

The City Commissioners conducted the City business on Monday, February 8, 2021 by way of a conference call because of the Corona Virus threat. The Mayor was stationed at his normal station in the City Commission Meeting Room on Gay Street. City Commissioners conference called into the meeting utilizing Webex. Citizens were able to observe the meeting by going on-line to TownHallStreams.com. Citizens were invited to call in their public comments by calling the Mayor during the meeting at 410-228-5808. Citizens could participate in the meeting by logging into the meeting by calling 408-418-9388 and entering the meeting number and password: Meeting Number 132 958 6308; Password 5808

Mayor Andrew Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All the city Commissioners were present on the conference call. Assistant City Attorney Patrick Thomas, City IT Director Dale Price, Commissioner Sputty Cephas, and Commissioner Malkus were physically present. Commissioners Roche, L. Cephas, and Harrington along with City Manager Patrick Comiskey, Police Chief Mark Lewis, and Fire Chief Adam Pritchett participated remotely in the conference call.

6:00 pm Mayor to Convene Commission in Regular Session

### **Agenda**

1. Commissioner L. Cephas moved to approve the agenda after moving Item 11 from New Business to Requests from the Public. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner S. Cephas and approved 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Lynette Wongus asked about the grant resolution for CDBG.  
Nancy Jackson of 1001 Macces Lane asked about the CDBG grant resolution.

### **Requests from the Public**

Deon Banks and Nancy Shockley of the Local Management Board have started a Poverty Reduction Lab. Mr. Banks stated Dorchester county's poverty rate is 15.7%. They are looking for volunteers.

### **Consent Calendar**

Motion to approve the consent calendar by Commissioner L. Cephas subject to amendment to minutes and seconded by Commissioner Harrington passed 5-0. All requests for events are subject to approval from the County Health Department

2. That Commission approve the January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes subject to adding the letter and petition provided by Ms. Taylor on February 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. Linda Harris is requesting to use Cannery Way on Saturday, February 13, 2021 6pm-8pm for an Educational Center Music Series.
4. Keith Graffius is requesting to use Long Wharf to host the annual Crawfish Boil and Muskrat Stew Festival on May 1, 2021 from 9 AM to 9 PM.
5. Rebecca Wooten is requesting to use Long Wharf for a wedding on June 12, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

6. **Ordinance NO. 1171 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING CHAPTER 17.5 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF GRANTING A REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS, AND DEFINING TERMS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**

The assistant city attorney read the ordinance aloud.

#### **Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption**

None presented

#### **Old Business**

7. FEMA Grant Flood Mitigation Project Report and Contract Document for Technical Services  
Local engineer Larry White and City Engineer George Hyde presented a project description for the commissioners. Commissioner Roche made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Malkus to approve the engineering service agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

8. **AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 21-02** A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIPT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) FUNDING FOR PHASE 2 OF THE REVITALIZATION EFFORTS IN THE PINE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORMER CITY HALL BUILDING (THE “PROJECT”), WITH SUCH FUNDING TO BE PROVIDED EITHER DIRECTLY BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (“DHCD”) OR THROUGH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

The assistant city attorney read the amended resolution aloud.

Public comment was heard from Lynette Wongus.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner Harrington and adopted 5-0.

#### **New Business**

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-03** A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE NO. 47 ENTITLED “CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.”

A motion by Commissioner Malkus to approve the resolution after changing the IT member to the IT Coordinator. The motion was properly seconded and adopted 5-0.

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-04** A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE NO. 48 ENTITLED “CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE.”

A motion to approve the resolution by Commissioner Lajan Cephas after the language was changed to identify pedestrian and other non-vehicular modes of transportation to the committee’s purpose and to add an additional citizen on the committee. A second to the motion was made by Commissioner Harrington and the motion passed 5-0.

11. **Circles, USA: Dion Banks and Nancy Shockley**

The Circles, USA presentation was moved to the public comment section of the agenda.

**Meetings****Tuesday, February 16, 2020 Commission Work Session 6:00 p.m. Virtual**

- Review Audit Report
- Proposed Changes in Finance Division
- Commissioner Proposed Objectives for the Coming Term

**Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Commission Work Session 5:00 p.m. Virtual**

- Learn about City Health Insurance Program – Chet McWilliams

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Commission Work Session – 1:00 p.m. Virtual**

- Learn about LGIT the city's property and liability insurance provider
- Learn about LGIT's Health Insurance Program

**Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> Commission Work Session 11:00 a.m. Virtual**

- Meet with the CWDI Board and Secretary Holt at the Hyatt
- Learn about Maryland State Supported Projects in Cambridge

**Ethics Commission: City Official and Staff Training Opportunities**

- Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**Notices**

Public Hearing on CDBG Applications Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Virtual  
Housing Task Force will meet in March on a date scheduled by the membership through the city's housing specialist

**Department or Division Head Comments**

The Police Chief and Fire Chief thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for the tax reduction ordinance proposed for police and firefighters.

**Commissioner Comment(s)****Public Comment**

Lashon Foster spoke about the Bradford House  
Lynette Wongus spoke about the grant resolution.

Tommy Hurley of the FOP introduced himself to the commissioners.

### Mayor's Comments

The mayor spoke about the tax reduction incentive for police and fire fighters. He also spoke of more public involvement in CDBG applications going forward.

### Adjourn

A motion by Mayor Bradshaw to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner S. Cephas to adjourn the meeting and approved unanimously.

With no further business, Mayor Andrew Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, February 8, 2021, insofar as I personally am aware



Andrew Bradshaw  
Mayor

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