

At 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 2019, the Mayor and City Commission met in open session. Mayor Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order. Those present were Mayor Jackson-Stanley, Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Canon and Hanson. Others present were City Attorney, Chip MacLeod, City Manager Patrick Comiskey, Public Works Director Odie Wheeler, and Police Chief Mark Lewis.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Rideout. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting in closed session was pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305(b)(1)ii, (3), (4), (7) and (8) to discuss a personnel matter affecting a specific individual; consider the acquisition of certain real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; consider a matter concerning the proposal for a business to locate, expand, and/or remain in the City; and obtain legal advice from the City Attorney regarding each of the foregoing matters.

The City Council met in regular session on November 12, 2019 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day. Commissioner Hanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jackson-Stanley reported on the closed session. She reviewed the closed session wording provided by the city attorney and advised the public one of the items is on tonight's meeting agenda for consideration.

1. A motion to approve the Agenda by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Consent Calendar**

2. October 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson on a vote of 5-0.
3. Charter Resolution CR 2019-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND PASSED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND §§ 4-302(1) AND 4-304 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING THAT: (1) THE TERM OF OFFICE OF EACH COMMISSIONER AND THE MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGE SHALL BE FOR FOUR YEARS, OR UNTIL HIS OR HER SUCCESSOR TAKES OFFICE; (2) THE COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGE SHALL BE ELECTED IN A CITY WIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE THIRD SATURDAY IN OCTOBER 2020 AND EVERY FOURTH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER; (3) THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, ABSENTEE VOTING, AND THE ADMINISTERING OF ALL CITY ELECTIONS AND MAY CONTRACT WITH THIRD PARTIES TO ASSIST HIM OR HER IN ANY WAY WITH HIS OR HER DUTIES, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE; (4) THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND TO THE EXTENT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER; (5) THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF EVERY CITY ELECTION, THE FIRST OF WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED NOT MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION; (6) VOTER REGISTRATION SHALL CEASE AT 4:00 P.M. ON THE TWENTIETH DAY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE ELECTION; (7) THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO USE THE VOTING SYSTEMS AND BALLOTS HE OR SHE CERTIFIES, WHICH SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TO THE EXTENT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER, IN ALL CITY ELECTIONS; (8) ALL DOCUMENTATION AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS AS CODIFIED IN THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TO THE EXTENT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER, SHALL APPLY TO ALL CITY ELECTIONS; (9) VOTING MACHINES MAY BE USED IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR ELECTIONS HELD IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, TO THE EXTENT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER; (10) THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL FURNISH FORMS FOR THE TALLYING OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE; AND (11) THE NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE SHALL TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS; AND AMENDING CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS FOR CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

The Resolution will have its second reading on January 13, 2020.

4. Roy Geiser, the City Auditor gave the audit report for fiscal year 2019.
5. The CWDI Letter of Intent was approved on a motion from Commissioner Sydnor and seconded by Commissioner Cannon. Vote 5-0.
6. The Housing Authority's request for \$42,864 to have camera's installed on Weaver Avenue and Cornish Drive was approved on a vote 5-0.
7. Commissioners approved the allocation of \$3,000 to the CPD Tool and Equipment Account. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Rideout. The motion passed 5-0.
8. Commissioners approved the allocation of \$91.93 to the CPD Event Fund. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Hanson. The motion passed 5-0.
9. Commissioners approved to have 4 way stop signs at:
  - Shephard Avenue and Stone Boundary Road
  - East Appleby Avenue and Stone Boundary Road
  - Southside Avenue and Stone Boundary Road

A motion was made by Commissioner Rideout and seconded by Commissioner Cannon. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Sydnor made a motion to cancel the second meeting in November because of Thanksgiving week. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Herve Hamon, Assistant City Planner, spoke during public comment about the ADA Committee sidewalk assessment project. He advised the commission 15 students from the high school have signed up to participate as volunteers.

### **Requests from the Public**

Commissioners then went back into Closed Session to continue the closed session from before the 6:00 p.m. start time of the regular meeting. A motion to enter closed session was made by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Foster, and approved 5-0. At 6:42 p.m. the commission entered closed session. Commissioners came out of closed session at 7:03 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

Immediately upon exiting the closed session, 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. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2019, insofar as I personally am aware.

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor