

5:00 pm City Council met in Open Session for the purpose of voting to meet in closed session pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 3-101(b)(1)(ii) and 3-305(b)(7) to discuss the administration of the Charter of the City of Cambridge and to obtain legal advice from the City Attorney with respect thereto.

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2020 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. Chip McLeod, City Attorney, Patrick Comiskey, City Manager, Dale Price, IT. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence for the Congressman John Lewis. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Cannon.

Public Comment

None

Requests from the Public

None

Consent Calendar

2. July 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion of Commissioner Hanson and a second by Commissioner Rideout.
3. Alpha Genesis r Alpha Genesis is requesting September 12, 2020 for “A Day of Resilience 2020” from 12pm-1:30pm at the Dorchester County Circuit Courthouse.
4. Alpha Genesis is requesting September 12, 2020 for “A Day of Resilience 2020” from 5pm to 9pm at Cannery Way/Harriet Tubman Mural. Both were approved on a motion of Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Hanson.
5. The “Awaken the Dawn” request was removed. We have asked Mr. Sullivan to look into another location.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

6. Ordinance 1166 – Amending Chapter 11 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Article II (Parking) of the Code of the City of Cambridge. The Ordinance was read by the City Attorney after which it was continued over to the August 10th City Council meeting for 2nd reading, public hearing, and possible adoption.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

7. Ordinance 1165 and Resolution No. 20-12 – Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment
This Ordinance was moved to the August 10, 2020 meeting.

Old Business

8. Resolution No. 20-13 – Updated Position and Salary Grades and add more Police Officer positions. This Resolution which updated the position and salary grades of city workers to show what had been previously approved by City Council but had not been documented in a report was approved on 3-2 vote with Commissioner’s Hanson, Rideout, Cannon voting yes and Commissioner’s Foster and Sydnor voting no.
9. SUBJECT: Grant MD-18-CD-31 – Purchase of one more County property in the Pine Street Neighborhood Revitalization Area. After discussion on how the grant would be spent, on a motion by Commissioner Rideout and a second by Commissioner Hanson the request was approved.

Requests from the Public

None

Comments

A request was from LaJan Cephas asking that the city get moving on the Pine Street Neighborhood Revitalization project and start working together.

Ms. Clemons commented on people completing the Census. It is not too late to complete.

Chief Mark Lewis, Commissioner Cannon commented on putting Rumble Strips on Bayly Road.

Greg Meekins is in support of continuing efforts toward housing, building houses not just tiring them down. He also spoke on compensation between degreed staff vs. non-degreed staff.

Lynette Wongus also called in to discuss some matters, one of which was the closed meeting that had taken place at 5:00 p.m. She also spoke on some other matters regarding the closed session.

Mayor and Council

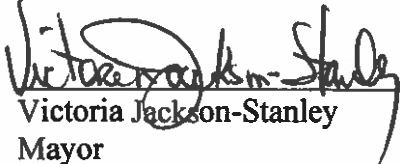
After a long discussion regarding the closed session, the Mayor reported that on a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Hanson, Cannon, and Rideout voting in favor and Commissioners Foster and Sydnor voting in opposition, a public hearing will be held regarding the residency of a sitting Commissioner during the Commissioner's term of office. Later in the meeting the date for that public hearing was set for August 24th with the sitting Commissioner to report to the Mayor by August 10th with the name of her attorney.

The Mayor read the letter that City Hall received from the NAACP regarding the elections.

Adjourn

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

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, July 27, 2020, insofar as I personally am aware.


Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor