



NOTICE

Legislative Delegation Work Session

Monday, January 9, 2023

Commission Chambers - 305 Gay Street
Cambridge, MD 21613
4:30 pm

Notice to Citizens: The City Commissioners are conducting the city business in person. The commission meeting is open to the public. This meeting is open to the public for in person discussion.

Agenda

4:30 PM Mayor to Convene Commission in Legislative Delegation Work Session

1. Pine Street Redevelopment.
2. Cambridge Harbor.
3. Historic Cambridge City Hall Preservation.
4. Water and Sewer Infrastructure.
5. Youth Service Enhancements and Improvements.

6:00 PM Adjourn



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Johnny Mautz
The Honorable Sheree L. Sample-Hughes
The Honorable Christopher T. Adams
The Honorable Tom Hutchinson

From: Tom Carroll, City Manager *Tom M. Carroll*

Date: January 6, 2023

Subject: City of Cambridge 2023 Legislative Priorities

Thank you for your willingness to join Mayor Rideout and the Commissioners of Cambridge at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9th at 305 Gay Street. The City of Cambridge has identified five top priorities we wish to discuss with you at this meeting, as well as discuss any issues of interest to each of you.

1. Pine Street Redevelopment. The City of Cambridge wishes to continue and accelerate investments to revitalize historic Pine Street, foster home ownership, create meaningful work, and heal. The State of Maryland has provided literally millions in support for Pine Street over the last few years, for which we are extremely grateful. Much more work remains to be done in partnership with the neighborhood, its residents, and small business owners.
2. Cambridge Harbor. This 30 developable-acre redevelopment along the Choptank River offers a one-of-a-kind redevelopment opportunity to create jobs, add residents, expand our tax base, and create new opportunities for all in our community. The State of Maryland has been a key redevelopment partner, and the City of Cambridge hopes this partnership will deepen and continue.
3. Historic Cambridge City Hall (at 307 Gay Street) Preservation. The crown jewel of Cambridge's downtown has been unoccupied since 2008 and needs an estimated \$8 million to preserve and restore it to its historic purpose. We hope to show you a bit of this building as it is right next to Council Chambers where we are meeting on Monday.
4. Water and Sewer Infrastructure. The City has plans for \$20 million in investment in the next five years. The City is in the process of implementing a 10% water and sewer rate increase to pay a sizable local portion of this investment, but we are hoping significant assistance from various state grants and loan programs will lower the burden to our ratepayers.
5. Youth Service Enhancements and Improvements. Children in the Cambridge community—and indeed all of Dorchester County—face serious challenges and have some of the worst outcomes on most metrics in all of Maryland. The City is asking that the State of Maryland enhance its own services in our region to raise youth outcomes up to the State average in the next five years.