

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 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, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence. A representative from the Mayor's Youth Leadership Advisory Council led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to approve the agenda as presented was seconded was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Robert Aaron asked about the plans for Cannery Way. Sandra Tripp-Jones said it is being prepared for new plantings. Robert Arron reported that the Killarney Road street sign near the bank is missing. He also reported that a portion of the sidewalk on Race Street near Center Market needs repairs.

Wendell Foxwell reported that the grass on the empty lot near Wayne's (Bennett) Seed & Feed needs cutting. He also reported that the growth near the stop sign on the corner of Somerset Avenue and Bay Street needs trimming. There are other areas of the City that need plantings. Paving vs. bricks on High Street was also discussed.

Michael Wheatley complimented the Police Department on the service they gave to an elderly gentleman who locked his keys in his car. He also complimented the Department of Public Works for the assistance they have to the owner of a disabled vehicle on Washington Street.

Requests from the Public

2. SUBJECT: Kenneth Kozel, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health to share the *Dorchester Arts of the Possible* presentation
Recommendation: That Council:
 - A. Receive a presentation by UM Shore Regional Health
 - B. Authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support.

Kenneth Kozel discussed the changes that are going on in the health care industry in Maryland. Shore Health is planning and preparing for what they believe needs to take place in the future of health care in their service region. They want to continue to provide high-quality accessible affordable health care in Dorchester County. They want to make sure their community partners have the health care that they need and deserve. Their vision is to provide patient-centered health care within the Dorchester County region in a new state-of-the-art facility. This vision has been shared at various locations

throughout the County. The facility needs to be visible, accessible, and needs to ensure that it helps support the efforts of the City and County as they continue to grow. They have four key objectives. They are setting a vision forth to convert the acute care hospital to a newly-designated health care facility called a free standing medical facility; relocate that facility from where the hospital currently is located (Byrn Street) to Route 50 in Cambridge Marketplace. With the free-standing medical facility building, they also intend to develop and implement a full-service medical office pavilion that will be adjacent to this emergency facility. They are also talking about repositioning the in-patient beds (medical/surgical and psychiatric) that exist today in Cambridge to the Easton facility. With all of these moves, they want to work with the City and County to re-purpose the plot of land that the hospital is currently on for future development.

They are in the process of finalizing their vision and are asking the City for a letter of support and endorsement. The review process will take six to twelve months. Assuming they get the approvals, they will work with the University of Maryland Medical System to determine financially when the buildings can be built. What they have presented is in-sync and in-line with the State's vision for rural health care.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to authorize Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley to send a letter of support to the Maryland Health Care Commission and urge the State Agencies to expedite this process as quickly as they reasonable can was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

3. SUBJECT: Habitat Humanity Choptank to report on their low-income homeowner repair program, announce the award of a grant from Lowe's to fund repairs, and invite Mayor and Council to a Senior Resource Fair and volunteer-driven repair day on August 2nd, 2017 to be held at Grace UMC.
Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation from Habitat for Humanity Choptank.

Rhodana Fields reported that they have been working with the City on affordable housing. They have completed 14 homes in Cambridge. They are building homes to be sold with an affordable mortgage that is not going to be any more than 26 percent of the homeowner's qualifying income. Their scope of work is expanding to complete some home repairs. They have completed 26 home repairs in Cambridge and have 17 pending applications. This pool is growing. The repairs include weatherization (funded by the Maryland Energy Administration). Habitat hopes to be able to take care of more roofs and structural issues. Hopefully the City will receive the Community Development Block Grant they applied for to assist in these bigger repairs. Lowe's is supporting them in home preservation with a \$40,000 grant. This is very much volunteer driven where people from the community get involved. The program is for owner-occupied home repairs. The homeowner must be current with their property taxes and insurance. It is serving homeowners who make less than 65 percent of the area medium income which is about \$44,000 for a family of four. They are primarily starting at the City center and working their way out. It covers the Third Ward, High

Street, Pine Street, and putting a priority on people who are being fined by the City or people who are over 62 years old.

Habitat is asking for a letter of support for a grant from the Rural Development Fund to help them keep track of all of their programs.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the letter of support was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved unanimously.

Consent Calendar

4. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on June 12, 2017
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
5. SUBJECT: Request from Dri Dock for a variance from the noise ordinance for their Open House and BBQ at 208 Sunburst Highway on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from noon until 5:00 pm
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
6. SUBJECT: Request from Dorchester Center for the Arts for permission to hold Dorchester Showcase on Sunday, September 24, 2017 from noon until 5:00 pm; permission to close High Street from Poplar Street/Locust Street to Water Street from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm; and a variance from the noise ordinance
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
7. SUBJECT: Request from Character Counts Mid Shore, Inc. for permission to hold their Six Pillars Century 2018 Blackwater Tour on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. starting and ending at Great Marsh Park and use of City-owned trash cans
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
8. SUBJECT: Request from Dorchester County Tourism and Dorchester Chamber of Commerce for a variance from the noise ordinance for the "At the Sail" concert on Friday, August 18, 2017 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm and use of 6 City-owned trash cans
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
9. SUBJECT: Request or a variance from the noise ordinance during Family Movie Night at Sailwinds Park Amphitheater on Friday, September 1, 2017 from 8:30 pm until 11:00 pm and use of six City-owned trash cans
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
10. SUBJECT: Request from Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church for permission to close a portion of Skinners Court facing Park Lane for their annual "Back to School Block Party" on Saturday, August 26, 2017 (rain date: Saturday, September 9, 2017) from 12 noon until 4:00 pm and a variance from the noise ordinance
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.

11. SUBJECT: Gun Violence Grant

Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$6,000 into the fiscal year 2018 General Fund budget and increase the Police Department budget by \$6,000.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 4 through 11) was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved unanimously.

Old Business

12. SUBJECT: Human Services Grants

Recommendations: That Council:

- A. Approve the Committee's recommendations as listed in Exhibit A of this report;
- B. Authorize the Mayor to execute contracts with the grantees in a form approved by the City Attorney with proof of 501(c)3 status and liability insurance indemnifying the City;
- C. Thank all the applicants on behalf of the Human Services Grants Committee for their thoughtful applications, their engaging interviews, and most of all for their dedication and valuable work in this community;
- D. Thank the Committee member for their service and effort on behalf of the City Council and the Community.

Robin Stanley spoke on behalf of the Committee. Each member of the Council appointed a representative to the Committee. Twelve applications were received; however, one organization withdrew their application. The total request was for \$69,173. Several meetings were held to review the applications and meet with the applicants. A meeting was then held to make recommendations of distribution of \$25,000 allocated by Council.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to vote on each application separately was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to grant Cambridge Little League \$1,200 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 3:2.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to grant Cambridge Main Street \$650 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Rideout recused himself from this vote. A motion by Commissioner Cannon to grant Dorchester County Historical Society \$1,500 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 2:2. Mayor Stanley broke the tie by voting yes. The motion was approved 3:2.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to grant Dorchester County Library \$3,500 for their summer reading program was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to grant the Dorchester Family YMCA \$1,200 for their boxing program was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 3:2.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to grant Maryland Food Bank \$4,000 for their emergency food distribution program was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 3:2.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to grant Mid-Shore Pro Bono \$4,000 for legal services for a Cambridge office was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:1.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to grant New Beginnings \$3,500 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Rideout recused himself from this vote. A motion by Commissioner Cannon to grant Pine Street Committee/ Empowerment Center \$3,750 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to grant Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church \$1,700 for their historic cemetery improvement project was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 3:2.

Mayor Stanley thanked the volunteers for their work on this Committee.

13. SUBJECT: Privatization of Sanitation Services

Recommendation: That Council accept the report with no further action.

The employees who transferred to Chesapeake Waste are now making a slightly higher salary than they would be making if their remained with the City. No action was taken.

14. SUBJECT: Cameras

Recommendation that Council receive a verbal report on the status of camera projects in the Greenwood and downtown areas.

Chief Mark Lewis reported that the borings have been done. The concrete bases for the poles have been installed. The cables and wires have been run. DPW is in the process of installing the poles this week. The City will be installing the cameras in the near future and then Delmarva Power will hook up the electric. Once that is done, the cameras will be operational. Cambridge Police Department will be able to monitor the cameras from the office and from the Police cars. The cameras are high quality cameras with infrared and sound.

15. SUBJECT: Trash Collection Transition to Chesapeake Waste

Recommendation that Council receive a verbal report on the status of the transition of trash collection service.

Oden Wheeler reported that the transition started last Monday. Representatives from Chesapeake Waste worked with DPW the week before the transition to familiarize themselves with the routes. DPW put a gentleman out on the streets to work with them this week to show them some of the alleys other areas that are not curbside. Because there was no trash pickup on July 4th (the landfill was closed), Chesapeake Waste came back on Saturday. He spoke to some of the residents to let them know why their trash was not picked up. Chesapeake Waste started distributing the totes today. Everyone should have a tote by early next week.

New Business

16. SUBJECT: Supplemental Re-Appropriation to the General Fund
Recommendation: That Council re-appropriate \$1,749,969 into the fiscal year 2018 General Fund budget and increase the Police department budget by \$97,969 and Department of Public Works budget by \$1,652,000

A motion by Commission Rideout to re-appropriate \$1,652,000 into the Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund budget and increase the Department of Public Works budget by \$1,652,000 was seconded Commissioner Hanson and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to re-appropriate \$97,969 into the Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund budget and increase the Police department budget by \$97,969 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0. Commissioner Foster recused herself by protest from the vote.

17. SUBJECT: Request from Cambridge Main Street for permission to use Long Wharf park for the Thursday Cambridge Farmer's Market between the hours of 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm (which includes vendor set up and breakdown); a variance from the noise ordinance for occasional music; and a waiver of any P&Z application fees
Recommendation: That Council approve the requests through September.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to grant the requests of Cambridge Main Street to use Long Wharf for the Farmers Market on Thursdays through September was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to waive the Planning and Zoning application fees was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved unanimously.

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 8:07 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, July 10, 2017, insofar as I personally am aware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor