

The City Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021. The meeting was scheduled for its regular time of 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at 305 Gay Street in Cambridge.

The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:04 p.m. Those present in person or virtually were Mayor Bradshaw, Commissioner Brian Roche, Commissioner Lajan Cephas, Commissioner Jameson Harrington, Commissioner Sputty Cephas, Commissioner Chad Malkus, City IT Division Director Dale Price, city assistant attorney Patrick Thomas, city police chief Mark Lewis, and city manager Patrick Comiskey. 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 were also able to 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.

Commission President Cephas led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved after a request to have Ordinance 1174 removed was requested by Commissioner Malkus. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Malkus and seconded by Commissioner S. Cephas and passed unanimously.

Requests from the Public

Cliff Coppersmith of Chesapeake College spoke of the new and improved Chesapeake College. He gave an overview of all the new courses at the college.

Allen Nelson – of the Power Boat Racing Association, Inc. spoke to the Commission on the upcoming boat racing that the city of Cambridge hosts.

Scott Fitzhugh from the Marina and Jitney gave an overview of the GEM Vehicle idea.

Consent Calendar

The consent calendar was approved unanimously after a motion by Commissioner Malkus seconded by Commissioner L Cephas with all event approvals subject to approval from the Dorchester County Health Department because of COVID – 19 concerns.

2. A. Meeting Minutes, March 29, 2021
B. Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2021
3. Eastern Shore Network for Change is requesting to have “Health on Pine” – A COVID vaccination event, on May 22, 2021 from 12:00pm to 8:00pm.
4. Jason Chance is requesting to hold the Six Pillar Bike Ride on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh from 6:00am to 4:00pm.

5. LaVon Wilson is requesting to have the corner of Race and Cedar Streets to hold her grand opening of L&J Event Rentals, on May 8, 2021 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.
6. Dorchester Showcase wants to block off Historic High Street from Water Street to Locust Street and Popular Street for their Annual Street Fair & Art Walk, on September 26, 2021 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.
7. Ms. Jeanne Elliott is requesting to have a Tribute/Celebration of Life for Roderick Russ, Jr., on June 5, 2021 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. She is asking to have a noise variance and to have Pine Street between Cross and Cedar Streets blocked off during this time.
8. Isaac Adams along with Illfiggaz Entertainment & Groove City, Inc. are requesting to have a "Unity Festival" on July 31, 2021 between Cross and Bethel Street from 12:00pm to 7:00pm.
9. Cambridge Power Boat Racing Association, Inc. and Allen Nelson are requesting to have the Classic Power Boat Regatta/Thrills "n" Grills Barbeque Cook-off on October 8-10, 2021 in Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh from 10:00am to 5:30pm
10. Kent Narrows Racing Association and Allen Nelson are requesting to have the Thunder on the Choptank, July 24-25, 2021 from 11:00am from 5:30pm in Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh.
11. Cambridge American Legion Post 91 is requesting to have Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 31, 2021 at Long Wharf from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m.
12. Groove City Black Heritage Culture Group is requesting to have Groove City Culture Fest on August 21, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
13. Police Community Unity Walk/Justice for Victims of Crimes

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

Ordinance No. 1177 was read by the City Attorney for the first reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

There were no ordinances presented for a second reading.

Old Business

There were no old business items presented.

New Business

The traffic concerns on Insley St. will be forwarded to the Traffic and Safety Committee along with concerns of the Popular Street traffic adjusted flow.

It was agreed that Ultra Solar Group would give a presentation to the Commission at the May 10, 2021 Commission Meeting.

Meetings

The Mayor announced the Commission Work Session for 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 3, 2021 with the Housing Task Force.

Commission President L. Cephas asked for a work session to be scheduled to review City Charter section 3 – 39.

Public Comments


The Mayor opened the floor for public comment and after several minutes of waiting for a call, no one called in.

Department Head Comments

Superintendent Ina Holt spoke about the garbage service.

Commissioner Comments**Mayor's Comments****Adjourn**

On a motion of Commissioner S. Cephas and a second by Commissioner Malkus, the meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 7:36 p.m.



Andrew Bradshaw, Mayor