

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2016 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Acting Mayor Donald J. Sydnor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Vickers, Cooke, Thomas, and Hanson. Acting Mayor Sydnor asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Mayor Sydnor announced that Council held a closed executive session to discuss personnel at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented

Sandra Tripp-Jones asked to add Item 16 as a notice that City Council will attend tours as part of the Sailwinds Development project. She also asked to revise the recommendation for Item 5 to include the condition that the walk be held on the sidewalks and not in the streets.

A motion by Commissioner Thomas to approve the amended agenda was seconded by Commissioner Vickers and approved unanimously.

Consent Calendar

2. SUBJECT: Minutes from the March 28, 2016 Council meeting
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
3. SUBJECT: Request from Dorchester County Tourism for a variance from the noise ordinance for their "Rockin' the Choptank" on Friday, May 27, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Sailwinds Park Amphitheatre.
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
4. SUBJECT: Request from CSD High School Senior Prom for a variance from the noise ordinance at Sailwinds Park on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm for an outside speaker to announce the participants as they arrive.
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
5. SUBJECT: Request from Dontre Smith to hold the Cambridge MD Love Peace & Unity Walk starting and ending at Great Marsh Park on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm and a variance from the noise ordinance
Recommendation: That Council approve the request provided that the walk takes place on the sidewalks.

A motion by Commissioner Thomas to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 5) was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

Old Business

6. **SUBJECT: Hearn Building**

Recommendation: That Council receive a verbal update from Staff.

Oden Wheeler said the contractor took up the bricks in the sidewalk because they needed to pour a concrete base for the stabilization of the front façade. Steel braces should be fabricated on site next week. They are right on the timetable that they anticipated. Race Street should be reopened within 3 weeks.

New Business

7. **SUBJECT: Contract with Dorchester County Elections Board for 2016 municipal elections**

Recommendation: That Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Dorchester County Board of Elections Service and Equipment Lease Agreement for the June 2016 municipal primary election and July 2016 municipal election, in a total amount not to exceed \$40,000 (for both).

A motion by Commissioner Thomas to approve the recommendation was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and approved 4:1 with Commissioner Vickers opposed. Commissioner Vickers was opposed due to the cost.

8. **SUBJECT: Sale of right-of-way for roundabout at MD 16 and Woods Road Intersection**

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Standard Option Contract with State Highway Administration for the purchase of the right-of-way, easements and/or other rights necessary in conjunction with the Roundabout at the MD16 and Woods Road Intersection in the amount of \$8,450.00.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the recommendation was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and approved 4:1 with Commissioner Cooke opposed. Commissioner Cooke opposed the motion because he is not convinced that the intersection is more dangerous than other places in the City and because of the additional cost.

9. SUBJECT: Appropriation of Drug Forfeiture Money for Cambridge Police Department

Recommendation: That Council approve:

- A. Appropriation of \$50,000 from Drug Forfeiture funds and
- B. Increasing the Police Department budget by \$50,000 for purchase of PSSI licenses and training, conditional on the City and County both conceptually approving consolidation of City and County dispatch functions.

A motion by Commissioner Thomas to approve the recommendation was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

10. SUBJECT: Cost of living increases for City employees

Recommendation: That Council conceptually approve cost of living salary increases effective the first full payroll in FY 2017.

A motion by Commissioner Thomas to conceptually approve cost of living salary increases effective the first full payroll in FY2017 subject to budget approval was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:1 with Commissioner Cooke opposed.

Requests from the Public

11. SUBJECT: Request to present MOVING TOWARD CLEAN WATERS: A 10-YEAR PLAN, A Report of the Cambridge Clean Water Advisory Committee, December 31, 2015

Recommendation: That the Council receive the report under advisement and direct staff to continue participation in the Committee and consider grant opportunities that may fund implementation measures recommended in the report.

A motion by Commissioner Cooke that the Council receive the report under advisement and direct staff to continue participation in the Committee, consider grant opportunities that may fund implementation measures recommended in the report, and support the two goals listed in the staff report and the plan itself was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

Committee Minutes

12. Finance Committee

On March 10, 2016, the Committee was given an update on year-end projections. They also opened bank bids. On March 24, 2016 the Committee reviewed the bank bids, opened audit bids, and was given an update of the proposed FY17 budget.

A motion by Commissioner Thomas to accept the Committee's report was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

13. Sailwinds Advisory Committee

The Committee met on March 22nd and April 5th. They discussed the field trips and locations that Council will be taking on April 13th and April 15th. On April 14th they may hold video conferencing with other waterfront communities. The Committee is also working on RFPs for a work session scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

A motion by Commissioner Thomas to accept the Committee's report was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and approved 4:1 with Commissioner Vickers opposed.

Commissioner Vickers was opposed because Council is going forward with one master developer vs. developing it as we go along.

Notices

14. Work Session regarding Council Goals on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 starting at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers

15. Work Session regarding elements of Sailwinds property development RFP on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 starting immediately following the first Work Session in City Council Chambers.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to hold a work session on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm for the Council Goals and a work session regarding elements of Sailwinds property development RFP immediately following the first work session was seconded by Commissioner Vickers and opposed unanimously.

16. Members of Council will go on fact-finding tours on April 13th to the National Harbor, The Yards, and the Georgetown Riverwalk and on April 15th to Frederick, Maryland.

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

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, April 11, 2016, insofar as I personally am aware.

Donald J. Sydnor, Acting Mayor

COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE CLOSED SESSION REPORT

A **Date:** April 11, 2016
 Time: 5:30 pm
 Place: City Council Chambers

B **Citation of Authority/Purpose:** State Government Article, Section 10-508(a) (check one of the following):

X	1	discuss: (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
	2	protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business;
	3	consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
	4	consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the City;
	5	consider the investment of public funds;
	6	consider the marketing of public securities;
	7	consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;
	8	consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
	9	conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;
	10	discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff, and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
	11	prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
	12	conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
	13	comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter; or
	14	before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

C **Members present and vote of each member as to closing the session:**

Jackie Vickers	Vote:	Not present at time of vote
Donald Sydnor	Vote:	Y
Frank Cooke	Vote:	Y
Gage Thomas	Vote:	Y
Commissioner Hanson	Vote:	Y

Motion to close meeting: Comm. Hanson Seconded: Comm. Thomas

D **Topics Discussed:** Explanation of topics to be discussed (this may be by reference to the citation of authority listed above if further explanation would thwart the purpose of closing the meeting: **Dispatcher Consolidation – Negotiation of Dispatcher Salaries**

E **Persons Present at the Closed Session:** If listing an individual as present would thwart the purpose of closing the meeting, do not list the individual but note that an individual was not listed for this reason **Acting Mayor Donald J. Sydnor, Commissioner Vickers, Commissioner Cooke, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Hanson, Rob Collison, Oden Wheeler, Sandra Tripp-Jones, Chief Dan Dvorak**

F **Actions Taken at the Closed Session:** A motion by Commissioner Cooke to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Dorchester County along the lines of the presentation she made on April 10, 2016 was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and approved unanimously.