

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2017 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Agenda**

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the amended agenda was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 4:0. Commissioner Rideout was out of the building at this time.

### **Presentation**

2. Presentation by the Mayor of Ring Celebrating the Retirement and Years of Service of Retired Police Chief Kenneth Malik

Mayor Stanley presented Kenneth Malik with a City of Cambridge ring in honor of his 12 years of service as Chief of the Cambridge Police Department.

### **Report on Closed Session**

- January 9, 2017

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### **Public Comment**

Nobody asked to speak.

**Consent Calendar**

3. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on November 14, 2016  
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
4. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on December 12, 2016  
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
5. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on December 19, 2016  
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
6. SUBJECT: Request from Cambridge Main Street to hold "Dank Day" on March 11, 2017 from 12 noon until 10:00 pm; close the 500 block of Poplar Street; a variance from the noise ordinance; and permission to serve alcohol.  
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
7. SUBJECT: Request from Cambridge Power Boat Racing Association to change the previously requested and approved (October 11, 2016) date from May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> including exclusive use of the park from Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, closure of the boat ramp by 3:00 pm on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> (set-up starting Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
8. SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for body-worn cameras in the amount of \$10,729  
Recommendation: That Council:
  - A. Accept subject grant;
  - B. Appropriate \$10,729 into the 2017 General Fund budget; and
  - C. Increase the Police Budget by \$10,729 for police grants

Sandra Tripp-Jones asked that Item 6 (Cambridge Main Street) be voted on separately.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approved Items 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 on the consent calendar was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved unanimously.

Kathleen Clendaniel, representing Cambridge Main Street, asked that the location of the event be changed to the 500 block Gay Street. At a future meeting she may ask to include Poplar Street.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the requests from Cambridge Main Street to hold Dank Day on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon until 10:00 pm on Gay Street (500 block) including a variance from the noise ordinance and permission to serve alcohol providing the correct license is obtained was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved unanimously.

**Requests from the Public:**

9. SUBJECT: Request from Eastern Shore Network for Change for permission to hold “Reflections on Pine: 50 Years After the Fire, Cambridge Commemorates the Civil Rights Movement, Community and Change” in the 600 block of Pine Street during the weekend beginning Friday, July 21, 2017 through the evening of Monday, July 24, 2017; hours forthcoming; permission to erect a tent; use of City trash cans, a variance from the noise ordinance; close Pine Street from Cross Street to Cedar Street; permission to serve alcohol.

Recommendation: That Council conceptually approve the request with formal approval when details are complete.

Kisha Petticolas and Dion Banks gave an update on the events the committee has planned. A formal application will be submitted in the next few weeks.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to conceptually approve the request of the Eastern Shore Network for Change for permission to hold “Reflections on Pine: 50 Years After the Fire, Cambridge Commemorates the Civil Rights Movement, Community and Change” with formal approval when the details are complete was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 3:1 with Commissioner Sydnor opposed and Commissioner Foster abstaining.

**Charter Resolution:**

10. SUBJECT: Charter Resolution No. CR-2016-03 A of the Commissioners of Cambridge to Amend the Charter of the City of Cambridge by Amending Section 3-5 Entitled “Commissioners; Number, Election, Tenure, Qualifications.”

Recommendation that Council:

- A. Reintroduce Charter Resolution CR-2016-03 by reading of title only;
- B. Schedule January 23, 2017 for a second reading, public hearing and adoption.

A motion by Commissioner Foster that the language be changed to 12 months was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 3:2 with Commissioners Rideout and Hanson opposed.

**Old Business**

11. SUBJECT: Oak Hill Residents Water Connections

Recommendation: That Council, in conjunction with the Municipal Utilities Commission, allow residences of Oak Hill Subdivision to connect into the City Water Supply with no capital charge or installation fee from the MUC with the exception of the cost of the meter up until July 1, 2018.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor that Council allow residents of Oak Hill to connect to the City water supply by July 1, 2018 and MUC absorb the cost except for the cost of the meter was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

**12. SUBJECT: Long Wharf Master Plan**

Recommendation: That Council schedule a public hearing on the Draft Long Wharf Master Plan on January 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to hold a public hearing on January 23, 2017 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**13. Sailwinds Committee – 12/13/2016**

No action was taken.

**Mayor and Council**

**14. SUBJECT: Appointment to Historic Preservation Committee (HPC)**

Recommendation from the Mayor: That Council appoint George Vojtech to HPC.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to appoint Susan Morgan to the HPC for the term that will end August 31, 2018 and appoint George Vojtech for the terms that will end August 31, 2019 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 3:2 with Commissioners Sydnor and Foster opposed.

**Adjourn**

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

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, January 9, 2017, insofar as I personally am aware.

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor

## COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE CLOSED SESSION REPORT

**A**     **Date:**    January 9, 2017 -- Session 1  
          **Time:**    5:00 pm  
          **Place:**    City Council Chambers

**B**     **Citation of Authority/Purpose:** State Government Article, Section 10-508(a) (check one of the following):

X	1	discuss: (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
	2	protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business;
	3	consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
	4	consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the City;
	5	consider the investment of public funds;
	6	consider the marketing of public securities;
	7	consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;
	8	consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
	9	conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;
	10	discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
	11	prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
	12	conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
	13	comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter; or
	14	before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, 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.

**C**     **Members present and vote of each member as to closing the session:**

Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley	(only in a tie)	
Commissioner Stephen Rideout	Vote:	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Donald Sydnor	Vote:	<b>Y</b>
Commissioner La-Shon Foster	Vote:	<b>Y</b>
Commissioner David Cannon	Vote:	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Robert Hanson	Vote:	<b>Y</b>

Motion to close meeting:    Comm.Hanson     Seconded:    Comm. Sydnor

**D**     **Topics Discussed:** Explanation of topics to be discussed (this may be by reference to the citation of authority listed above if further explanation would thwart the purpose of closing the meeting): **City Attorney's Contract**

**E**     **Persons Present at the Closed Session:** If listing an individual as present would thwart the purpose of closing the meeting, do not list the individual but note that an individual was not listed for this reason: **Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Commissioner Sydnor, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Hanson, Sandra Tripp-Jones**

**F**     **Actions Taken at the Closed Session:** Sandra Tripp-Jones reported that during the first closed session there was a motion to send out the RFP for a City Attorney with Commissioner Foster's amendments that failed. There was then a motion by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Sydnor to direct the City Manager to prepare an amended RFP with Commissioner Foster's suggested changes to send out by January 12, 2017 and send it to the Commissioners (excluding Commissioners Rideout and Cannon who have recused themselves from this subject) and the Mayor by January 13, 2017

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           **Time:**    5:35 pm  
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Commissioner David Cannon	Vote:	<b>Y</b>
Commissioner Robert Hanson	Vote:	<b>Y</b>

Motion to close meeting:    Comm. Sydnor     Seconded:    Comm. Hanson

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