

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 22, 2017 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster (closed session only), Cannon, and Hanson.

5:30 pm Mayor to Convene Council in Regular Session

1. SUBJECT: Closed session

Recommendation: That Council consider a motion to go into closed session pursuant to State Government Article, Section 10-508(a) exception 8: consultation with staff regarding pending or threatened/potential litigation with the reason for closing the session being that public discussion could negatively affect the City's ability to defend itself or settle any claims.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to go into closed session was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

2. SUBJECT: Return to open session

Recommendation: That Council end the closed session and return to open session

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to go out of closed session and return to open session was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0. Commissioner Foster was not present at the time of the vote.

6:00 pm Mayor to Re-Convene Council in Regular Session

Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

3. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented

Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked that a name be added to the Ad-Hoc Human Services Grant Review Committee. Sandra Tripp-Jones asked that the meeting minutes be removed from the consent calendar and discussed separately. Sandra Tripp-Jones asked that Items 9 and 10 be removed from the consent calendar to be discussed separately. Commissioner Cannon asked that Item 12 be removed from the consent calendar and discussed separately. Commissioner Sydnor asked that Items 4 and 5 be removed from the agenda. He feels they are personnel matters.

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to remove Items 4 and 5 from the agenda. They can be discussed with the City Manager at a later time. Commissioner Rideout seconded the motion. The motion passed 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the amended agenda was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

Report on Closed Session

Sandra Tripp-Jones reported that Council met in closed session between 5:30 pm and 5:45 pm. All Council members were present along with Sandra Tripp-Jones, Oden Wheeler, and Chief Mark Lewis. There is no reportable action to report at this time.

Public Comment

Nobody from the public asked to speak.

Requests from the Public

~~4. SUBJECT: Request from the Fraternal Order of Police to present a letter supporting Chief Mark Lewis -- Removed from agenda~~

~~5. SUBJECT: Request from Officers and Support Staff of CPD to present a letter supporting Chief Mark Lewis -- Removed from agenda~~

6. SUBJECT: Request from Gene and Shirley Tolley that the City Sponsor a project to make improvements to 513-517 Race Street (Tolley Theatre) by submitting a Community Legacy grant application in the amount of \$235,000.

Recommendation: That Council deny the request to sponsor the project, but consider non-financial support upon acceptance of a business plan for redevelopment of the property.

Cheryl Hannon spoke on behalf of the Tolleys. They are trying to enhance the streetscape in the 500 block of Race Street. Their beautiful old theatre needs work. They are asking the City to sponsor the project in the form of allowing the Tolleys' team access to the application process to request funding from the State. Jay Corvan said they are looking for funding through Community Legacy and Strategic Demolition to pay for professional fees to get the plans up and running.

Sandra Tripp-Jones said she recommended against doing this not because she doesn't think there should be a project there, but if the City were to sponsor the application, that makes the City responsible for the realization of the project. We have not been part of the planning or cost estimates. The City has a difficult track record on applying for DHCD grants and passing them through to sub-recipients. That is no reflection on the Tolleys or Mr. Corvan. If the Tolleys were to bring back a business plan for Phases 1 and 2 indicating how they are going to pay for and operate the project, staff would be open to reconsidering its recommendation.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor that Council deny the request to sponsor the project but consider non-financial support upon acceptance of a business plan for

redevelopment of the property was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

Consent Calendar

7. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on May 8, 2017
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
8. SUBJECT: Request from the American Legion Dorchester Post No. 91 to hold a Memorial Day Service at Long Wharf Park on Monday, May 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; traffic around the fountain circle be closed at 10:00 a.m.; parking be permitted on the Long Wharf parking lot; variance from the noise ordinance for PA system and cannon salute; police assistance for traffic control; no parking on the inner circle; and the Police Honor Guard.
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
9. SUBJECT: Request from Cambridge Main Street for permission to close the 500 block of Poplar Street and the 400 block of Race Street on Saturday, July 8th from 4:00 1:00 pm until 11:00 pm for *Taste of Cambridge* (5:00 pm until 10:00 pm); use of City Trash Cans, permission to erect tents, a variance from the noise variance, and permission for outdoor liquor sales
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
10. SUBJECT: Request from Cambridge Main Street for permission to close the 500 block of Poplar Street and the 400 block of Race Street on Saturday, September 16th from 4:00 1:00 pm until 11:00 pm for *Summer Send Off: Blues, Brews, and BBQs* (5:00 pm until 10:00 pm); use of City Trash Cans, permission to erect tents, a variance from the noise variance, and permission for outdoor liquor sales
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
11. SUBJECT: Request from the Dorchester County Family YMCA for permission to hold the *Firecracker Kids Triathlon* on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 am in accordance with the route outlined on the Special Event License Application
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
12. SUBJECT: Request from Eastern Shore Network for Changes for permission to hold *the Run for Unity* on Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 7:30 am to 9:30 am and a variance from the noise ordinance in accordance with the route outlined on the Special Event License Application
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
13. SUBJECT: Request from Shore Shakespeare Company to use Long Wharf Park for their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Friday, June 16th from 12 noon until 10:00 pm and a variance from the noise ordinance
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.

14. SUBJECT: Uniform Donations for Cambridge Police Department

Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$5,000 into the 2017 General Fund budget and increase the Police Budget by \$5,000 for reoccurring police uniform expenses.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 8, 11, 13, and 14) was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

The minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting were removed from the agenda. They will be approved at the next Council meeting.

Sandra Tripp-Jones received a note from Katie Clendaniel changing the street closure time from 4:00 pm to 1:00 pm for both Cambridge Main Street events (Items 9 and 10). A motion by Commissioner Cannon to approve Items 9 and 10 with the street closure time from 3:00 pm until 11:00 pm was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

Commissioner Cannon recused himself from the discuss on Item 12. A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the request in Item 12 was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 3:0.

Ordinances for Introduction

15. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1105 - An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland, to Adopt and Approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 Which Appropriates the Necessary Funds for the Operation of the Government and Administration of the City of Cambridge, Maryland, for the Period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Recommendation: That Council:

- A) Introduce Ordinance No. 1105 by reading of title only and
- B) Schedule June 12, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to introduce Ordinance 1105 and to schedule a second reading and public hearing on June 12, 2017 was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

16. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1098 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to amend the official zoning map of the City of Cambridge by rezoning tax map 0041, parcel no. 0115, lot 11, 821 Fieldcrest Road, tax account no. 07-199287, containing 7.75 acres, and tax map 0041, parcel no. 0171, lot 3, 829 Fieldcrest Road, tax account no. 07-194676, containing 15 acres, from industrial to institutional district; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a fair summary, and generally relating to the official zoning map of the City of Cambridge, Maryland.

Recommendation: That Council

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1098 by reading of title only; and
- B. Schedule June 12, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 1098.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to introduce Ordinance 1098 and to schedule a second reading and public hearing on June 12, 2017 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

17. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1103 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to amend the official zoning map of the City of Cambridge by rezoning three parcels of real property located on Egypt Road, identified on tax map 41 as parcel 128, lot nos. 1 through 635 and a, on tax map 41 as parcel 2, lot nos. 1 through 40 and a, and on tax map 52 as parcel 2, lot c , containing a total of 319 acres of land, more or less, from Residential to Resource conservation; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a fair summary, and generally relating to the official zoning map of the City of Cambridge, Maryland.

Recommendation: That Council

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1103 by reading of title only; and
- B. Schedule June 12, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 1103.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to introduce Ordinance 1103 and to schedule a second reading and public hearing on June 12, 2017 was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

18. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1104 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to amend section 6.5.2(e) of the City's Unified Development Code to provide that a sign program for a site in excess of 20 acres shall be given more flexibility with design, scale, and size of signs due to the large scale and uniqueness of the property and that the sign program shall be approved by the Planning Commission; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a fair summary, and generally relating to sign programs in the City of Cambridge.

Recommendation: That Council

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1104 by reading of title only; and
- B. Schedule June 12, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 1104.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to introduce Ordinance 1104 and to schedule a second reading and public hearing on June 12, 2017 was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

19. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1099 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to amend section 9.2 of the city's unified development code to clarify or define the terms "accessory apartment", "accessory building", "accessory dwelling unit", "ground floor retail", and "kitchen" and to amend sections 4.2.3(a)(2)(a) and 4.4.4(a)(1) of the City's Unified Development Code to coordinate such sections with the term "accessory dwelling unit" as clarified; providing that the title of this

Ordinance shall be deemed to be a fair summary, and generally relating to the City's Unified Development Code.

Recommendation: That Council

- A. Give Ordinance No. 1099 a second reading by reading of title only; and
- B. Open the public hearing and take public comment; and
- C. Close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 1099.

The notice of the public hearing was published in the *Star-Democrat* on May 5 and May 12, 2017. Pat Escher explained the different terms used in the ordinance. Stanley Keyser asked for a recommendation of the depth of buildings with the ground floor retail. It is his understanding that now it is permissible to have retail in the first 75 feet of depth of a building on Main Street. Beyond 75 feet of a 150-foot-deep building you can use the remainder for dwelling units. Pat Escher said it can be used for any other permitted use in the zone, for example, it could be a dwelling unit or an office. The intent of having ground floor retail is to activate the streetscape. There are studies done which demonstrate that 150 square feet of retail is not functional. Stanley Keyser said it is difficult to lease beyond 50 feet for retail space. The smaller box is better particularly for a Main Street type of retail. He asked if there is a possibility to make the space smaller and suggested 40 feet with 75 feet as a maximum. Pat Escher said from her experience, 60 feet is usually the number.

Nobody else asked to speak. A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to close the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0. A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve Ordinance 1099 with the amendment to change the amount of retail space from 50 feet to 40 feet was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

20. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1101 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to amend Permitted Land Use Tables #1 and #2 of the City's Unified Development Code to allow a pub with an associated microbrewery and/or distillery in the Downtown/Waterfront Development Zoning District – Core sub district and the General Commercial and Corridor Mixed-Use zoning districts as a conditional use, to amend sections 4.2.3(b) and 4.4.4 of the City's Unified Development Code to establish such conditions, and to amend section 9.2 of the City's Unified Development Code to define the terms "limited distillery" and "microbrewery"; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a fair summary, and generally relating to pubs with associated microbreweries and/or distilleries in the City of Cambridge.

Recommendation: That Council

- A. Give Ordinance No. 1101 a second reading by reading of title only; and
- B. Open the public hearing and take public comment; and
- C. Close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 1101.

The notice of the public hearing was published in the *Star-Democrat* on May 5 and May 12, 2017. Pat Escher read the title of the ordinance. A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to open the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0. Nobody from the public asked to speak. A motion by Commissioner

Sydnor to close the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0. Commissioner Rideout reported that in the Staff report there was a recommendation that RAR Brewery would be considered a grandfathered use in the DWDD Core Subdistrict. A motion by Commissioner Rideout to adopt Ordinance 1101 including grandfathering in RAR Brewery was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

21. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1102 -- An Ordinance of the commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to amend permitted Land Use Table #1 of the City's Unified Development Code to allow medium and large-scale solar energy systems in the resource conservation zoning district and to allow community solar energy systems in all zoning districts except the resource conservation zoning district as special exceptions subject to certain conditions, to amend Permitted Land Use Tables #1 and #2 to allow small-scale solar energy systems throughout the City of Cambridge as a conditional use subject to certain conditions, to amend sections 4.2.3(b) and 4.4.4 of the City's Unified Development Code to establish such conditions, and to amend section 9.2 of the City's Unified Development Code to define terms associated with solar energy systems; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a fair summary, and generally relating to solar energy systems in the City of Cambridge.

Recommendation: That Council

- A. Give Ordinance No. 1102 a second reading by reading of title only; and
- B. Open the public hearing and take public comment; and
- C. Close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 1102.

The notice of the public hearing was published in the *Star-Democrat* on May 5 and May 12, 2017. Pat Escher read the title of the ordinance. A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to open the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

Gene Lauer spoke representing the Planning and Zoning Commission. Solar systems were totally absent from the City's Unified Development Code. The ordinance does a good job—not only in recognizing land use but governing the construction, buffering, operation and even decommissioning of solar facilities. The Planning and Zoning Commission held three public hearing on this ordinance. There was a lot of discussion around the need for this ordinance. Theoretically, the Public Service Commission (PSC) could pre-empt the City. We are in a much stronger position having this ordinance as a protective mechanism and also that will be taken into account by both the Power Plant Research Personnel (PPRP) as well as ultimately the PSC hearing judge and the PSC itself. In drafting this, we followed many of the recommendations actually made by the PPRP. After the last public hearing, they directed the Planning Staff to make additional tweaks based on the testimony that was provided. With this ordinance in place, he thinks the City will be poised to not only afford itself adequate protections that would be seriously considered by the PSC but also would be poised to undertake what we all hope would be a very good economic development project for the City. They (P&Z) urge the Commissioners' approval tonight. The PSC will hold a public hearing on June 1, 2017. Thereafter, the PPRP makes preliminary recommendations (June 19, 2017). It would be highly desirable to have this ordinance

adopted tonight. There is a bond for some of the vegetation as well as a bond for when the project is be decommissioned.

Nobody from the audience asked to speak against the ordinance.

Ryan Showalter commented on the ordinance. His first comment is on *Page 6 in Section h ii e* which refers to supplementing the evergreen plantings with clusters of deciduous or flowering trees. In the past, they had conversations that those clusters should have spacing of approximately 50 to 75 feet between the clusters. The language in the ordinance now says the clusters shall be planted every 50 to 75 feet. He thinks the language could be more clear. Pat Escher said the Planning Commission is fine with that amendment.

Ryan Showalter commented that on *Page 6, Section vi a* talks about mowing. It says the mowing shall commence October through March. He asked for clarification. This is an energy facility. If it gets too tall, it must be mowed to protect the facility to avoid shorts or shading. It also says mowing may occur during mid to late summer if it does not disturb wildlife habitat. He does not want to create an ambiguity where there is a debate about whether it can only be mowed after October which is when the growing season has ended. It will be mowed when it needs to be mowed. The PSC will require maintenance of the property. His recommendation would be that mowing shall be minimized as necessary to maintain the facility. Chip MacLeod said he thinks the reference to beneficial habitat relates only to the screening. Pat Escher said that was language from the State because if you are creating these beneficial habitats for the nesting birds, etc. that you will be disturbing the sensitive habitats. When they are talking about grasses, they will be talking about grasses that are lower. That is something you talk about when doing your seed selection. A lot of this comes down to plant selection and doing it well. Ryan Showalter suggested "mowing shall be conducted in accordance with the landscape plan and reviewed from time to time by the Planning Commission. Chip MacLeod said the section we are talking about, *Section a*, is part of *Section vi* which talks about a plan for the best management practices. The applicant will present a maintenance plan for what they plan to plant. The language in *Section a* could be modified to say "if mowing is required, the preferred time for mowing will be those months". Pat Escher said *Section b* could be changed to say "invasive or unsuitable species shall be removed annually...".

Ryan Showalter said on the top of *Page 8, Paragraph k ii* which addresses abandonment of solar systems, says if the solar energy system has been destroyed or substantially damaged and shall not be repaired or replaced, the decommissioning process shall start within 60 days. In talking to folks who finance these project, they said there is a possibility that there could be a casualty like a tornado or hurricane that causes a significant amount of damage to a system and it would take much longer than 60 days to complete the repair. He suggested it be amended to say "shall not be repaired or replaced, or repair and replacement has not commenced and continued with diligence" or something to recognize that if 50 acres of solar panels are damaged, they will not be replaced in 60 days. Chip MacLeod said he thinks this could be worded a

little bit better to anticipate that. It could require some notice from the owner that there has been damage and their plan to fix it.

Sandra Tripp-Jones suggested that 'shall be repaired or replaced or initiated and diligently pursued to the satisfaction of the City Planning Commission'. Chip MacLeod suggested Zoning Official.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to close the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 3:1.

Chip MacLeod said there were three potential amendments that were discussed. The first amendment is on Page 6 Section *e*. The proposed language would read: In addition to the evergreen trees, cluster plantings of seven (7) to nine (9) native deciduous trees randomly planted to break up the evergreen screen shall be planted with spacing of fifty (50) to seventy-five (75) feet between clusters.

On Page 6 Section *vi a*, his proposed change would read: All mowing shall be done in compliance with the vegetation plan required in this subsection.

On Page 8 Section *k ii*, his proposed change would read: If the Solar Energy System has been destroyed or substantially damaged and shall not be repaired or replaced, or repair or replacement has not commenced with due diligence, the City may direct the applicant to begin the decommissioning process within sixty (60) days of the date of the incident that rendered the Solar Energy System unserviceable.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to adopt Ordinance 1102 subject to the amendments recited by Mr. MacLeod was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

Public Hearings:

22. SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Application for a Drainage Improvement Project in the Housing Authority of Cambridge Development
Recommendation that Council:
- A. Hold a public hearing and
 - B. Adopt Resolution 17-001 authorizing the submittal of an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$275,000 this 22nd day of May 2017 for the following project: Drainage Improvement Project in the Housing Authority of Cambridge Development.

The public hearing was advertised in the *Star Democrat* on May 16, 2017. A motion by Commissioner Hanson to open the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

Sandra Tripp-Jones reported that Council tentatively authorized the Staff to prepare and submit an application for a Community Development Block Grant for a drainage project in the area of the Housing Authority. The need for this project was raised by

Council in a discussion on capital improvement projects. The project would cost \$275,000 and it is a bricks and mortar project. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley said it is in the area of Cornish Drive, Camelia Street, and Greenwood Avenue. Nobody from the audience asked to speak. Nobody from Council asked to speak. A motion by Commissioner Cannon to close the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve Resolution 17-001 authorizing the submittal of an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$275,000 Drainage Improvement Project in the Housing Authority of Cambridge Development was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

23. SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Application for a Pine Street Area Low-Income Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Program

Recommendation that Council:

- A. Hold a public hearing;
- B. Consider including a cash match of \$100,000 from anticipated one-time increase in property tax funds from the Beazer PILOT payment or sale of tax certificate – to be appropriated when received;
- C. Adopt Resolution 17-002 authorizing the submittal of an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 this 22nd day of May 2017 for the following project: Pine Street Area Low-Income Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Program

The public hearing was advertised in the *Star Democrat* on May 16, 2017. A motion by Commissioner Cannon to open the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

Sandra Tripp-Jones said the subject of doing a home rehab program for low income homeowners in the Pine Street area has been before Council a number of times including a discussion with Secretary Ken Holt who indicated that if the City were to put up money toward this project, the State would match it. A project of this size could be much larger. \$250,000 would probably cover about ten houses. Under a separate action by Council, she is suggesting that Council put up a cash match of \$100,000. In this project we would partner with Habitat for Humanity Choptank. They would accept the applications, do the qualifying, and basically oversee and manage the project and would be a contributor from their Weatherization Program.

Donna Fields, Habitat for Humanity Choptank, said they are going to include a match of \$25,000 for the Weatherization Program. They were also awarded a grant in partnership with Lowes for \$40,000 that is directed toward Cambridge. They are matching the administrative costs so of the \$250,000 grant funds that the City is applying for will all go toward the repair of homes—not for administration fees for Habitat. Since 2013, they have repaired over 38 homes in Cambridge and over 143 homes across their two-county service area. This program is only for homeowners—not for rental properties. It is for low-income, owner-occupied home repair. Their experience shows that a lot of the applicants will be seniors on fixed

incomes who at one time would have been able to do the work themselves but are no longer able to do it.

Commissioner Sydnor asked if Sandra Tripp-Jones thought we would have the \$100,000 available for this project. Sandra Tripp-Jones said she is reasonably assured but if it doesn't materialize, then we would withdraw the match and see if the State will continue with the project without the match. The Beazer project owes the City a P.I.L.O.T. payment of close to \$420,000. She has been in contact with Beazer and they are not ignoring it. Nevertheless, the property is on the list of properties going to tax sale on June 19th. We think that either Beazer will pay us or somebody is going to buy the tax certificate and pay us what is owned on the property. Commissioner Sydnor asked if the State would give us \$250,000. Sandra Tripp-Jones said they may only give us \$100,000. That \$100,000 would be added to it by the \$65,000 from Habitat. We are including a match in the application of \$3700 in staff hours for the blight study and inventory. The Dorchester County Council committee said the tipping fees would be gratis too. It is hard to put a number of that. The match could add up to closer to \$200,000.

Nobody from the audience asked to speak. A motion by Commissioner Hanson to close the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve Resolution 17-002 authorizing the submittal of an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 for the Pine Street Area Low-Income Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Program was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

Commissioner Sydnor amended his motion to include a cash match of \$100,000 from anticipated one-time increase in property tax funds from the Beazer P.I.L.O.T. payment or sale of the tax certificate to the appropriate agency. Commissioner Cannon seconded the amended motion. The motion was approved 4:0.

Old Business

24. SUBJECT: Resolution 17-003 – Application for Community Legacy Grants (Leonard Lane Sidewalk Installation, Façade Improvement Program; Retractable Bollards in the Downtown Streets)

Recommendation: That Council approve Resolution 17-003 requesting financial assistance in the form of a grant for the following projects:

- Leonard Lane Sidewalk Installation (\$350,000)
- Façade Improvement Program (\$100,000)
- Retractable Bollards in the Downtown Streets (\$7,500)

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve Resolution 17-003 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

25. SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2018 State Revitalization Programs (SRP) Letters of Support
Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve a request from Eastern Shore Land Conservancy for a letter of support for an application to SRP for a grant to continue revitalization of the Packing House
- B. Approve a request from Historic Cambridge Development, LLC (Stanley Keyser) for a letter of support for an application to SRP for a grant to stabilize and improve buildings at 505 and 507 Race Street.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve a letter of support for the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy for an application to SRP for a \$500,000 grant to continue revitalization of the Packing House was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve a letter of support for an application to SRP for a \$500,000 grant to stabilize and improve buildings at 505 and 507 Race Street was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

26. SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2018 State Revitalization Programs (SRP) application Priorities
Recommendation: That Council prioritize City and non-City SRP applications.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to prioritize the applications as follows: Housing Rehabilitation Project, Leonard Lane Sidewalks, ESLC Packing House, Façade Improvement, and Retractable Bollards was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 4:0.

27. SUBJECT: Privatization of Sanitation Services
Recommendation: That Council:
- A. Receive the bid tabulation from staff in response to the Request for Proposals for Solid Waste and Recycling Services.
 - B. Approve proceeding with Proposal Option #2 for a private contractor to provide twice a week solid waste collection and totes.
 - C. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with low bidder Chesapeake Waste Industries to be submitted for Council consideration at the June 12, 2017 meeting.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to proceed with Proposal Option #2 for a private contractor to provide twice a week solid waste collection and totes and authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the low bidder, Chesapeake Waste Industries, to be submitted for Council consideration at the June 12, 2017 meeting was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

28. SUBJECT: Award of contract for the solar array expansion at the Public Safety Building
Recommendation: That Council:
- A. Approve the award of contract for the solar array expansion at the Public Safety Building to Altenergy of Upper Marlboro, MD in the amount of \$35,000.
 - B. Appropriate \$35,000 into the General Fund Revenue and increase the Department of Public Works budget by \$35,000 for the Solar Array Expansion Grant through Maryland Smart Energy.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout that Council approve the award of contract for the solar array expansion at the Public Safety Building to Altenergy of Upper Marlboro, Maryland in the amount of \$35,000 and appropriate \$35,000 into the General Fund Revenue and increase the Department of Public Works budget by \$35,000 for the Solar Array Expansion Grant through Maryland Smart Energy was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

Meetings

29. Traffic and Safety Committee (April 2017)

No action was taken.

30. City/County Meeting (May 2017)

No action was taken.

Mayor and Council

31. SUBJECT: Appointment of Michael Wheatley to the Ethics Commission Recommendation: That Council approve the request.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to appoint Michael Wheatley to the Ethics Commission was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

32. SUBJECT: Appointments to the Ad-Hoc Human Services Grant Review Committee Recommendation: That Council appoint Ivory Buck IV (Mayor); Pam Schulte (Ward 1); Robin Stanley (Ward 4)

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to appoint Ivory Buck IV, Pam Schulte, Robin Stanley, and Monica Wright to the Ad-Hoc Human Services Grant Review Committee was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

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 8:43 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, May 22, 2017, insofar as I personally am aware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor