

The City Council met in regular session on May 28, 2019 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order to 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. A youth group led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Agenda**

1. Commissioner Rideout asked to amend the agenda to remove item 10.b since the city held a public hearing on Ordinance 1147 at the previous meeting. He also asked to remove from the agenda item 14 the Main Street Beer Fest at their request. The motion was properly seconded and passed 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Charles McFadden stated that the Commissioners should not be compensated for Health Insurance. Mr. McFadden stated that the \$22,000 should be transferred to the Police Department.

Sandra Tripp-Jones, CWDI passed out fliers titled 9-Month Report. She reminded Commissioners she gave a report to them in February. She will continue to serve on a voluntary basis as the executive director for another six months. The board has contracted part time assistance. Multiple developers were contracted regarding feedback on the development of the site and the universal feedback is local demographics will hinder development interest. A workplan will be developed allowing development to occur on a phased in basis. She plans to attend the next city commission meeting and request resolutions of support for grant funding for an Environmental Appraisal, Strategic Demolition, Engineering Studies, and Supplemental Salary support for a future executive director.

Commissioner Rideout moved to approve in concept letters of support to be provided at the next city council meeting for final vote. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 5-0

Ms. Tripp-Jones also advised she was going to bring a Resolution of Support for the Maces Lane School Project. She advised the CWDI has a new member in Keith Adkins, the new County Manager.

### **Consent Agenda**

On motion properly made and seconded, the following items approved on a vote 5-0 were:

2. Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>
3. Meeting Minutes from Special Council Meeting of April 22<sup>nd</sup>
4. Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
5. Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>

6. Request for the Silver Anniversary honoring the Skipjack Nathan of Dorchester to be held at Long Wharf on July 4, 2019 10am-2pm.
7. Request to use Cornish Park from Alpha Genesis and Harvesting Hope and Family Wellness to hold a Youth engagement Summer Kick-Off Event June 15, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and "A Fathers' Connection – African Drum Circle on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. They also requested to hold a Harriet Tubman African Drum Circle workshop in Cannery Way on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
8. Kite Festival at Sailwinds Park, October 27, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
9. Cambridge Multi-sport requested to hold a Firecracker Kids Triathlon at the Dorchester County Family YMCA, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- 9a. Gerry Boyle Celebration of Life, June 7, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
10. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1147 - An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending § 4.4.4 and Table 2: permitted uses by zoning subdistrict in the Downtown/Waterfront Development District of the City's unified development code ("UDC") to allow Professional Offices as a Special Exception with Conditions in the neighborhood subdistrict; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to Professional Offices in the City of Cambridge. Motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve Ordinance 1147 with corrected language; seconded by Commissioner Cannon. Motion passed 5-0

Ordinance No's 1151, 1152 and 1153 were read by the City's Assistant Attorney; and will go for a second reading at the city commission meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading**

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.

Ordinance No. 1152 - An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending 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.

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 Ordinance No's 1149, 1150 were adopted

### **Ordinance for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption**

Ordinance No. 1149 – An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to establish the annual tax levy for personal property for fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Commissioner Rideout moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Cannon, the motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance No. 1150 – An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to adopt and approve the fiscal year 2020 Budget appropriating the necessary funds for the operation of the government and administration of the City of Cambridge for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. A line item budget was also provided.

The Mayor called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Rideout, yes; Commissioner Sydnor, yes; Commissioner Foster, abstained; Commissioner Cannon, yes; Commissioner Hanson, yes. Motion passed 4-0-1.

### **Requests from the Public**

A request was made to have Great Marsh Park named after Gerry Boyle “Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh”

Several citizens in attendance spoke in favor of the name change.

Commissioner Foster made the motion to change the name of the park as requested. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 19-002: A Resolution of the Commissioners of Cambridge to Amend and Establish the Schedule of Fees for the city.

Commissioner Sydnor asked about enforcing fees for PODs, Mr. Wheeler stated that they have not been enforcing the fees on PODs.

Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve Resolution 19-002 and forward the POD matter to the City Planning and Zoning Commission to review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioners reviewed agenda Item #17 to amend the Governors Hall agreement to allow the tenants to reduce their level of liability coverage.

Motion to approve Item #17 by Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Cannon. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioners reviewed agenda Item #18 to continue the self-insured health plan provided to city workers and coordinated by Chet McWilliams Financial Services.

A motion to continue the services was made by Commissioner Sydnor, seconded by Commissioner Rideout. Motion passed 3-0-2. Commissioners Foster and Cannon abstained.

Commissioners reviewed agenda Item #19 to Amend the city health insurance plan by adopting Recommendation #1: to increase all annual deductibles by \$250.

A motion to approve the proposed amendment was made by Commissioner Sydnor, seconded by Commissioner Hanson. Motion passed 3-0-2. Commissioners Foster and Cannon abstained.

Commissioners reviewed agenda Item #20 to Amend the city health insurance plan by adopting Recommendation #2: to change Emergency Room and Urgent Care copays.

A motion to approve the proposed amendment was made by Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Sydnor. Motion passed 3-0-2. Commissioners Foster and Cannon abstained.

Commissioners reviewed agenda Item #21 a new position description for a part-time assistant code enforcement staff member. DPW Director Odie Wheeler advised it would be a seasonal position focusing on grass and rubbish concerns.

A motion to approve the job description for a part-time Code Enforcer was made by Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Commissioner Rideout had suggested at the County/City meeting about working together on some youth related matters. The county has appointed two people to serve. He asked that he and Commissioner Hanson be appointed from the city to work on the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Rideout to make the appointments and it was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Hanson spoke about the Memorial Day Celebration at Long Wharf.

Commissioner Foster announced the Torch Run is June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor spoke about a celebration at Snapper's Restaurant. The business is celebrating its 25th anniversary on June 6th. The Mayor will present a proclamation to Snappers.

The Mayor advised the commissioners the Harriet Tubman Mural was talked about by Al Roker on the "Today Show".

Commissioner Rideout asked about the commissioners adopting a Resolution supporting placing Harriet Tubman on a future issue of the \$20 bill. He offered to write the resolution for presentation at the June 10th meeting.

### **Adjourn**

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

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7pm. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, May 28, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor