

At 5:30 p.m. on December 9, 2019, the Mayor and City Commission met in open session in Council Chambers, 305 Gay Street, Cambridge, Maryland for the purpose of voting to meet in closed session pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305(b)(1)(ii) and (7) to discuss a personnel matter affecting a specific individual and to consult with the City Attorney to obtain legal advice. Mayor Jackson-Stanley and Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson were all present. Others present were City Attorney, Chip MacLeod, City Manager Patrick Comiskey, and Public Works Director Odie Wheeler.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Cannon to go into closed session. The motion passed 5-0. Commissioners went into closed session at 5:34 p.m. and came out of closed session at 5:58 p.m.

Mayor Jackson-Stanley called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Those present were Mayor Jackson-Stanley, Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Canon and Hanson.

Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jackson-Stanley advised the public the city council went into closed session to receive legal advice from the city attorney.

1. A motion to approve the Agenda by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson passed 5-0.

Public Comment

Carol Richardson, the new Economic Development Director for Cambridge, was introduced to City Council and the residents attending. Ms. Richardson then provided everyone with a brief explanation of her background.

Julie Gilberto-Brady spoke to the city about the new 50-year time capsule that the county is pulling together. Everyone is encouraged to think of something that could go into the new capsule. She also mentioned that they have recovered over 100 items from the time capsule opened earlier this year and had three items that were directed to the current city council. The Mayor accepted and opened them at the end of the meeting. The items will be placed in the lobby cabinet at City Hall.

John Petito of Delmarva Power spoke about the power line and power pole replacement project that will start next year. Mr. Petito spoke and provided a presentation which gives details regarding the plan.

Valerie Brown, the President of Cambridge Main Street, and Katie Clendaniel, the Executive Director, presented their annual report.

Consent Calendar

On a motion by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson, the consent calendar was approved on a 5-0 vote; prior to the vote, Commissioner Cannon advised he is on the Rotary Board.

1. The November 12, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. The request from Katie Clendaniel to hold the Boat Drop on December 31, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
3. The request of the Rotary Club to use the City Wharf to hold the Rotary Oyster Roast on March 21, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4. The request of the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce to have the Boat Docking Competition at Long Wharf on June 6, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - 4a. Dorchester Chamber of Commerce to have the Crawfish Boil and Muskrat Stew Fest on March 1, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

5. Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

ORDINANCE NO. 1159: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING CHAPTER 8 (HEALTH AND SANITATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND (THE "CITY CODE") FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING THAT NO PERSON SHALL PLACE ANY GARBAGE, REFUSE, OR OTHER SOLID WASTE UPON ANY STREET, ALLEY, OR SIDEWALK FOR COLLECTION BY CITY TRUCKS, OR ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ADJACENT THERETO, UNLESS CONTAINED IN GALVANIZED OR PLASTIC LEAKPROOF CONTAINERS WITH A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 96 GALLONS EACH AND WHICH ARE EQUIPPED WITH LIDS WHICH ARE TIGHTFITTING AND CLOSED; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY WILL COLLECT GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND OTHER SOLID WASTE PURSUANT TO SUCH REGULATIONS AND FOR SUCH FEES AS MAY BE FROM TIME TO TIME PROMULGATED BY RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE; PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON, FIRM, LANDLORD, PROPERTY OWNER, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF SUCH REGULATIONS OR OF § 8-8 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO GARBAGE CANS SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION, THE FINE FOR WHICH SHALL BE \$50; PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS FOR ANY VIOLATION OF SUCH REGULATIONS OR OF § 8-8 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO GARBAGE CANS; AND PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL NOT ACCEPT A RENTAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER § 4-42 OF THE CITY CODE FOR ANY NON-OWNER OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT WHICH HAS BEEN ASSESSED FINES FOR A VIOLATION OF SUCH REGULATIONS AND WHICH REMAIN UNPAID AS OF THE DATE THE RENTAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT IS SUBMITTED TO THE CITY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FINES ARE PAID IN FULL; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND SOLID WASTE IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

The mayor opened the floor for public comment on the ordinance.

Mr. James Chaney and Mr. Eugene Martinet spoke against the ordinance.

Mr. Wemple of 706 Locust Street and Mr. Charles McFadden of 200 Belvedere Avenue spoke in favor of the ordinance.

A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion was approved on a 3-2 vote.

Commissioners Rideout, Hanson and Canon voted for the ordinance.

Commissioners Foster and Sydnor voted in opposition of the ordinance.

Old Business

6. RESOLUTION No. 19-013 – A Resolution of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to adopt solid waste rules and regulations for the collection and disposal of solid waste, bulk trash, and white goods in the City of Cambridge. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve the resolution and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The resolution was approved on a 3-2 vote. Commissioners Rideout, Hanson, and Cannon voted in favor of the resolution. Commissioners Foster and Sydnor voted against the resolution.
 7. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve the re-establishment of a revolving loan account with Provident Bank. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
 8. Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve the establishment of a Mayor and City Council Compensation Advisory Committee composed of five members appointed by the mayor and based on recommendations of each commissioner to present the city council with recommendations within 60 days of appointment. Commissioner Rideout seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
 9. Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to approve the five-year contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. and the first-year cost obligation. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.
- 9a. The city manager advised the mayor and city council that a Brownfield Grant Application was submitted by the city on December 3rd for assistance with removing lead, asbestos, and other contaminants from the former city hall building.

New Business

10. A motion was made by commissioner Rideout to approve the request to have Council approve a Budget Amendment allocating \$25,000 of insurance proceeds to cover the city's cost for cyber security work. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
11. Commissioner Hanson made a motion to approve accepting a donation of \$1,000 from The Care and Share Fund, Inc. and dedicate the funds to the Cambridge Police Department to use toward shop with a Cop 2019 expenses. CPD is asking to have \$1,000.00 put into the 2020 Community Outreach budget and increase the Police Department 200.322 budget by \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rideout. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

12. Commissioner Hanson made a motion to approve the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from WBOC "Bless Our Children" to fund the 2nd Annual Santa's Workshop. Commissioner Rideout seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
13. Commissioner Rideout made a motion to submit a FEMA Grant Application. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

Public Comment

During the public time to comment at the end of the meeting, Raymond Farrar, head of the Lost Kings Organization asked for financial help to support his Christmas Shopping Spree efforts on behalf of children whose fathers are not involved in their lives.

Michael Wheatley thanked the City Council for its support of the Train Garden located at the old city hall and fire house.

Requests from the Public

Comments

The Mayor asked that City Council appoint Commissioner Rideout as Mayor Pro-Temp for the coming year. On Commissioner Hanson's motion that request was approved on a vote of 5-0.

The Mayor also asked the City Manager to contact Habitat Choptank regarding a housing issue.

Commissioner Cannon spoke of the ADA Committee and the fact that they had been able to have 14-15 city youth participate in the effort to review the condition of sidewalks around town. The youth need transportation and the school system is unable to provide that. There is a need of between \$500- \$600 for transportation in the coming 6 months.

Commissioner Sydnor asked that the City Manager issue an RFP for an Auditor for next year.

Commissioner Foster asked that the City Manager address the housing problem at 603 High Street which received a vote of 5-0 in support.

The City Manager announced that Roslyn Matthews will be the coordinator for City staff regarding the United Way Campaign.

This is Odie Wheeler's last meeting as a member of city staff and the head of the Department of Public Works. He expressed his thanks to the Mayor and Commissioners for the opportunity to serve the city and its residents for the 34 years that he has been with the City. Chief Lewis followed up on Odie's announcement with his thanks for all that he had done for the city as did others that resulted in a standing ovation for Mr. Wheeler.

The City Finance Director then mentioned that it did not appear that the city council had taken any action on the Audit presentation that had occurred November 12th. On a motion by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson, the Audit was approved on a vote of 3-1-1 with Commissioner Hanson, Cannon and Rideout voting to approve and Commissioners Foster opposing and Commissioner Sydnor abstaining.

Adjourn

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:48p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, December 9, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor