

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 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, Cannon, and Hanson. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5:30 pm Mayor to Convene Council in Regular Session

Closed Session:

A. 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 Sydnor to go into closed session for reasons described was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

B. SUBJECT: Return to open session

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

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor was seconded by Commissioner Cannon to go out of closed session was approved 5:0.

6:00 pm Mayor to Reconvene Council in Regular Session

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to adopt the agenda as presented was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

Sandra Tripp-Jones reported that at 5:30 pm, on a motion by Commissioner Sydnor seconded by Commissioner Hanson, Council went into closed session. All Commissioners were present as well as City Attorney, Chip MacLeod; Sandra Tripp-Jones; and Oden Wheeler. During the session, Council heard a presentation from Legal Counsel. On a motion by Commissioner Sydnor, seconded by Commissioner Cannon, the Council voted 5:0 to authorization litigation against Beazer to pursue performance under our existing contract. On a motion by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Cannon, by a vote of 5:0 the session was closed at 5:45 p.m.

Public Comment

Robert Aaron said he does not like public comment being at the beginning of the meeting because the public cannot comment on the actions of Council for two weeks. He and other people would like it put back at the end of the meeting.

Robert Aaron donated and planted flowers in Cannery Way. He put small signs out to let the public know the names of the flowers. Mayor Stanley thanked him for his donation.

Consent Calendar

2. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meetings on August 28, 2017
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
3. SUBJECT: Request from Crabi Gras for permission to hold “The High Street Hot Sauce and Oyster Festival” on Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm; permission to close the 300 block of High Street, use of City trash containers, a variance from the noise ordinance, and permission to sell alcohol at the event
Recommendation: That Council approve the request subject to:
 - A. Submission of a certificate of property and liability insurance naming the City as additional insured, acceptable to the City prior to event and
 - B. Submission of Health Department Certificate prior to event.
 - C. Submission of Liquor Board Certificate prior to the event.
 - D. Payment of \$360 for police coverage and \$240 for DPW services.
4. SUBJECT: Request from Dorchester Center for the Arts for a variance from the noise ordinance for their “Art in the Alley” on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm in the parking lot behind 317, 319, and 321 High Street
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
5. SUBJECT: Request from Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance and the Harriet Tubman Organization for a variance from the noise ordinance on Friday, October 13th from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm and a Police Officer to assist in directing participants from Spring Valley to the Bayly Home on the west side of High Street during their Slave Dwelling Project at the Dorchester County Court House and Spring Valley
Recommendation; That Council approve the request pending permission from Dorchester County to use the property.
6. SUBJECT: Request from the Dorchester County Health Department/DriDock for a variance from the noise ordinance during their Recovery Day on Saturday, September 30, 2016 from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the DriDock Recovery & Wellness Center at 208 Sunburst Highway
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
7. SUBJECT: Safe Streets Grant
Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$30,453 into the Fiscal year 2018 General Fund budget and increase the Police Department budget by \$30,453

8. SUBJECT: govdeals.com Appropriation
Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$13,536 into the Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund budget and increase the Police Department budget by \$13,536

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve the minutes from August 28 (Item 2) was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 3:0 with Commissioners Hanson and Foster abstaining.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve Consent Calendar Items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve Consent Calendar Item 7 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0 with Commissioner Foster abstaining.

Ordinances for First Reading

9. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1109 -- An Ordinance of The Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland, to Amend § 2.4.2.B of the City's Unified Development Code to Permit New Single-Family Residences in the General Commercial Zoning District Subject to Certain Conditions.

Recommendation:

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1109 by reading of title only; and
- B. Schedule September 25, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1109.

Ordinance 1109 was introduced. No action was taken.

Old Business

10. SUBJECT: Deferred Bid Items Related to Sailwinds Wharf Project
Recommendation: That Council approve the appropriation of \$1,800,000 from the 1880 Bank line of credit and increase the Public Works Department budget by \$1,800,000.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the appropriation of \$1,800,000 from the 1880 Bank line of credit and increase the Public Works Department budget by \$1,800,000 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

11. SUBJECT: Committee Rules and Procedures
Recommendation: That Council adopt Resolution 17-006 -- A Resolution of The Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland, To Establish Rules of Procedure for City Committees

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve Resolution 17-006 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:1.

New Business

12. SUBJECT: CDBG Grant for Home Rehabilitation in partnership with Habitat for Humanity
Recommendation: That Council:
- A. Accept a CDBG grant of \$200,000 for rehabilitation of low and moderate income housing;
 - B. Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in a form approved by the City Attorney.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to accept a Community Development Block Grant of \$200,000 for rehabilitation of low and moderate income housing and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in a form approved by the City Attorney was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 5:0.

Notices

13. Work Session on financial planning on Sept. 15, 2017 from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm in the Public Safety Training Room (open to public observation)

No action was taken.

Mayor and Council

14. SUBJECT: Appointments to Board of Appeals
Recommendation from Mayor Jackson-Stanley: That Council:
- A. Reappoint the following to the Board of Appeals:
 - Ted Brooks – term dates effective August 1, 2017 to April 30, 2020
 - Dormaim Green – term dates effective August 1, 2017 to April 30, 2020
 - B. Appoint current alternate Robin Sample to replace Gloria Cornish (resigned) as a full member effective August 1, 2017 until her term ends April 30, 2018
 - C. Appoint one person to regular membership on the Board of Appeals (term ending April 30, 2020) and one alternate (term ending April 30, 2020) from the following three applicants:
 - William Bishop
 - Theresa Connor
 - Gaver Nichols

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to reappoint Ted Brooks and Dormaim Green until April 30, 2020 and Robin Sample (full-time member) for a term expiring April 30, 2018 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to appoint Gaver Nichols as a full-time member was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to appoint William Bishop as the alternate member was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

15. SUBJECT: Appointments to the Housing Board of Review
Recommendation from Mayor Jackson-Stanley: That Council:
- A. Reappoint Carlton E. Stanley for another three-year term effective 9/1/2017.
 - B. Reappoint Mike Edgar for another three-year term expiring 8/31/2020.
 - C. Appoint William Bishop for a three-year term effective 9/1/2017.
 - D. Appoint Kisha Petticolos, Esq. for a three-year term effective 9/1/2017.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to accept the appointees (A-D above) of Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

16. SUBJECT: Appointment to the Housing Authority Board
Recommendation for Mayor Jackson-Stanley: That Council reappoint Carlton W. Stanley for a one year term expiring 06/30/2018.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to reappoint Carlton W. Stanley for a one year term was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

17. SUBJECT: Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission
Recommendation from Mayor Jackson-Stanley: That Council reappoint Sharon B. Smith for a three-year term expiring 08/30/2020.

A motion by Commissioner Foster to reappoint Sharon Smith was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 5:0.

18. SUBJECT: Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission
Recommendation for Mayor Jackson-Stanley: That Council:
- A. Reappoint Herbert Trego for a three-year term expiring 07/1/2020.
 - B. Reappoint Marshall Rickert for a three-year term expiring 07/1/2020.
 - C. Reappoint Chantay Nelson for a four-year term expiring 07/1/2021.
 - D. Reappoint Jerry Burroughs for a four-year term expiring 07/01/2021.

A motion by Commissioner Foster to reappoint Herbert Trego, Marshall Rickert, Chantay Nelson and Jerry Burroughs was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

19. SUBJECT: Heavy Vehicles (Trucks) Use of City Streets
Recommendation from Commissioner Rideout that City Council ask the City Manager to undertake the following:
- A. Ask Cambridge Main Street and the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce to invite comment from local businesses and its members to help us better understand the impact that some legislative change might have on their businesses in the City and their suppliers.
 - B. As part of the Street Paving Survey and Study that has been authorized and funded, seek to answer some of these and other questions that we need to ask as part of any final report to the city.
 - C. Ask the City Attorney or MML to research if or how other communities address these challenges in hopes of helping to reduce the cost of street paving or increase the life of city streets and what limitations exist to our taking action due to state law.

Recommendation from the City Manager that Council refer the item to the Traffic and Safety Committee for consideration and recommendations back to City Council.

No action was taken. Item was referred to Traffic and Safety Committee.

20. SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Committee

Recommendation from Commissioner Hanson that City Council:

- A. Appoint a City Commissioner to be the Ex Officio chair of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (hereafter CAC) pursuant to City Code 2-5 and 2-6.
- B. Invite the Mayor and Commissioners to begin the process to identify up to 5 people each from the city and their individual wards or from outside the city (as permitted by the existing law) to become members of the Committee and to have those recommendations be made and placed on the Agenda for the October 10, 2017, City Council meeting for consideration and appointment.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to take no action was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 3:2.

21. 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.

Recommendation from Commissioner Rideout: That Council consider incorporating described responsibilities into the resolution establishing a Parks and Waterfront Committee.

Item was withdrawn by Commissioner Rideout.

A motion by Commissioner Foster to move forward with forming a Waterfront and Parks Advisory Committee and placing it on a future agenda to discuss structure and mission was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

Adjourn

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved unanimously.

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, September 11, 2017, insofar as I personally am aware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor