

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 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, Cannon, and Hanson. Commissioner Foster was absent. 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 Rideout to approve the agenda as presented was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

Public Comment

Sharon Smith addressed a concern about two deaths from overdoses of heroin in the past two weeks.

Consent Calendar

2. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on January 23, 2017
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
3. SUBJECT: Request from Cambridge Little League to hold their annual Opening Day Parade from Long Wharf to High Street to Race Street on Saturday, April 1 (rain date: April 8) from 8:00 am until 9:30 am (set-up at 8:00 am – parade starts at 9:00 am)
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
6. SUBJECT: Request from IRONMAN 70.3 Eagleman for permission to hold Eagleman in Cambridge on Sunday, June 11, 2017 from 4:00 am to 6:00 pm, use of Great Marsh Park, starting Tuesday, June 6th; close boat ramp from 4:00 am until 7:00 pm; police assistance, and a variance from the noise ordinance
Recommendation: That Council approve the request as submitted.
7. SUBJECT: Request from Cambridge Main Street/Crabi Gras for permission to use Cannery Way (Race Street) on Sunday, February 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for *Muskrat & Crawfish Boil Event* (12 noon to 5:00 pm), use of pop-up tents, permission to sell alcohol, and a variance from the noise ordinance
Recommendation: That Council approve the request as submitted.
8. SUBJECT: Appropriation of Drug Forfeiture Money for Cambridge Police Department
Recommendation: That Council approve the appropriation of \$10,000 from Drug Forfeiture funds to the General Fund and increase the Police Department budget by \$10,000 for purchase of personal protective equipment.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the consent calendar (Items 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8) was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

4. SUBJECT: Request from Kent Narrows Racing Association for permission to use Great Marsh Park for a Power Boat Regatta on August 19 and 20, 2017; exclusive use of the park from noon on Friday, August 18th through Sunday, August 20th; closure of the boat ramp by 3:00 pm on Friday; set-up to start on Monday, August 14th; permission to sell beer in the park; permission to have motorhomes in the park; use of extra City trash cans; and a variance from the noise ordinance
Recommendation: That Council approve the request as submitted.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve as requested was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

5. SUBJECT: Revised Request from Cambridge Main Street to hold *Paddy on Poplar* on March 11, 2017 from 11 a.m. until 10:00 pm; close the 500 block of Poplar Street (10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.); a variance from the noise ordinance; use of pop-up tents, and permission to serve alcohol
Recommendation: That Council approve the request as revised.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to withdraw the approval for Dank Day on Gay Street on March 11 was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0. A motion by Commissioner Cannon to approve Item 5 as requested with the exception that Poplar Street closure time is approved as follows: set-up from 12 noon to 1:00 pm, the event from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., and breakdown from 10:00 p.m. until 11:00 pm was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

Requests from the Public

9. SUBJECT: Request from Main Street Cambridge to present rebranding project and ask for Council input
Recommendation: That Council receive Main Street Cambridge's presentation.

Cambridge Main Street is undertaking a downtown branding initiative in an effort to help identify its key assets and what helps make them unique. It will help them identify a message about downtown that resonates with both residents and visitors. Two stakeholder focus groups met to discuss the topic. A public on-line survey has also been created. A written update will be presented at a future meeting.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

10. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1090 Text Amendment to Amend Section 2.4.2 Non-conforming Lots, Structures, and Uses to permit a single family dwelling on a legal lot of record.
Recommendation: That Council:
A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1090 by reading of title only;

- B. Open the public hearing and continue to February 27, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1090.

Rob Collison introduced the ordinance. Nobody from the audience asked to speak. The record will be left open until February 27, 2017.

- 11. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1091 Text Amendments: (1) to Amend Section 4.4.5 to modify setback/lot minimums; and (2) to Amend Table 3 for minimum lot sizes for the Downtown Waterfront Development District, Neighborhood — Sub-District and (3) to Amend Section 5.2 to require compliance for the sub-district and include additional language to that section as it relates to the design standards.
Recommendation: That Council:
 - A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1091 by reading of title only; and
 - B. Open the public hearing and continue to February 27, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1091.

Rob Collison introduced the ordinance. Nobody from the audience asked to speak. The record will be left open until February 27, 2017.

- 12. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1092 Text Amendment to Amend Section 5.1 Table 4: Yard and Bulk Requirements to increase the building height in the Industrial Zone District from 35 feet to 50 feet.
Recommendation: That Council:
 - A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1092 by reading of title only; and
 - B. Open the public hearing and continue to February 27, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1092.

Rob Collison introduced the ordinance. Nobody from the audience asked to speak. The record will be left open until February 27, 2017.

- 13. SUBJECT: A Map Amendment and a Rezoning of a property from Resource Conservation to General Commercial – Rte. 16 Map 307, Grid 0017, Parcel 5724.
Recommendation: That Council
 - A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1093 by reading of title only; and
 - B. Open the public hearing and continue to February 27, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1092.

Rob Collison introduced the ordinance.

Ms. Nancy Scozzari, the owner's representative indicated that the property was originally zoned commercial and has had infrastructure installed, water, sewer, and stormwater retention on the site for a commercial development. These improvements were approved by the City through the Site Plan process. The property was ready for

redevelopment when the recession came and owner needed to wait for better economic times. Now that the economy is improving, the owner wants to sell the property and found out that the property was rezoned to Resource Conservation in the City rezoning process that occurred with the adopting of the Unified Development Code and the new zoning map.

Nobody else from the audience asked to speak. The record will be left open until February 27, 2017.

Old Business

14. SUBJECT: Charter Resolution No. CR-2016-03 A Resolution 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. Give Charter Resolution No. CR-2016-03 a second reading;
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, Charter Resolution No. CR-2016-03 A Resolution 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."

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to adopt Charter Resolution No. CR-2016-03 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0. The Charter Resolution will become effective April 4, 2017 unless a petition is filed in opposition.

15. SUBJECT: Street Maintenance Assessment

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report on services available and approximate cost to hire a consultant to complete a street maintenance assessment;
- B. If Council wishes to proceed with a Street Maintenance Assessment:
 - Appropriate \$25,000 from the Appropriated Reserve and increase the Public Works Engineering Budget by \$25,000 and
 - Direct staff to develop and issue an RFP for a Street Maintenance Assessment Study and Recommendations

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to proceed with the survey and allocate \$25,000 to cover the cost was seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The vote was 3:1. The motion failed because a budget amendment requires 4 votes to pass.

16. SUBJECT: Economic Development Strategic Plan Update

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt Cambridge as Renaissance Community (Economic Development Strategic Update) submitted December 2016 by the Sage Policy Group, Inc. and
- B. Direct the Economic Development Advisory Committee to pursue selected strategies for its work plan.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to adopt Cambridge as a Renaissance Community and direct the Economic Development Advisory Committee to pursue selected strategies was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

17. SUBJECT: Security Cameras

Recommendation: That Council receive an update from staff

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to authorize Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley to send a letter to Delmarva Power & Light expressing our dissatisfaction with their policy on the use of the poles was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

New Business

18. SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2017 Mid-Year Financial Status Report

Recommendation: That Council receive the FY 2017 Mid-year Financial Status Report

Ginger Heatwole gave Council a mid-year financial status report. Some of the highlights are: we had received a onetime revenue from Personal Property Taxes from the Comptroller's Office for previous years underpayment of \$194,000; building permits were coming in faster due to construction being up; no new revenue sources were identified at this time; assessments were down which will result in a \$130,000 loss in revenue unless we at least maintain the Constant Yield rate for 2018. The complete report is available on the City's website.

19. SUBJECT: Police Chief's Annual Report

Recommendation: That Council receive Police Chief Dvorak's Mid-Year Report

Chief Dan Dvorak gave Council a mid-year report. Some highlights are: Cambridge received a grant of \$170,000 from the Governor's Office of Crime Control Prevention; Eight new police officers were sworn in; crime overall was down 20 percent last year; use of a firearm during a commission of a robbery decreased by 50%; two homicides both were closed with an arrest; 12 sexual assaults with 11 arrest. CPD had a total of 36,000 calls this year including those which were initiated by officers. The complete report is available on the City's website.

20. SUBJECT: Letter of Intent to secure a statement of intention of the Historic Cambridge, Inc.; Historic Cambridge Development, LLC; the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the City of Cambridge relating to the sale of properties identified as 505 and 507 Race Street

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Mayor to execute the Letter of Intent

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to authorize Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley to execute the Letter of Intent was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

21. SUBJECT: Scheduling Council Meetings

Recommendation: That Council approve scheduling:

- A. Work Session on Budget Issues on Feb. 21, 2017 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm in the MUC Conference Room at 410 Academy Street and
- B. Special Meeting Closed Session on Personnel Matters (City Attorney Proposals review) on Feb. 21, 2017 at 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. in the MUC Conference Room at 410 Academy Street.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to hold a work session on budget issues on February 21, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commission Hanson to hold a closed special session on personnel matters on February 21, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 3:0 with Commissioner Rideout abstaining because of a conflict of interest.

22. SUBJECT: Ward Three Blight Study Report

Recommendation that Council accept the report and take its conclusions under advisement.

This item was deferred to the meeting on February 27, 2017.

Notices

23. Receipt of the Delta Associates' "Market Analysis, Sailwinds Site" which is being reviewed by staff and the Sailwinds Committee.

The Market Analysis will be presented to Council on March 13, 2017.

Committee Reports

24. Finance Committee

- January 26, 2017
- February 2, 2017

No action was taken.

25. Joint City/County Coordinating Committee Meetings

- January 10, 2017
- February 6, 2017

No action was taken.

Mayor and Council

26. SUBJECT: Request from Dr. Carl Barham, Co-leader of the Historical Freedom Shrine Advocacy Team, for a letter of support for the organization's application to the Maryland Transportation Commission for road signs that say: The Maryland Monument for Voter Reform: The Historical Freedom Shrine
Recommendation from the Mayor that Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to authorize Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley to send the letter of support was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 4:0.

27. SUBJECT: Committee Appointment
Recommendation: That Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to re-appoint Dwight Cromwell to the Cambridge Housing Authority

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to reappoint Dwight Cromwell to the Cambridge Housing Authority was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to reappoint William Jackson to the Housing Board of Review was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 3:0. Commissioner Sydnor was out of the room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved 4:0.

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, February 13, 2017, insofar as I personally am aware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor