

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2017 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Commissioner Donald Sydnor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson. Commissioner Rideout attended via Skype. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley was absent. Commissioner Sydnor asked for a moment of silence. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Agenda**

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented

### **Public Comment**

Lou Hyman asked that the Skipjack Races be added to the list of annual events in the Downtown Street Closures and Events Policy. He also raised concerns about difficulty in using Comcate.

Jeff Hubbard asked that the Rotary Club's Service Fund Oyster Roast be added to the list of annual events in the Downtown Street Closures and Events Policy.

### **Consent Calendar**

2. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meetings on September 11, 2017  
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
3. SUBJECT: Request from Dorchester Lodge 223 and Progressive Temple 224 for permission to hold their 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Organization Weekend and Parade on Saturday, October 28, 2017 starting at Maces Lane Middle School at 3:00 pm; closed parking on Pine Street between Cross Street and Cedar Street from 12 noon until 6:00 pm; parking be allowed on the west side of Pine Street from 9:00 pm until 2:00 am (Sunday); a variance from the noise ordinance; and permission to display a banner across Race Street  
Recommendation: That Council approve the request subject to receipt of a certificate of property and liability insurance naming the City as additional insured, acceptable to the City prior to event.
4. SUBJECT: Request from Agape Temple of Praise & Ministries, Inc. to hold their Community Day on Saturday, September 30, 2017 (Rain date: October 14, 2017) from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm; permission to close half of Center Street towards Washington Street to the corner of Robbins Street; and a variance from the noise ordinance  
Recommendation: That Council approve the request and waive the insurance requirement.
5. SUBJECT: Request from National Multiple Sclerosis Society for permission to hold their annual Chesapeake Challenge Walk MS on Saturday, October 28, 2017 beginning at the Hyatt at 7:00 am and ending at Great Marsh Park (5:00 pm); permission to erect a tent; and a variance from the noise ordinance

Recommendation: That Council approve the request subject to submission of a certificate of property and liability insurance naming the City as additional insured, acceptable to the City prior to event.

6. SUBJECT: Set Hours for Trick-or-Treat on Halloween

Recommendation: That Council designate the trick-or-treat hours as follows: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm for children Ages 12 and under.

A motion by Commissioner Foster to approve Consent Calendar Item 2 (meeting minutes) as amended was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

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

**Ordinances for First Reading**

7. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1106 -- 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 Peachblossom Avenue and Identified on Tax Map 304 as Parcel No. 3896, Lot 7, Tax Account No. 07-123108, Containing 4,386 Square Feet of Land, More or Less, Parcel No. 3895, Lot 6, Tax Account No. 07-106335, Containing 4,386 Square Feet of Land, More or Less, and Parcel No. 3900, Tax Account No. 07-152175, Containing 8,772 Square Feet of Land, More or Less, from Residential to Downtown/Waterfront Development – General; 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. 1106 by reading title only; and
- B. Schedule October 10, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 1106.

Pat Escher read the title, introducing the ordinance. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

8. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1107 – An Ordinance of The Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge by Rezoning Two Parcels of Real Property Located on Robbins Street and Identified on Tax Map 304 as Parcel No. 3840, Tax Account No. 07-161611, Containing 8,294 Square Feet of Land, More or Less, and Parcel No. 3839, Tax Account No. 07-156960, Containing 4,408 Square Feet of Land, More or Less, from Residential to Neighborhood Conservation 4; 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. 1107 by reading title only; and

B. Schedule October 10, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 1107.

Pat Escher read the title, introducing the ordinance. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

9. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1108 – An Ordinance of The Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City Of Cambridge By Rezoning Two Parcels of Real Property Located on Boundary Avenue and Identified on Tax Map 304 as Parcel No. 3753, Lots 17, 18, 19, and 20, Tax Account No. 07-154445, Containing 1.18 Acres of Land, More or Less, and Parcel No. 3752, Tax Account No. 07-121857, Containing 22,100 Square Feet of Land, More or Less, from Residential to Industrial; 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. 1108 by reading title only; and
- B. Schedule October 10, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 1108.

Pat Escher read the title, introducing the ordinance. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

10. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1110 – An Ordinance of The Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland, to Amend § 6.5.7.A.2 of the City’s Unified Development Code for Clarity and Amend §§ 6.5.7.B.3 and 6.5.7.D.1.B of the Unified Development Code to Resolve Conflicting Language Regarding Signs.

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1110 by reading title only; and
- B. Schedule October 10, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 1110.

Pat Escher read the title, introducing the ordinance. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

11. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1111 – An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to Amend § 4.4.4 of the City’s Unified Development Code to Permit Temporary or Seasonal Activities or Development as A Special Exception With Conditions

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1111 by reading title only; and
- B. Schedule October 10, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 1111.

Pat Escher read the title, introducing the ordinance. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

12. SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1112 An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland to Amend § 5.2.4 of the City's Unified Development Code to Specify Minimum Guidelines for Streets with Noncomplying Architecture in The NC District and the DWDD Neighborhood Subdistrict.

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1112 by reading title only; and
- B. Schedule October 10, 2017 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 1112.

Pat Escher read the title, introducing the ordinance. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

### **Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption**

13. 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. Give Ordinance No. 1109 a second reading by reading title only;
- B. Open the public hearing, take public comment, and close the public hearing; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, Ordinance 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.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to open the public hearing public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 5:0.

Nobody from the public asked to speak.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to close the public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 5:0.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to adopt Ordinance 1109 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

### **Old Business**

14. SUBJECT: Downtown Street Closures and Events Policy  
Recommendation that Council conceptually approve the subject policy and direct the City Attorney to put into Resolution form for Council approval.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to table this discussion until October 23, 2017 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 5:0.

## **New Business**

### **15. SUBJECT: Cannery Park Planning RFP**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report from staff and Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) on a joint project of the City, ESCLC, Dorchester County and Cross Street Partners to develop a conceptual plan for Cannery Park, and
- B. Endorse an RFP for a landscape architecture firm funded by Cross Street Partners.

Katie Parks, representing Eastern Shore Land Conservancy explained the project and confirmed that the City Council will have to approve the conceptual plan to use it as a basis for developing the park. Commissioner Foster asked where community meetings would be held, and Ms. Parks said that was not yet decided but indicated that they would be well publicized. A motion by Commissioner Cannon to endorse an RFP for a landscape architecture firm funded by Cross Street Partners was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 5:0.

## **Meetings**

### **16. Sailwinds Committee Meeting Notes: Sept. 12, 2017**

Sandra Tripp-Jones reviewed the report. No action was taken.

## **Mayor and Council**

Mayor Pro Tempore Sydnor announced that the next Council Meeting will be October 10, 2017 because of the Oct. 9 holiday.

Commissioners Foster thanked the Police Department for their support to the Dorchester Center for the Arts Showcase.

Commissioner Cannon also thanked the Police Department for their support of the Showcase, especially Sgt. Patton for assisting a sick person.

Commissioner Hanson thanked the Police Department for its work at the Showcase and how they straightened out parking issues.

Commissioner Rideout thanked the City Manager for arranging for him to use skype to participate in the Council meeting, saying that he will have some suggestions but that it worked well.

Public Works Director Oden Wheeler announced that the Economic Development staff have moved to the Public Works Building at 1025 Washington Street. He also reminded everyone that the Ironman event with street closures will take place on Oct. 7, 2017

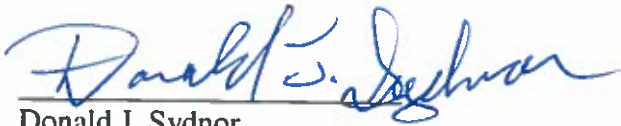
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Chief Mark Lewis announced that the Police Department will sponsor Trunk or Treat at the Craig's Drugs parking lot on Halloween. He also again announced the start of the second Citizens' Police Academy on October 19, 2017 and invited applicants.

Mayor Pro Tempore thanked all in audience for coming.

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

With no further business, Commissioner Donald Sydnor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, September 25, 2017, insofar as I personally am aware.



Donald J. Sydnor  
Mayor Pro Tempore and Commissioner, Ward 2