

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 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.

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

### **Public Comment**

Amy Craig, Cambridge Christmas Tree Lighting Committee, invited everyone to their 6<sup>th</sup> annual ceremony. The Maple Lions Band will perform. They are partnering with Rescue Fire Company and sharing the band. The band will start at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and then walk over to the Train Garden to kick off their opening.

Michael Wheatley thanked everyone who attended the Groove Festival yesterday. He asked if the City would like to make a donation towards the event.

### **Requests from the Public**

None

### **Consent Calendar**

2. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meetings on October 9, 2018  
Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes as submitted.
3. SUBJECT: Fourth of July Fireworks  
Recommendation that Council approve July 4 as the date of the Cambridge Fourth of July fireworks
4. SUBJECT: Sustainable Community Renewal  
Recommendation that Council approve Economic Development staff to complete and submit Sustainable Community Renewal Application
5. SUBJECT: Request from the Cambridge Christmas Tree Lighting Committee to hold the tree lighting in Spring Valley on Saturday, November 24, 2018 between the hours of 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm; police assistance for participants crossing streets, and a variance from the noise ordinance  
Recommendation that Council approve the request

6. SUBJECT: Confirmation of date and time for the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Cambridge-Dorchester County Christmas Parade of Saturday, December 1, 2018 starting at 5:00 pm (line-up at 4:00 pm) and permission to waive the vendor fees for non-profit organizations (parade pre-approved in June with ASOP 45)  
Recommendation that Council approve the request
7. SUBJECT: Amendment #1 to the terms of the MOU between the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Commissioners of Cambridge for the Cambridge Peachblossom Branch Shoreline and Stream Design (no cost to City)  
Recommendation: That Council approve the request
8. SUBJECT: Request from the Dorchester County Department of Social Services to hold their Family Fun Fest on Saturday, October 27, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on the City's lot on the corner of Race and Cedar Streets (originally scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>)  
Recommendation: That Council approve the date change.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve the items on the Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 8) was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 5:0.

### **Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading**

9. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1135 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending § 5.1.4 of the City's Unified Development Code ("UDC") to provide that: 1) fences shall not extend at a height exceeding six feet forward of the primary rear building façade; 2) fences extending forward of the primary rear building façade shall not exceed four feet in height subject to certain conditions; and 3) fences that have a side with exposed framing or similar features shall orient that side internal to the site; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to fences in the City of Cambridge.  
Recommendation: That Council:
  - A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1135 by reading of title only; and
  - B. Schedule November 13, 2018 for second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1135.

Chip MacLeod read the title of the ordinance. A second reading, public hearing and possible adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

### **Old Business**

10. Housing Revitalization Monthly Report (for the month of September)

Oden Wheeler reported that the next Community Engagement Event will be at the Empowerment Center on November 15<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. They met with 1880 Bank to discuss financial products for home repair assistance and mortgage down payment assistance. They are waiting for a date for a visit from Secretary Holt's office. They are also waiting for approval from DHCD on the CDBG

housing rehab policy. Habitat is currently accepting inquiries for the program. Once we receive final approval from the State, full application will be given to the homeowners who qualify. Two proposals were received for the TAG grant for a housing study and program implementation report. Salisbury University has agreed to partner with the City by providing continued supportive service by students in the Urban Planning department.

A work session was scheduled for Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

### **New Business**

None

### **Mayor and Council**

Commissioner Sydnor is concerned about the number of police officers who are being trained by Cambridge and then leaving for other cities. The issue now is not moral, but money. For each officer who leaves, it costs the City approximately \$30,000. Council will have to find a way to correct this. Commissioner Foster added that some of the new officers have to work two or three jobs to make ends meet to support their families. Commissioner Rideout agreed that if we are spending this kind of money to replace officers, we are spending the money in the wrong place. We should be spending the money on the officers to retain them to increase longevity. A presentation will be made to the public at either a regular session or a work session.

Commissioner Foster suggested that all business on a street that is going to be closed for an event receive a reminder at least seven days in advance.

Reminder: The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Public Comment**

Michael Wheatley expressed his appreciation for Council working on police retention.

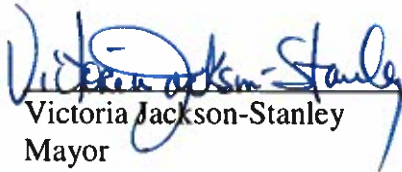
Mark Masden who works for the Department of Juvenile Justice, said he cannot say enough good things about our police officers. You have no idea what they go through.

Mark Masden spoke about the fence code. He and his next door neighbor bought their houses at approximately the same time. His neighbor put the ugly side (framing) of the fence facing Mr. Masden. When he lived in Michigan, the fences were considered yours if you had the ugly side facing you. He believes a lot of places have this as Code policy. He hopes the ordinance contains wording that the framing must be on the inside. If they want the good side on the inside, they can buy the fence with two good sides.

### **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 6:42 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, October 22, 2018, insofar as I personally am aware.

  
Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor