


The City Commission met on Monday, March 29 in a Special Called Meeting. The meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at 305 Gay Street in Cambridge. The City Commissioners conducted the City business by way of a conference call because of the Corona Virus threat. Citizens were able to observe the meeting by going on-line to TownHallStreams.com. Citizens were offered the opportunity to call in their public comments by calling the mayor during the meeting at 410 228-5808 or they were able to participate in the meeting by logging in by calling 408-418-9388 and entering the meeting number and password: Meeting Number 132 958 6308; Password 5808.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. after a sound issue was worked out. Present physically or virtually were Mayor Andrew Bradshaw, Commissioner Brian Roche, Commissioner Lajan Cephas, Commissioner Jameson Harrington, Commissioner Sputty Cephas, Commissioner Chad Malkus, IT Division Director Dale Price and assistant city attorney Patrick Thomas, *RFC Chief Adam Pritchett, and Public Works Superintendent Eira Holden* 

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commission President Lajan Cephas.

Agenda

1. Commission to approve or amend Agenda as presented. Commissioner Malkus made the motion to approve the agenda seconded by Commissioner Harrington. The motion passed 5-0.

2. Closed Session

General Provisions Article 3-305(b) (1) (7)(8) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointee, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one of more specific individuals. To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Commissioner S. Cephas made the motion to enter closed session seconded by Commissioner Harrington. The motion passed 5-0. Commissioners entered closed session at 7:11 p.m. and exited closed session at 8:22 p.m.

After the closed session, Mayor Bradshaw advised the public the closed session was held to discuss two service provider contracts and how they are compensated.

3. Discussion of Legal Services

Commissioner L. Cephas made the motion to put out an RFP for legal services the motion was seconded by Commissioner S. Cephas. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioners discussed the cost of services and a desire to review proposals from other firms. Commissioners are requesting the current city firm submit a proposal, as well. It was discussed that Patrick Thomas would serve as the city attorney going forward for the duration of the current agreement.

Commissioner Malkus made a motion to issue an RFP after review of the RFP document by the city commission and that the RFP deadline be at least 60 days from the city commission meeting when the RFP document is approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas and approved 5-0.

4. Garbage Services

Commissioners discussed examples of garbage service issues the company needs to address. Commissioners discussed trash issues in general in town.

Commissioner L. Cephas made a motion for the mayor, city manager, public works superintendent and building safety division head to meet with the current garbage service provider and discuss ways to improve the service and to report back to the city commission at the first meeting in April. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roche and approved 5-0.

5. County Council Letter Regarding Recycling Bins on Leonard Lane.

Commission President Lajan Cephas read the letter from County Council Chairman Jay Newcomb. The county council decided to remove the recycling bins from Leonard Lane. Commissioners discussed the issue and thought it was unfortunate the county council made the decision to withdraw the service.

The mayor requested a motion for Commissioners to work with him and the city manager on options for providing the recycling service and present those at the first city council meeting in April. Commissioner Malkus made the motion seconded by Commissioner Harrington. The motion passed 5-0.

New Business

6. Bird Rides Incorporated presented a proposal to provide electric scooters in town for citizens to utilize for a fee. Anyone using the scooters will pay Bird for the service. Bird would pay a fee to the city based on the revenues they receive from the scooters used in Cambridge. The company will contract with a person in town to be its fleet manager. The fleet manager will handle the pick-up and distributed of scooters in town.

After lengthy discussion of the Bird Scooters, Commissioner S. Cephas made a motion to present the agreement at the next Commission meeting and that a representative from Bird and the prospective fleet manager be present. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrington and approved 5-0.

Public Comment

Lynette Wongus thanked the city commission for approving her for the police board. She also said the city manager should have a quarterly meeting with the garbage company.

Superintendent Holden said she contacts the garbage company on a regular basis.

AdjournA handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Cephas', written in a cursive style.