

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 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. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Sessions

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.

~~2. SUBJECT: Closed session~~

~~Recommendation: That Council consider a motion to go into closed session pursuant to State Government Article Section 3-305(a)(7): consultation with legal counsel 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. Withdrawn from agenda.~~

3. SUBJECT: Return to open session

Recommendation: That Council end the closed session and return to open session at 6:00 pm.

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

Agenda

4. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

Commissioner Rideout asked that Item 10 be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately. Sandra Tripp-Jones reported that when Council was in open session earlier, Council moved and approved removal of Item No. 2 from the agenda. An editorial correction was made to the meeting minutes from July 10, 2017. A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approved the amended agenda was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

Report on Closed Session

Sandra Tripp-Jones reported that during Item 1 (Closed Session) Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Commissioner Sydnor, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Cannon, Commissioner Hanson, City Attorney Charles MacLeod, Sandra Tripp-Jones, and Oden Wheeler were present. Commissioner Rideout recused himself from this session. Joining them via telephone was Kevin Karpinski from LGIT. Council considered

potential litigation with Robert Collison regarding severance of his contract. Council on a vote of 4:0 approved a settlement agreement and release and authorized that Mr. Collison be paid \$78,100 as his severance per the contract that he had with the City.

Public Comment

Jeff Gibbs, President of Rude Boyz Inc., said they have been established for 10 years. They have been going to Sailwinds for the last eight years. However, their date was already taken this year. They sponsor a book bag school drive every year. They also sponsor five families every year at Christmas and also donate to the nursing homes. He asked permission to park on the City-owned lot at 601 Chesapeake Court for their anniversary and his permit was denied. Sandra Tripp-Jones said she made the recommendation to not approve it because that grass area is not a parking lot and we do not insure it as such. It would be an event that lets out at 2:00 a.m. and that is a noisy usage in a residential neighborhood. Mr. Gibbs said the previous owner used the lot for parking. Commissioner Foster also they have also the corner of Race and Cedar Streets for many, many events. She has seen cars parked on that lot. Sandra Tripp-Jones said Council has asked her to take more notice of the risk management issues on approving events. That property is not a parking lot. If something happens there and we have sanctioned an event and use of the lot, then it is our event. Commissioner Foster said that it is not the only facility that lets out at 2:00 a.m. This item will be voted on after then consent calendar.

Requests from the Public

None

Consent Calendar

5. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meeting on June 12, 2017
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
6. SUBJECT: Request from the Hyatt Regency for skeet shooting on Hole 17 of the Golf Course on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 starting at 8:00 a.m.
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
7. SUBJECT: Request from Richardson Maritime Museum for permission to hold their 12th Annual Cambridge Schooner Rendezvous on October 19th through 22nd (set up and break down from October 18th through 23rd) at Long Wharf Park; permission to erect a tent; a variance from the noise ordinance on October 21st from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm and October 22nd from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm; permission to serve beer and wine on October 21st from 12 noon to 10:00 pm and October 22nd from 12 noon until 6:00 pm; free dockage for registered vessels from October 18th to October 23rd; permission for an encampment on the park area/creek side from October 19th to October 22nd; reduced per-foot charge at marina from October 20th to October 23rd; use of electricity at Long Wharf; additional trash cans with trash pick-up; use of barricades for traffic control; and a blanket permit for vendors, and waiver of vendor fees on October 21st and 22nd
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.

8. SUBJECT: Request from The Wine Bar for a variance from the noise ordinance for their Harvest Dinner/Wine Pairing Dinner at Governor's Hall on Friday, September 29th from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm
Recommendation: That Council approve the request
9. SUBJECT: Request from Choptank Bowling Center to have their banner hung across Race Street from July 31st to August 14th to advertise their car show to benefit Pleasant Day Medical Adult Day Care
Recommendation: That Council approve the request
10. SUBJECT: Request from Rude Boyz MC for permission to use the City-owned lot at 601 Chesapeake Court for parking on Saturday, August 19th from 9:00 pm until 2:00 am for their inside event.
Recommendation: That Council deny the request.
11. SUBJECT: Request from Council of Concerned Youth and the Men of Bethel for permission to use the Race and Cedar Street property on Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm for a fundraiser and a variance from the noise ordinance
Recommendation: That Council approve the request
12. SUBJECT: Request to change the date of family movie night at the Sailwinds Park Amphitheater from Friday, September 1st to Saturday, September 2nd from 8:30 pm until 11:00 pm; a variance from the noise ordinance and use of six City-owned trash cans (original date approved 07-10-2017)
Recommendation: That Council approve the change in date.
13. SUBJECT: Donation to Cambridge Police Department
Recommendation: That Council appropriate a \$1,000 donation from Craig's Drug Store into the 2018 General Fund budget and increase the Police Uniform Budget by \$1,000 for reoccurring police uniform expenses.
14. SUBJECT: School Bus Grant
Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$9,500 into the 2018 General Fund budget and increase the Police Budget by \$9,500 for the School Bus grant.
15. SUBJECT: Unsolicited offer from the Thomas Family Irrevocable Trust to donate a 2,100 sq.ft. parcel of unproved property (Tax Map 304; Parcel 3376) on Bayly Road to the City.
Recommendation: That Council respectfully decline the donation.

Commissioner Rideout said he has a couple of issues with Item No. 10. He received an email from a constituent saying that the Rude Boyz have been doing this for 10 years and providing social services to our citizens. He saw that the Police Department and the Department of Public Works had both approved the request but the City Manager recommended denying the request. He asked for clarification on the location. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley gave directions on how to get to Chesapeake Court and

Bar 23. Mr. Gibbs and the Rude Boyz are asking to use the City's lot to park cars (motorcycles will park on the street) to add to the very limited parking available on Chesapeake Court and Schoolhouse Lane. They have used the parking lot before for parking. Sandra Tripp-Jones said when we approve it, we are liable for the activity on it. Commissioner Foster suggested that they can approve it with "park at your own risk". Commissioner Sydnor said other events have been approved for that lot including a book bag giveaway with several vendors. He said there are no residents on Chesapeake Court. Once you turn the corner onto Schoolhouse Lane, there are approximately five homes on the left side of the street. Once you turn on Bethel Street, he believes there are two homes. Once they get to Pine Street, they can go to Cedar Street or Washington Street to get to Route 50. He doesn't think the residents have ever complained about noise from people leaving that location. Commissioner Hanson said his concern in the hour and the motorcycles. When the motorcycles leave Sailwinds, all of East Cambridge hears it. Sandra Tripp-Jones said she understood it was a motorcycle club and it would be a lot of motorcycles and that would be the noise. The Police Department noted that there would be a cost to cover for the event (approximately \$500 for overtime). This was not the basis for her recommendation. Commissioner Sydnor said if we did allow them to use that area, we will make sure it is returned in the same condition as they found it. Mr. Gibbs said they walk the grounds of Sailwinds the morning after their events. Commissioner Cannon asked if it is possible to get a certificate of insurance to cover the City. Mr. Gibbs said he will take care of that too.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the request for Rude Boyz to use the City-owned lot at 601 Chesapeake Court for parking on Saturday, August 19th from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. contingent upon getting an insurance certificate was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve Consent Calendar Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 15 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve Consent Calendar Item 13 (\$1,000 donation from Craig's Drug Store) was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve Consent Calendar Item 14 (School Bus Grant) was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

Old Business

16. SUBJECT: FY 2017 Council Goals and Budget Goals
Recommendation that Council receive a report on FY 17 City accomplishments.

Sandra Tripp-Jones gave Council her annual report on City accomplishments as well as the financial performance of the City. The report is available on the City's website.

17. SUBJECT: Formation of a Waterfront and Parks Advisory Committee
Recommendation from the Ordinance Committee: That Council discuss and consider formation of a Waterfront and Parks Advisory Committee using the purpose, structure and procedures recommended by the Ordinance Committee – Continued from June 12, 2017

No action was taken. Discussion will continue at the next meeting so Council can finalize the Committee.

18. SUBJECT: Proposed Cambridge City Committee Operating Rules and Procedures
Recommendation from the Ordinance Committee: That Council approve the City Committee Rules and Procedures and direct the City Attorney to bring them back in Resolution form for adoption – Continued from June 12, 2017

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to have the City Manager and City Attorney make recommendations for further discussion by Council during the second meeting in August and then notify the committees and commissions of the proposed resolution was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved unanimously.

New Business

19. SUBJECT: Budget Amendment
Recommendation that Council consider increasing the City Attorney budget, appropriating funds from the General Fund Balance.

Commissioner Rideout recused himself from this discussion due to a conflict of interest. A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the recommendation to increase City Attorney budget by \$78,100 and appropriate same amount from the General Fund balance and was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. The vote was 3:0. Commissioner Foster abstained. The motion failed because a super majority is required for a budget amendment.

A motion by Commissioner Foster that she be allowed to speak with the City Attorney for about ten minutes to obtain legal advice was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor that Council appropriate \$78,100 into the 2018 General Fund budget from reserves and increase the Administration budget by \$78,100 for legal services was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0. Commissioner Rideout recused himself and was not in the room.

20. SUBJECT: A fifty-year license agreement with Maryland Transit Authority, a modal agency of the Maryland Department of Transportation, for an inactive railroad rights-of-way extending from Cedar Street to Washington Avenue, west of the Phillips Factory F and east of Cambridge Creek.
Recommendation: That Council authorize the Mayor to execute the fifty-year license agreement with Maryland Transit Authority for a 2.34 acre, inactive railroad rights-of-

way extending from Cedar Street to Washington Avenue, west of the Phillips Factory F and east of Cambridge Creek.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to authorize the Mayor to execute the fifty-year license agreement with Maryland Transit Authority was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved unanimously.

Mayor and Council

Commissioner Foster made a motion that Council authorize her to forward to Mr. MacLeod a copy of an Ethic's Commission opinion letter that she received on April 17, 2017 and request a legal interpretation from him on that matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor. The motion passed 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 7:45 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, July 24, 2017, insofar as I personally am aware.


Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor