

The City Council met in regular session on July 22, 2019 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Commissioner Cannon 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 was absent. Commissioner Cannon asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Hanson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Angie Hengst reported to Council that she is the new Race Director succeeding Jerry Boyle. Tom Hutchinson of 221 Willis Street is the Chief Iron Man Booster for Iron Club, Maryland. Mr. Hutchinson briefed the City Commission on the economic impact to Cambridge of the Eagleman and Iron Man events.

Mr. Hutchinson asked the city for a letter of support. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve providing a letter of support. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Rideout advised Mr. Hutchinson to provide a draft letter of support to city officials to execute.

Matt Pluta of 114 Glenburn Avenue spoke representing Choptank River Keepers and Shore Rivers. He gave the organization's annual report on the State of the Choptank River.

Lou Hyman of 106 West End Avenue spoke about the job description for the Economic Development Associate Director position. He recommended to the City Commission that the job description be changed to Economic Development Director.

Ms. Crystal Johnson of 601 Wood Duck Drive and Ms. Anita Elliott 708 of Locust Street spoke about racial profiling with the Cambridge Police department regarding Ms. Elliot's son. Commissioner Foster asked the City to form a committee to investigate these issues. Commissioners' Foster and Sydnor will be a part of that committee.

Commissioner Foster volunteered to set up a committee of citizens in the community and line officers in the police department to meet and discuss perceptions. Commissioner Sydnor agreed to assist in the effort.

Ms. Crystal Camper of 727 Roslyn Avenue spoke about her perceived difference in attitude of police officers today verses years ago.

Adrian Holmes And Jermain Anderson 405 Maryland Avenue spoke on behalf of Alpha Genesis and several other partners who are celebrating the ribbon cutting of the new Harriot Tubman mural. Alpha Genesis is working with several organizations to host a variety of events on September 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the occasion.

Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation requested a noise variance and no parking on September 7, 2019 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm around the Courthouse; a noise variance on September 7, 2019 "A Day of Resilience" Procession from the Courthouse to the Harriet Tubman Mural (Cannery Way) from 12:25 pm-1:00 pm with appropriate street closures; a noise variance on September 7, 2019 "A Day of Resilience" Ribbon Cutting at the Harriet Tubman Mural from 12:45 pm-2:00 pm; a noise variance on September 7, 2019, from 1:30 pm -3:30 pm at Long Wharf "A Day of Resilience" (Souls at Sea); and a noise variance on September 7, 2019 "A Day of Resilience" (Block Party-Cannery Way) from 5:30 pm-9:30 pm. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Sydnor. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Consent Calendar**

Commissioner Sydnor made the motion to approve the consent calendar seconded by Commissioner Rideout, referencing agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, and 6. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2019.
3. A request for a Uprising Concert at Sailwinds from the Visitor's Center on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a noise variance only.
4. The Agape Temple of Praise and Ministries requested street closures from Washington Street corner to Robbins Street corner and all of Center Street for a Tent Revival, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
5. The request from Awaken Hearts to have a Christian Concert at Great Marsh, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
- 5a. A request for the Pine Street Committee to have a fundraiser for the Enrichment Camp on August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm.
6. The Amended Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2019

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

**Ordinance No. 1155:** An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending § 4.2.3 and table 1: Permitted uses by zoning district of the City's unified Development Code ("UDC") to allow the conversion of commercial property to residential property in the general commercial zoning district as a permitted use with conditions; providing that the title of this ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to the general commercial zoning district in the City of Cambridge.

Assistant City Attorney Patrick Thomas read the ordinance aloud. He advised the second reading and public hearing will be held on August 12, 2019.

**Old Business**

City Planner Pat Escher presented The LSA Cambridge Revitalization Plan (LSA Report). Commissioner Rideout made a motion to adopt the plan. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-2. Commissioner's Cannon, Hanson and Rideout voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Foster and Sydnor voted in opposition to the motion.

Resolutions 19-009 and 19-010, these resolutions changed the date that the city employee and city police pay increases would take effect. The resolution moved the effective date of pay increases for all city workers to take effect at 8:00 a.m. on June 19, 2019. Commissioner Rideout made the motion to approve both resolutions. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-1-1 vote. Commissioners Rideout, Hanson, and Cannon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Sydnor voted in opposition to the motion and Commissioner Foster abstained.

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to have city employees and city police to receive a special lump sum payment for the difference from the pay change. The extra funds to pay for the additional wages and taxes will come from fiscal year 2019 carry-over funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. The motion passed 3-2. Commissioners Sydnor, Foster, and Cannon voted for the motion. Commissioners Rideout and Hanson voted against the motion.

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to take funds from the city's reserve to place in the fire department budget to pay for the requested fire truck repairs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster. The \$9,110.36 appropriation passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Commissioner Rideout made a motion to have the title of the Economic Development Associate Director changed to Economic Development Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Sydnor voted in opposition to the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the Police Department Budget revision of \$3,200 to accept donations to the CPD Event Fund. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanson made a motion to reappoint Housing Board of Review members Jeneen Ford and William Jackson for a new three-year term. Their terms were extended to 8/31/2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Charles McFadden of 200 Belvedere spoke on two subjects. The first was on the city budget. The second was on an ethics opinion.

Theresa Stafford of 2429 Rock Drive stated the police were doing a better job on the 600 Block of Greenwood Avenue since her last visit. She also spoke on the Cambridge Revitalization Plan. She also stated she would like to see the commission allocate funds for children after school and summer programs.

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to keep the city finance committee the same as it currently stands. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2. Commissioners Sydnor, foster and Cannon voted for the motion. Commissioners Rideout and Hanson voted against the motion.

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Canon adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:18 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, July 22, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor