

The City Commission held a special scheduled meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021. The meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at 305 Gay Street in Cambridge.

Mayor Bradshaw opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. All city commissioners were present: Roche, L. Cephas, Harrington, S. Cephas, and Malkus. Also present were Police Chief Mark Lewis, Fire Chief Adam Pritchett, Planning Director Pat Escher, Public Works Superintendent Ina Holden, Assistant City Attorney Patrick Thomas, and City Manager Patrick Comiskey. Commissioner L. Cephas led the pledge of allegiance.

Requests from the Public: Tim Wess of Enterprise Fleet Management gave a presentation on his company managing the city's police and most of the balance of the city's vehicles.

The meeting minutes for the meeting of June 21, 2021, were amended to mark Commissioner Roche as absent and to identify office at the Chamber of Commerce building as space for the economic development staff. A motion to approve the consent calendar with the amended minutes was made by Commissioner Roche and seconded by Commissioner Malkus and adopted unanimously.

New Business:

Commissioner Malkus made a motion seconded by Commissioner Roche and approved unanimously to approve the MOU with the Dorchester Skipjack Committee to use the shed at Long Wharf located off the city parking lot near the docking site of the Nathan of Dorchester.

Commissioner S. Cephas made a motion seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas and adopted unanimously to approve a letter of request to the state highway administration requesting the state to land bank the railroad bed from Washington Street to Bucktown Road for the future use as an expansion of the new rails to trails project.

Commissioner S. Cephas made a motion seconded by Commissioner Harrington and approved unanimously to approve the Traffic and Safety Committee's pilot program to install traffic calming devices in the Stone Boundary Road neighborhood and to install a crosswalk at the 400 block of Race Street, and other recommendations as follows:

- 1) Ward 4: Install stop signs to create 3 way stop at Insley and East Appleby Ave and a mid-block traffic calming pilot similar to Leonard Lane on East Appleby
- 2) Ward 3: Pilot stop signs at intersection of High and Church streets, change existing stop light to blinking red, paint crosswalk on Spring St, restore/paint parking space lines along courthouse side of Spring Street.

Fire Chief Adam Pritchett presented a proposal to purchase three fire trucks and pay for the trucks in advance in the amount of approximately \$3.8 million. City Commissioners tabled the proposal for a future meeting when other COVID fund supported projects could be considered.

It was discussed adding COVID Fund spending considerations as an addition to the commission work session scheduled for August 2, 2021.

The mayor announced upcoming scheduled meetings:

The City of Cambridge Board of Appeals public meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Commission Chambers 305 Gay Street Cambridge, Maryland.

City Commission Work Session on City Charter Amendment for Human Resources Position, Monday, August 2, 2021.

The City of Cambridge Planning & Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

Public Comment:

Natalie Brewer, the co-owner of the business located at 401 Race Street, asked the city commission to address the panhandler who regularly circulates the downtown outside her business and solicits her customers sitting outside at her tables.

Brett Summers of 111 High Street request the commission adopt a panhandlers' ordinance.

Lynette Wongus of 1005 Jimson Road stated people were being kicked out of Great Marsh Park. She also asked commissioners to change the police board meeting time from noon to an evening time.

Trey Davis of 5464 Moose Lodge Road, Cambridge Maryland stated he supported the proposal to buy the three fire trucks.

Commissioner S. Cephas made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Harrington and approved unanimously to go into closed session under General Provisions Article 3-305(b) (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and under (2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and under (14) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

The commissioners entered the closed session at 8:57 p.m. City Planner Pat Escher, IT Director Dale Price, Assistant City Attorney Patrick Thomas, and City Manager Patrick Comiskey were also present.

The city manager left the meeting building for a portion of the closed session during a discussion of an extended contract with him, then returned.

The commissioners came out of closed session at 9:42 p.m. The mayor advised the public the commission spoke about ending a contract with a person, extending a contract with a city employee, creating a new contractual relationship with an individual, and possible creation of a new contract for services and the severing of an existing service contract.

Commissioner Harrington made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Malkus and approved unanimously.

With no further business, Mayor Andrew Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, July 26, 2021, insofar as I personally am aware.

Andrew Bradshaw
Mayor