

**City of Cambridge
City Commission Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2021
Commission Chambers - 305 Gay Street
Cambridge, MD 21613**

Notice to Citizens: The City Commissioners are conducting the City business by way of a conference call because of the Corona Virus threat. Citizens may observe the meeting by going on-line to TownHallStreams.com. Citizens may call in their public comments by calling the mayor during the meeting at 410 228-5808 or citizens may participate in the meeting by logging into the meeting by calling 408-418-9388 and entering the meeting number and password: Meeting Number 132 958 6308; Password 5808.

6:00 pm Mayor to Convene Commission in Regular Session

Agenda

1. Commission to approve or amend agenda as presented.

Requests from the Public

Cliff Coppersmith of Chesapeake College

Allen Nelson – Power Boat Racing Association., Inc.

Jitney from Yacht Basin speaking on GEM Vehicle

Consent Calendar

(Note: All city events are subject to the Health Department's approval)

2. Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2021
3. Eastern Shore Network for Change is requesting to have “Health on Pine” – A COVID vaccination event, on May 22, 2021 from 12:00pm to 8:00pm.
4. Jason Chance is requesting to hold the Six Pillar Bike Ride on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh from 6:00am to 4:00pm.

5. LaVon Wilson is requesting to have the corner of Race and Cedar Streets to hold her grand opening of L&J Event Rentals, on May 8, 2021 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.
6. Dorchester Showcase wants to block off Historic High Street from Water Street to Locust Street and Popular Street for their Annual Street Fair & Art Walk, on September 26, 2021 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.
7. Ms. Jeanne Elliott is requesting to have a Tribute/Celebration of Life for Roderick Russ, Jr., on June 5, 2021 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. She is asking to have a noise variance and to have Pine Street between Cross and Cedar Streets blocked off during this time.
8. Isaac Adams along with Illfiggaz Entertainment & Groove City, Inc. are requesting to have a "Unity Festival" on July 31, 2021 between Cross and Bethel Street from 12:00pm to 7:00pm.
9. Cambridge Power Boat Racing Association, Inc. and Allen Nelson are requesting to have the Classic Power Boat Regatta/Thrills "n" Grills Barbeque Cook-off on October 8-10, 2021 in Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh from 10:00am to 5:30pm.
10. Kent Narrows Racing Association and Allen Nelson are requesting to have the Thunder on the Choptank, July 24-25, 2021 from 11:00am from 5:30pm in Gerry Boyle Park at Great Marsh.
11. Cambridge American Legion Post 91 is requesting to have a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 31, 2021 at Long Wharf from (10:30am to 12:30pm) (ceremony start time 11:00am).
12. Groove City Black Heritage Culture Group is requesting to have Groove City Culture Fest on August 21, 2021 from 1:00pm-7:00pm.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

13. Ordinance No. 1174 - An Ordinance Of The Commissioners Of Cambridge, Maryland Amending Chapter 8 (Health And Sanitation) Of The Code Of The City Of Cambridge, Maryland For The Purposes Of Prohibiting Speakers And Similar Devices That Amplify The Human Voice And Exempting The Production Of Amplified Sound From Musical Instruments And Similar Devices At A Restaurant, Bar, Brewery Or Similar Establishment From The Noise Prohibitions Set Forth In § 8-21 Of The City Code, Each Subject To Certain Limitations, Amending The Terms And Conditions For Obtaining And Applying For A Noise Variance, Amending The Penalties For Violation Of § 8-21 Of The City Code, And Authorizing The City's Code Enforcement Officials To Enforce § 8-21 Of The City Code; Providing That The Title Of This Ordinance Shall Be Deemed A Fair Summary And Generally Relating To Noise In The City Of Cambridge.

14. Ordinance No. 1177 - An Ordinance Of The Commissioners Of Cambridge, Maryland To Establish The Annual Tax Levy For Real And Personal Property For Fiscal Year 2022 Beginning July 1, 2021 And Ending June 30, 2022.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

Old Business

New Business

15. Request for council input on streets that may need stops signs or other traffic calming measures in each ward? This is the result of Commissioner Cephas bringing concerns of the need for an all way stop at the intersection of East Appleby and Insley St. The traffic and safety committee recommended that each commissioner and the mayor suggest any areas where "all way" stops or other traffic calming measures should be considered for "pilot demonstration projects" or permanent installation by public works. The agenda item is to ask for approval to proceed with asking for input and a second meeting would be to review and/or approve proposed locations.
16. Request for permission to invite Ultra Solar Group to present to the council at a later meeting outlining how the city of Cambridge may leverage investor funded solar installations to save on power costs as well as options for "community solar" installations to lower energy costs in low-income neighborhoods and areas where cost saving solar installations may not be practical or affordable for residents. This would be nothing more than a presentation where council could see if this is an opportunity worth exploring or ultimately moving forward with an RFP process.

Public Comment

Meetings

April 2021 - Discussion about City Code Chapter 8, Health and Sanitation

April 27, 2021 – Board of Appeals at 6:00pm at Commission Chambers

May 4, 2021 – Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00pm at Commission Chambers

Department or Division Head Comments

Commissioner's Comments

Mayor's Comments

Adjourn

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