

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 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 in honor of Gerard "Gerry" Boyle. Girl Scout Troops #412, #523, #138 along with Troop Leader Janeen Ford, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

1. The Council meeting agenda was modified to remove the request from Main Street item 11 at the request of the Main Street Director and the request from Awaken Hearts to hold a Praise Concert.

Requests from the Public

Robert Aaron of 217 Callen Road presented council with a plan for a Skateboard Park.

Sharon Smith expressed her concerns regarding the city revenue and expenses. Ms. Smith also made mention of the need for the city to have more Enforcement Officer's. She also suggested a code enforcement officer on weekends. Ms. Smith stated that more funds should go into Economic Development.

Charles McFadden of 200 Belvedere concurred with Sharon Smith regarding the need for an additional code enforcement officer. He said the City should not pay for police raises by reducing the number of officers.

Denise Dvorak, of 122 Regulator Drive, President of the Dorchester Library spoke to the Council regarding the Kindermusik, a program for children 0-3 years of age and their parents that helps infants and toddlers develop and engages their parents in bonding with them and supporting their early growth. The library is celebrating the "Month of the Young Child". She also stated that the library has and always will have learning tools for children.

Katie Clendaniel of Main Street reminded City Commissioners of the Saturday, April 13th Street Lighting. She also spoke of the upcoming "Make America Beautiful" program and that she will be requesting a \$1,000 grant.

Consent Calendar

2. Meeting Minutes from the Council Meeting on March 25, 2019

The Consent Calendar that remained after items were removed was approved on a vote of 5-0. Commissioner Rideout led the motion, Commissioner Sydnor 2nd the motion. Those items included the following:

3. Request for Awaken Hearts to hold a "Praise" Concert at 530 Poplar Street was removed from the agenda.
4. Request from Friends of Blackwater to hold a Wild Goose Chase Bike Ride for Women on Saturday, September 7, 2019.
5. Request from Sean Reincke of Cambridge-South Dorchester High School for a noise variance for the Prom, Saturday, May 4, 2019 on the school lawn.
- 5a. Maryland Department of Health requested a banner be placed across Race Street for National Mental Health Month (May)

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

6. Ordinance 1142 – An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending and modifying ordinance no. 1035 and 1038 by extending the temporary suspension of the imposition and collection of all Impact Fees applicable to and collectible from Properties located within the corporate limits of the City of Cambridge from April 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to impact fees in the City of Cambridge.

Impact Fees, 1st Reading, April 8, 2019 and 2nd Reading will be April 22, 2019

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption

No Ordinances were presented for Second Reading

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

7. City Associate Engineer Brent Jett requested approval to submit a \$1.5 million grant request to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to improve Peachblossom Creek. Vote 5-0.

8. Brandon Hesson of the City's Economic Development division presented a request to apply for funds for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Façade Improvements. A motion to approve the request, vote 5-0.
9. Brandon Hesson requested Commission approval to apply for a grant to fund a Wayfinding Plan. The city council approved the request. Vote 5-0
10. Brandon Hesson requested Commissioners to approve a grant application to have a Housing Quality Survey undertaken. Commissioner Rideout motion to approve. Commissioner Foster second the motion. The motion passed.
11. The Cambridge Beer Festival was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting at the request of Main Street Executive Director, Katie Clendaniel.
12. Commissioner Hanson motion to approve re-appointing William Clyde to the Board of Appeals. The term begins May and extends to April 30, 2022. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. The motion 5-0.
13. Yvette Robinson, the City's Housing Consultant briefed Commissioners on the progress of the housing revitalization project. Habitat for Humanity has three new houses to work on.

Public Comment

City Assistant Planner Herve Hamon advised City Commissioners he has received approval from the local school system to have the high school shop class work on the "One Porch at a Time" project.

Commissioner Foster requested the city change the City Charter to allow City Commissioner's to be involved in personnel decisions of the city. Commissioner Sydnor seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2. Commissioner Cannon voted for the measure. Commissioner Rideout and Hanson voted against the change. Commissioner Rideout requested that city staff prepare a review of recently hired positions to determine what policies were followed including any raises awarded. Commissioner Sydnor requested the study go back three years and include contracted workers. The motion passed.

Mayor Jackson-Stanley spoke about the importance of the upcoming census on April 1st, 2020. She noted the importance of counting everyone and identified specifically pregnant women so newborn babies would not be left out for ten years.

Adjourn

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

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, April 8, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.


Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor