

The City Council met in regular session on June 10, 2019 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence for the children of our community, then everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented. The City Commissioners did not approve the May 28th minutes by a vote of 2-3. Commissioners Rideout and Hansen voted for and Commissioners Foster, Cannon, and Sydnor voted against.

Public Comment

Reverend Linda Walker spoke about there not being any portable toilets at Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh. City staff will be directed to make sure that portable toilets are in place at the park as soon as possible.

Buddy Stevens spoke about wanting to rent the Lighthouse for an event and was told that rental was not permitted. City staff will be directed to investigate the matter.

Alvin Hutton then began to speak regarding the Cosby Avenue Day. Mr. Hutton hoped to have his event on August 24, 2019, however he has not contacted the neighbors in the area. This item was removed from the consent calendar.

Sandra Tripp-Jones noted to the Commissioners that she was present to discuss Resolution 19-005 that was on the agenda.

Reverend Cornish then spoke about the Maces Lane project, item 13 on the agenda. Reverend Cornish advised his organization received \$100,000 instead of the requested \$200,000 from the state. He advised the county government agreed to transfer the building to them under a long-term lease for \$1/year.

Commissioner Rideout made a motion to issue a check of \$100,000 to the organization. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster. The request was approved on a vote of 5-0.

Consent Calendar

2. The Meeting Minutes for the May 28th Council Meeting were removed from the consent agenda.
3. Request from Alvin Hutton was removed from the Consent Calendar.
4. The request for Blue Ruin to have a "Nightmare on Poplar, on July 27, 2019 was approved 5-0.

5. The proposed lease agreement for Cambridge Shipyard Facility was approved 5-0.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

6. Ordinance No. 1154 – An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending § 1-16 of the code of the City of Cambridge, Maryland to clarify and restate the amounts of impact fees to be charged by the City of Cambridge; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to impact fees in the City of Cambridge. This Ordinance was read by the city attorney.

Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing, and Adoption

7. Ordinance No. 1151 - An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending § 6.1.4 of the city's unified development code ("UDC") to reduce the minimum setback from all nontidal wetlands from 50 feet to 25 feet and require that the nontidal wetland buffer shall be expanded to 50 feet for large-scale development containing over 10 acres; providing that the title of this ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to the nontidal wetland buffer in the City of Cambridge.

The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Rideout. Ordinance passed on a 5-0 vote.

8. Ordinance No. 1152 - An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland mending chapter 4 (buildings and housing), article II (property maintenance code) of the code of the city of Cambridge, Maryland to clarify the intent of the commissioners of Cambridge that the annual registration fee for non-owner occupied residential dwelling units shall be established by resolution; providing that the title of this ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to non-owner occupied residential dwelling units in the City of Cambridge.

This Ordinance passed on a 3-2 vote with Commissioner's Hanson, Cannon, Rideout voting for the ordinance and Commissioner's Sydnor and Foster voting against it.

9. Ordinance No. 1153 - An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending chapter 18 (water), article I (in general) of the code of the City of Cambridge, Maryland to increase the annual rental rate for fire hydrants from \$12.50 to \$75 per hydrant; providing that the title of this ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to water service charges and rates in the City of Cambridge.

This Ordinance passed, motion by Commissioner Rideout, seconded by Commissioner Hanson. Vote 5-0.

10. Housing Authority – Mary Ellicott Bell’s term renewed to 6/30/2024. The motion of approval was made by Commissioner Rideout and properly seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

11. Resolution 19-003 – A resolution to amend the positions and salary controls and schedules of salary grades and steps for city general employees and sworn police officers was adopted on a vote 4-0-1. Commissioner Rideout made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hanson. Commissioner Foster abstained.
12. Resolution 19-004 – A resolution for an application for state funding for the Maces Lane project for \$500,000. A motion by Commissioner Rideout, seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 5-0.
13. Commissioners approved giving \$100,000 to the Mace’s Lane Community Center Committee earlier in the meeting.
14. Resolution 19-005 – A resolution for an application for state funding for the Sailwinds project for \$560,000. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Rideout, seconded Commissioner Hanson. The motion was approved 5-0.
15. Resolution 19-006 – A resolution requesting state funding for the redevelopment of the Packing House and the adjacent Cannery Park was moved by Commissioner Sydnor and seconded by Commissioner Foster. The motion passed 5-0.
16. Resolution 19-007 – A resolution for state funding for the Façade Improvement Program, the Wayfinding Program, and a Housing Quality Study was moved by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 5-0.
17. Resolution 19-008 – A resolution to strongly object to the recent decision of the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury to defer placing the picture of Harriet Tubman on the twenty-dollar bill until 2028 was made by Commissioner Rideout, seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 5-0.
18. The FY 2019 Federal BJAG grant for the purchase of a new palm scanner for fingerprints was approved. A motion by Commissioner Sydnor, seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 5-0.
19. On a motion properly made and seconded the City’s Grant Priority list below was approved on a 5-0 vote. The motion was made by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson.

- Maces Lane Community Project
- Cambridge Waterfront Development Project
- City Grants for Façade Improvement, Wayfinding, and Housing Quality
- ESCL Packing House Project

20. Health Insurance for City Commissioners: A motion was made by Commissioner Rideout to require current City Commissioners to pay the full cost of participation in the city health insurance plan if coverage is chosen. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. Commissioner Sydnor voted against the motion. Commissioners Cannon and Foster abstained. The motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Foster made a motion that future commissioners elected after the current term receive health Insurance coverage at the rate of current city employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioner Sydnor voting for and Commissioners Rideout and Hanson voting against the motion.

Requests from the Public

Linda Walker asked about public access to the bathrooms at Long Wharf. The Mayor advised her the bathroom hours would be extended through the summer until 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion for a work session on the charter change be held as soon as possible. The motion was properly seconded by Commissioner Rideout and adopted 5-0.

Police Chief Mark Lewis advised the body the police department workers raised over \$9,330 for Special Olympics.

Adjourn

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 7p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting June 10, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

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