

AGENDA

City of Cambridge
City Council Meeting
January 13, 2020
Council Chambers - 305 Gay Street
Cambridge, MD 21613

- 5:00 pm City Council to meet in Open Session for the purpose of voting to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §3-305(b) (3), (4) to consider the potential acquisition of certain real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto and the potential proposal for a business to locate, expand, or remain in the City
- 6:00 pm Mayor to Convene Council in Regular Session

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend Agenda as presented.

Public Comment

Requests from the Public

CWDI Quarterly Report to City Council by Executive Director Sandra Tripp Jones

Dr. Theresa Stafford is requesting \$10,000 for the New Beginnings Youth and Family Services program.

Consent Calendar

2. December 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes
3. Cameron Torres, Tour Manager of Brown Box Theatre Project is requesting to host William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" at Long Wharf Park on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 from 4:30 to 11:00 (this includes set-up/showtime is 7:30-9:30).
 - 3a. Dorchester Chamber of Commerce is requesting to hang a banner on Race Street from 1/27 – 2/7 for the 3rd Annual Harvesting Hope's Youth Expo.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1161 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING § 6.5.3 OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PERMIT STRINGS OF LIGHT BULBS FOR OUTDOOR DINING AT A RESTAURANT OR CAFE OR IN A RESIDENTIAL YARD AT OR BEHIND THE LINE OF THE PRIMARY REAR BUILDING FACADE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND TO CLARIFY THAT SEASONAL EXTERIOR LIGHTING IS PERMITTED; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO EXTERIOR LIGHTING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Recommendation – That Council:

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1161 by reading of title only; and
- B. Schedule January 27, 2020 for second reading, public hearing, and passage of Ordinance No. 1161.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

Charter Resolution CR-2019-02 - Amendment

5. RESOLUTION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Recommendation – That Council:

- A. Give Charter Amendment Resolution No. CR-2019-02 a second reading;
- B. Open the public hearing, take public comment, and close the public hearing; and
- C. Adopt Charter Amendment Resolution No. CR-2019-02

Old Business

- 6. Mayor and Council Compensation Advisory Committee
- 7. Packing House Development Project
- 8. SUBJECT: Cannery Park Trail Purchase Order Carried to FY2020
Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$4,144.00 of FY2019 reserves to Municipal Properties budget.

New Business

- 9. Job Description – Assistant Engineer position.
- 10. SUBJECT: Police Officer Sign-On Bonus
Recommendation: That Council authorize the police chief to offer a hiring bonus to police officer applicants who are currently certified.
- 11. SUBJECT: FIP Grant Proceeds
Recommendation: That Council approve a budget amendment appropriating \$140,504.17 to Facade Improvement.
- 12. SUBJECT: Revenues Generated by Cambridge RFC Service Billings
Recommendation: That Council designate \$5,421.42 of City carry over funds to a restricted line item on the City's monthly cash report titled RFC Billings Received and post any future funds received because of fire fighter billings for services to this restricted account. The funds will only be budgeted by a special budget revision when the Chief requests the use of the funds
- 13. SUBJECT: Changing the Side Yard Setbacks to Six Feet
Recommendation: The recommendation is that commissioners decide whether to change the side yard set-backs and start the process required to make the change.

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Meetings

Notices

Mayor and Council

Public Comment

Adjourn

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