

The City Council met in a special regular session on Monday, August 8, 2016 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 Sydnor to approve the agenda was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

Consent Calendar

2. SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2016 Council Meeting
Recommendation that Council approve as submitted.
3. SUBJECT: Job Description for IT Assistant
Recommendation: That Council approve the job description for an Information Technology Assistant.
4. SUBJECT: Request from Gerry Boyle representing Ironman Maryland for permission to hold the annual Ironman Maryland event at Great Marsh Park from Sept. 27 – October 2 and a variance of the noise ordinance at Great Marsh Park and Long Wharf park with street closures on the day of the event October 1, 2016
Recommendation: That Council approve as requested.
5. SUBJECT: Request from Eastern Shore Area Health Center for permission to hold a health and fitness fair on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm (close street at 12 noon for set-up and through 5:00 pm for breakdown) on Race Street between Muir Street and Poplar Street, and a variance from the noise ordinance.
Recommendation: That Council approve as requested conditioned on the hiring of a police officer to monitor and manage traffic with the street closure.
6. SUBJECT: Request for a variance from the noise ordinance for Family Movie Night at the Sailwinds Park Amphitheater on Friday, September 23 from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm
Recommendation: That Council approve as requested.

7. **SUBJECT:** Request from Dorchester Skipjack Committee for permission to hold the Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race from Long Wharf on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 9:00 am until 12 noon (set-up at 7:00 am) closing the parking lot, and a variance from the noise ordinance

Recommendation: That Council approve as requested.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to defer Item 5 until the next meeting was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the consent calendar (Items 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7) was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved unanimously.

Charter Resolution for Introduction

8. **SUBJECT:** Charter Resolution 2016-03 A Resolution of the Commissioners of Cambridge to Amend the Charter of the City of Cambridge by Amending Section 3-5 Entitled "Commissioners, Number, Election, Tenure, Qualifications.

Recommendation that Council:

- A. Receive a staff briefing on the recommended Charter Resolution 2016-03
- B. Reintroduce Charter Resolution 2016-03 A Resolution of the Commissioners of Cambridge to Amend the Charter of the City of Cambridge by Amending Section 3-5 Entitled "Commissioners, Number, Election, Tenure, Qualifications.
- C. Set August 22, 2016 for a second reading and public hearing.

A motion by Commissioner Foster to defer this charter resolution for 90 days was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved unanimously.

Old Business

9. **SUBJECT:** Governors Hall – Time Extension

Recommendation that Council:

- A. Receive a staff report on negotiations with representatives from Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc. regarding possible extension of the current August 16, 2016 termination date of their management contract for Governors Hall;
- B. Hear from the Board of Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc.; and
- C. Decide whether to extend the termination date, and if so under what terms.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to hold a closed executive session for legal advice and the discussion of retention of a business entity within the City was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to go out of closed executive session was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved unanimously.

Rob Collison reported that Council met in closed session to obtain legal advice and to discuss the retention of a business entity to remain in the City. No formal action was taken in the form of any motion. It was just discussion and advice.

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion that Council continue the contract of Sailwinds of Cambridge Inc. until September 30, 2016 and within the next two weeks Council will send out an RFP to which they can respond along with anyone else. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

10. SUBJECT: County/Cambridge/Hurlock Economic Development Project
Recommendation that Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Dorchester County Council President and Hurlock Mayor requesting formation of a joint committee to oversee a joint project to attract industrial businesses to the County.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor that Council form an oversight committee of the City, County, and Hurlock representatives, public and private, to set goals, guide implementations, monitor progress and keep the involved jurisdictions informed was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

11. SUBJECT: FY2018 Program Open Space Community Parks and Playgrounds (CP&P)
Program Grant from Maryland Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$1,800,000

Recommendation that Council:

- A. Receive a staff report on an application for the FY 2017 DNR CP&P Grant;
- B. Hold a public hearing, take public comment, and close the public hearing;
- C. Authorize submission of the grant application.

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

Nobody from the audience asked to speak.

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

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to authorize submission of the grant application was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to combine Items 12 and 13 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

12. SUBJECT: Request from the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) for a letter of support of an application to the Rural Maryland Council in the amount of \$50,000 for Phillips Packing Company-Factory F – Food and Farming Exchange program.
Recommendation: That Council authorize the Mayor to send requested letter.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the letter of support in the amount of \$50,000 for the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy for the Maryland Property Investment Fund was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

13. SUBJECT: Request from the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) and Cross Street Partners (CSP) for a letter of support of an application to the Maryland Historical Trust for tax credits in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the Phillips Packing Company, Factory F structure rehabilitation.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the request from Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and Cross Street Partners for a letter of support for tax credits in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the Phillips Packing Company was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved unanimously.

14. SUBJECT: Annual Street Resurfacing Program
Recommendation that Council:
A. Approve FY 2017 Street Resurfacing Plan
B. Authorize staff to go out to bid for Street Resurfacing

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to defer this item until the next Council meeting was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved unanimously.

15. SUBJECT: Award of Contract – Gateways Properties Pavement Removal
Recommendation that Council award the contract for the removal of asphalt pavement and replacement with topsoil to low bidder Barkers Landing Excavation for the amount of \$53,066.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to award the contract for the gateway properties

pavement removal to the low bidder, Barkers Landing Excavation, in the amount of \$53,066 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

16. SUBJECT: Council Committees and Assignments

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Conceptually approve creation of an Ordinance Committee and Volunteerism Promotion Committee and direct the City Attorney to draft enacting resolutions to include the membership and duties as described in the report;
- B. Authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Dorchester County and to the City of Hurlock inviting formation of a joint industrial business attraction project with a joint jurisdiction oversight committee as described in the report;
- C. Schedule Sept. 12, 2016 for consideration of:
 - The duties of committees as described in the staff report, and
 - Council assignments.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to conceptually approve creation of an Ordinance Committee and Volunteerism Promotion Committee and schedule September 12th for consideration of the duties of committees as described in the staff report and Council assignments and to forward Mayor Jackson-Stanley their recommendations by this Friday was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

17. SUBJECT: Invitation from Dorchester County to submit ideas for potential Maryland legislation for the 2017 Maryland General Legislative Session

Recommendation: That the Council designate the Mayor and two Council Members to meet with staff and draft ideas to be submitted to the County Council and to appear with staff in annual meeting of the Dorchester County Council with the Maryland Department of Transportation

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to appoint two Commissioners to meet with staff and the Mayor and draft ideas to be submitted to the County Council was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved unanimously. Commissioners Foster and Cannon volunteered to meet with the Mayor on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Notices

Rescue Fire Company's Seafood Festival to be held August 13, 2016 at Sailwinds Park.

Mayor and Council

A motion by Commissioner Foster to prepare a proclamation for Pastor Cynthia Porter's 15th year pastoral anniversary was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved unanimously.

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 8:43 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, August 8, 2016, insofar as I personally am aware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor