoning District; Providing That The Title Of This Ordinance Shall Be Deemed A Fair Summary And Generally Relating To Professional Offices In The City Of Cambridge

Ordinance for Second Reading

8. The assistant city attorney read Ordinance No. 1171 aloud. An Ordinance Of The Commissioners Of Cambridge, Maryland Amending Chapter 17.5 (Taxation) Of The Code Of The City Of Cambridge, Maryland For The Purposes Of Granting A Real Property Tax Credit For Public Safety Officers Of The City Of Cambridge, Subject To Certain Conditions And Qualifications, And Defining Terms Associated Therewith; Providing That The Title Of This Ordinance Shall Be Deemed A Fair Summary And Generally Relating To Real Property Taxes In The City Of Cambridge

The Mayor invited public comment on proposed Ordinance 1171. No one provided public comment. Commission President Lajan Cephas moved to approve the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Malkus and approved unanimously.

Old Business

9. Resolution No. 21-07 Establishment of the City Hall Restoration Committee.

The resolution was approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner Harrington after the words "train garden" in II. F. were scratched.

10. Purchase of eight properties from Dorchester County inventory of delinquent tax holdings.

The resolution was approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner L. Cephas and seconded by Commissioner Harrington.

11. Approval of Mayor appointments to Committees (Technology, Traffic and Safety, etc.).

The commission appointments to the Technology committee were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner Harrington.

The citizen appointments to the Technology committee were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner L. Cephas and seconded by Commissioner Harrington.

The commission appointments to the Traffic and Safety committee were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas.

The citizen appointments to the Traffic and Safety committee were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner Harrington.

12. Proposed Finance Director Position and Position Description.

A motion to approve both the position and the position description was made by Commissioner S. Cephas and seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas and approved 5-0.

13. Egypt Road Proposed Solar Power Project: Amendment to Land Use Agreement.

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

New Business**14. Proposal for Hazard Mitigation Services for Pine Street Neighborhood Project.**

A motion to approve proposals from Sussex Environmental and Fisher Environmental was made by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner Harrington. The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner L. Cephas voted against the proposal.

15. Proposal for Appraisal Services for the Pine Street Neighborhood Project.

A motion to approve the proposal for appraisal service from W.R. Cain and Associates for three years was made by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment

The mayor called for public comment.

Sheila Jones asked for an update on the small area plan for the Pine Street area.

Lynette Wongus asked about division heads attending city commission meetings.

Greg Meekins stated he was impressed with the committee appointees.

Meetings

The mayor read aloud the upcoming meetings.


March 22, 2021, 5:00 p.m. City Work Session with Matt Pluta of Shore Rivers

March 25, 2021, 4:00 p.m. City Commissioners tour of Packing House and Cannery Park

Department or Division Head Comments**Commissioner Comments****Mayor's Comments****Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, properly seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, March 8, 2021, insofar as I personally am aware.



Andrew Bradshaw
Mayor