

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence then Commissioner Hanson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson.

Public Comment

Gary Hickman, of 2209 Hudson Road, the RFC Train Garden Committee Chair, provided the Mayor with a letter of thanks on behalf of the Fire Company.

Michael Wheatley of 509 Edlon Park also expressed his thanks regarding the Train Garden. Mr. Wheatley, a member of the young professionals, asked for ideas of projects the young professionals could perform.

David Ferguson, owner of 421 Robbins Street, spoke on the issue of trash and littering and the importance of keeping our city clean. He also asked the City to enforce existing laws regarding citizens and businesses to help keep the City clean.

Requests from the Public

Angie Hengst, the IronMan Director, presented a recap of the 2019 Eagleman and IronMan events as well as an update on plans for those events in 2020.

Rhodana Fields of the Choptank Chapter of Habitat for Humanity provided an update on the Cambridge Neighborhood Revitalization Work Group and all that has been taking place in the Pine Street Area and elsewhere in the city and county by Habitat for Humanity.

Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar was approved on a 5-0 vote. Commissioner Hanson made a motion to approve the items and Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion.

2. The January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

3. The Dorchester Community Wellness Coalition requested to have the Dorchester Community Wellness Expo on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the corner of Race and Cedar Streets.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

None

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

None

Old Business

The City Manager requested that the Commissioners establish Chesapeake College's Cambridge Center on Race Street as the City Election Polling Site for the city election on the 3rd Saturday of October 2020 and, if a run-off is needed, on the 1st Tuesday in December. The college had offered the space for those dates at no cost to the city, and the City Manager reported that he had met at the location with a representative of the county election office, a prospective election vendor and three citizens experienced with city elections: Portia Johnson-Ennels, Jerry Burroughs, and Michael Wheatley. The college also has handicap accessibility, parking, restrooms, on-site security, and ease of access to the building.

Commissioner Rideout made a motion to approve Chesapeake College as the city election site. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 3-2. Commissioners Rideout, Hanson, and Cannon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner's Foster and Sydnor voted against the measure.

New Business

No new business items were presented.

Meeting Announcements

The city manager announced the Mayor and Commissioner Compensation Recommendation Committee was going to be held in city commission chambers on Tuesday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Comments

The Mayor spoke about the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census.

Commissioner Foster spoke about the Committee for Bridging the Gap between the Police and city residents. She said participants want to continue to work on building relationships.

The Mayor announced that a clean-up project was going to take place the Sunday after Valentine's day. She encouraged citizens to participate. The event is at the juncture of Pine Street and North Drive.

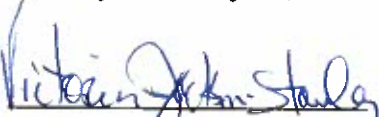
The Police Chief announced the loss of the department's K-9 dog and their efforts to replace him.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and properly seconded.

With no further business, Mayor Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, February 10, 2020.


Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor