

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2018 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.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

Commissioner Hanson asked that Council remove Item 11F from the agenda. A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the amended agenda was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

Public Comment

Lawrence Chitlik spoke on behalf of the Democratic Central Committee of Dorchester County. They received a letter from Pat Escher asking them to remove signs from their rented property and telling him that the signs can be installed 30 days before the election. He thinks she is referring to a section of the Code that deals with temporary signs. It does not say anything about political signs. There is no reference to political signs in the ordinance.

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to abate this issue until maybe January when we can look at these laws and see what changes need to be made and to inform the City's Code Enforcement Division of this abatement. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed 5:0.

Lawrence Chitlik said he changed the sign from the bank that previously occupied this building using the same size and the same posts. He was told he needed a permit so he volunteered to pay for it. What he is required to do is not really part of the Code. He was asked to redesign his sign as someone else's taste. He was told there is no safety issue with his sign. He was told the sign is attractive, but the current Code has changed—not for a safety reason, not for anything other than it has changed. It is not a permit thing. They have to take their sign down. He is asking for an exception so their sign will be accepted. The sign is set well back from the street because they have a front yard. There is no safety issue.

Oden Wheeler said Mr. Chitlik is referring to the UDC. There is already an appeal process in place. They can appeal it to the Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to allow the sign stay until it goes before the Planning Commission. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed 3:2.

Tom Puglisi has noticed that tonight the Council will be voting on the adoption of the revised Historic Preservation Commission guidelines. He wants to speak strongly in favor of those new guidelines. He observed the Commission work for many months. He believes

their result is a guideline that is much easier to understand, much easier to enforce, and much more consistent than the previous guidelines. He urged Council to adopt those guidelines.

Michael Dodd spoke representing Deep Harbour. They are asking a more fundamental question than they have asked before. Initially, a member of Deep Harbour's association has been here at the Council meetings and had some preliminary contact with the prior City Manager about Deep Harbour being involved in the riverwalk (design and construction). He is asking for a meeting with the City Attorney to clarify this. Their question is about using that money that the City obtained (about \$80,000) for repairs to sidewalks, roads, or other public needs in any ward. He knows a lot of people in the City are of the strong opinion that we have to build the riverwalk. He would like to make the request to meet with Mr. MacLeod to clarify if that is really the case. If the riverwalk has to be built, they would like to be involved and their voices be heard.

Requests from the Public

2. **SUBJECT:** Representatives from the Police Athletic League to make a presentation and request permission to start this program in Cambridge
Recommendation: That Council approve the project

Kamil Arrington, Program Director of the DMV Police Athletic League; and Cherelle Hill, Executive Director made a presentation to offer Cambridge a mentoring grant to host youth programs throughout the City. The National Police Athletic League has about 700 chapters. PAL is an activities league because it is about more than sports. It is about leadership, building life skills, and things kids can use throughout their childhood as well as adult lives. The main purpose is to connect cops and kids in a positive environment with positive interactions to change some of the actions that are taking place in this country right now. It gives kids a safe space after school where kids are usually involved in delinquent behavior because their parents are usually not home. It gives the kids a chance to build mentors with the Police Force. The program runs with a 1:7 mentoring ratio. It would be one mentor to seven kids that would work with hopefully a police officer as well as two volunteers for a minimum of 21 kids. The grant from the Maryland Governor's Office as well as National PAL is about \$21,000 for this year. They are in the process of applying for a new grant and hoping for more money to do more things in a lot of communities. The program is open to kids from ages 6 through 18.

Chief Lewis said the Board of Education has given them permission to start with the middle school this year. It is a powerful step for them. They will try to recruit teachers to volunteer with homework in the evenings.

3. **SUBJECT:** Suzanne Sullivan, ShoreRivers, to request a letter of support for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Technical Service Provider grant to provide the City of Cambridge with a 5-Year Urban Tree Canopy Management Plan
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the letter of support was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 5:0.

Consent Calendar

4. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meetings on August 13, 2018
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.

5. SUBJECT: Request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for permission to hold their Chesapeake Challenge Walk through Cambridge (starting and ending at the Hyatt) using Great Marsh Park and Long Wharf for rest stops on Saturday, October 27, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the Consent Calendar [Items 4 (with minor changes) and 5] was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 5:0.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

6. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1130 -- An ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to adopt the Cambridge Historic District Design Guidelines; providing that the title of this ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to the Historic District in the City of Cambridge.
Recommendation that Council:
 - A. Give Ordinance No. 1130 a second reading by reading of title only;
 - B. Open the public hearing, take public comment and close the public hearing; and
 - C. Pass Ordinance No. 1130.

Chip MacLeod read the title of the ordinance. A motion by Commissioner Hanson to go into public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

See note from Tom Puglisi under Public Comment above.

Nobody asked to speak. A motion by Commissioner Hanson to close the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to pass Ordinance 1130 was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 5:0.

Old Business

None

New Business

7. SUBJECT: Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant Application

Recommendation: That Council approves the administrations' request to submit a grant application to the Chesapeake Bay Trust Outreach and Restoration grant.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout that the City Manager and Ms. Robinson on at least a monthly basis report to Council on the progress of the work that is being done on the housing project was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson that Council approve the request to submit a grant application to the Chesapeake Bay Trust Outreach and Restoration grant was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 3:2.

8. **SUBJECT:** Request from the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health for a letter of support for their Certificate of Need Letter of Intent with the Maryland Health Care Commission for a new hospital in Easton, Maryland
Recommendation: The Council approve the requested letter of support

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve the requested letter of support was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

9. **SUBJECT:** Appropriation of Police Athletic League (PAL) Grant
Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$20,500 to the FY19 PAL Grant (Police Athletic League) and increase the Police Department budget by \$20,500 for operations, supplies, and overtime.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to appropriate \$20,500 to the FY19 PAL Grant (Police Athletic League) and increase the Police Department budget by \$20,500 for operations, supplies, and overtime was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0. Commissioner Foster abstained.

10. **SUBJECT:** Host Venue Agreements for Ironman Eagleman 70.3 & Ironman Maryland.
Recommendation: That Council authorize Mayor Jackson-Stanley to execute the Host Venue Agreements for Ironman Eagleman 70.3 & Ironman Maryland for FY2019 through FY2023 between the City of Cambridge, Dorchester County, and World Triathlon Corporation.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout that Council authorize Mayor Jackson-Stanley to execute the Host Venue Agreements for Ironman Eagleman 70.3 and Ironman Maryland for FY2019 through FY2023 between the City of Cambridge, Dorchester County, and World Triathlon Corporation was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

Meeting Notes

11. **SUBJECT:** Traffic & Safety Committee Report and Recommendations
Recommendation: That Council:
A. Begin the public process to consider changing Vue De Leau St. to a one-way street or permit parking on one side only.

- B. Approve the Department of Public Works (DPW) to install “No Commercial Vehicle” signs in the 200 Block of Rambler Road.
- C. Approve the Department of Public Works to create a 3-way stop at the intersection of Choptank Ave. and Church St. to assist with slowing the traffic speed on Choptank Ave.
- D. Deny the request for a decrease in speed limit and elimination of commercial traffic on High St.
- E. Deny the request for a streetlight at 502 Burton Street. Commissioners Cannon and Foster will talk with resident and suggest alternative methods for lighting her property.
- ~~F. Approve CPD to place no littering and/or loitering pamphlets on vehicles in both Spanish and English on Radiance Drive between Route 50 and Killarney Road between Aug. 27th and Sept. 30th and continue to monitor.~~
- G. “Children at Play” sign request at Willis & Park Lane be deferred for further consideration or an alternate suggestion.

Item 11F was deleted with the amended agenda.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to begin the public process to consider changing Vue De Leau Street to a one-way street or permit parking on one side only was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the Department of Public Works to install “No Commercial Vehicles” signs in the 200 Block of Rambler Road was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the Department of Public Works to create a 3-way stop at the intersection of Choptank Avenue and Church Street to assist with slowing the traffic speed on Choptank Avenue was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to deny the request for a decrease in speed limit and elimination of commercial traffic on High Street was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to install a streetlight near 502 Burton Street and another near 517 Colonial Avenue with the necessary funds to come out of Council Goals or Contingency was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 5:0.

The Traffic and Safety Committee will review other options to caution drivers to the large number of children in the area of Willis Street and Park Lane.

Commissioner Sydnor asked the Traffic and Safety Committee to look into the traffic congestion in the area of the Women’s Club on High Street/Gay Street/Pine Street.

Commissioner Rideout asked the Traffic and Safety Committee to look into replacing the traffic light at the corner of High Street and Church Street with a four-way stop sign.

Commissioner Rideout would like a "Yield to Pedestrians" sign on High Street where it intersects Poplar Street (near Katie Mae's) in place of the sign that is there because there is a crosswalk on Poplar Street.

Mayor and Council

A motion by Commissioner Foster that the City Attorney will send her an e-mail on any type of salary issue with the Police Department that will be on a City Council agenda and any potential conflict of interest was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 4:1.

Commissioner Foster recommended that in addition to a monthly report from the City's Housing Specialist, Council has a face-to-face meeting. She would like to be able to have the report before the meeting so they can have a dialog at that particular time. She suggested having a workshop.

Commissioner Foster made a motion that Council give a letter of appreciation to everybody on the committee for the Culture Day thanking them for a job well done was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

Commissioner suggested that Council consider making the third Saturday in every August Groove City Culture Fest Day.

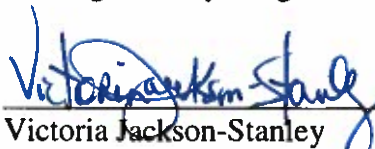
Public Comment

None

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 8:20 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, August 27, 2018, insofar as I personally am aware.


Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor