

The City Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021. The meeting was scheduled for its regular time of 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at 305 Gay Street in Cambridge.

The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:04 p.m. Those present in person or virtually were Mayor Bradshaw, Commissioner Brian Roche, Commissioner Lajan Cephas, Commissioner Jameson Harrington, Commissioner Sputty Cephas, Commissioner Chad Malkus, City IT Division Director Dale Price, City Assistant Attorney Patrick Thomas, City Police Chief Mark Lewis, and City Manager Patrick Comiskey. Citizens were able to observe the meeting by going on-line to TownHallStreams.com. Citizens were invited to call in their public comments by calling the Mayor during the meeting at 410-228-5808. Citizens were also able to 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.

Commission President L. Cephas led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

1. The Agenda was approved after a request to move public comment above Mayor and Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Malkus moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner L. Cephas seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Requests from the Public

Sar Rich, the CEO of Choptank Community Health System gave a presentation on community health care programs.

Bryan Russo of Ultra Solar, Group of Unity Solar, gave a presentation about solar energy.

Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar was approved after removing Item No. 3. so the empowerment Center could provide additional information and adding Fire Chief Adam Pritchett, Engineer George Hyde, Economic Development Director Carol Richardson, Planner Pat Escher, Assistant Fire Chief Brad Walters as attendees at the previous regular city commission meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Malkus and a second by Commission President Cephas, the consent calendar was approved 5-0.

2. April 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3. Joyce Green of the Empowerment Center is requesting to have use of the corner of Cedar and Race Streets for her Daily Physical Fitness Fun Sessions for the Summer Program from July 5, 2021 to August 20, 2021.
4. Alpha Genesis is requesting to have the "Juneteenth Celebration"/BLM Mural "touch-up" on the 400 block of Race street/Cannery Way on Saturday June 19, 2021 from 10am-10pm.

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading

No ordinances were presented for a first reading.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

5. 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.

The mayor invited public comment on the ordinance. No citizen called in to provide comment. Commissioner Malkus made a motion to adopt the ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas and the ordinance was adopted 5-0.

Old Business

Both items 6 and 7 for the Beasley project were approved, the Architect contract and the Resolution for Pine and Wells Streets on a motion by Commissioner Harrington and a second by Commission President, the was 5-0 vote.

6. Authorization for City Manager to have Architect began work for Beasley project

Commissioner Harrington made a motion to authorize the city manager to initiate a contract with Crosby and Associates to begin the redrafting of the plans for the store building on Pine and Wells Streets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas and the motion passed 5-0.

7. Resolution Beasley Project Pine and Wells Street.

Commissioner Harrington made a motion to approve Resolution 21-10. The motion was seconded by Commissioner S. Cephas and the motion was adopted 5-0.

New Business

8. Award of Contract for the Oakley Street Seawall Replacement. George Hyde explained the grant process of the seawall replacement. Mr. Hyde stated that MDE gave the city a grant. Three bids were received, Mr. Hyde recommend awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, David A. Bramble, Inc. in the amount of \$243,693. Commissioner Spotty Cephas recused himself from the vote because of a concern of a conflict of interest. On a motion from Commissioner Roche and a second by Commissioner Malkus to award the contract to David A. Bramble, Inc. in the amount of \$243,693, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote. 4-0 PM
9. Resolution 21-09 for a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) of \$35,000 for the purpose of hiring a consultant to conduct a small area plan for the Pine Street Neighborhood. On a

motion by Commissioner Harrington and a second from Commission President L. Cephas to approve the resolution, the motion passed 5-0.

Meetings

The mayor announced two budget work sessions for May 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the city commission meeting room and a second meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 17, 2021 in the same location.

Public Comments

Lynette Wongus called in and asked questions about the small area plan and advised of a previously performed plan.

Mr. Zachary Reeber of Nexamp, a solar energy salesman, spoke about the positive gains from purchasing solar power. He stated that he was not a resident.

Lynette Wongus called in again and asked about scooters being stored at the police substation on Pine Street.

Department Head Comments

Chief Pritchett thanked the Commissioners for attending the RFC Banquet.

Chief Lewis spoke regarding the police shortage.

Commissioner Comments

Commission President spoke regarding the recent shootings in the city. She mentioned a walk sponsoring the mothers who have lost someone due to violent crimes.

Commissioner Harrington thanked everyone for filling out his online form.

Commissioner Spotty Cephas asked to have the event information forwarded to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Malkus congratulated CSD for having a great Spring Gala over the weekend.

Mayor's Comments

Thanks everyone who continue to be involved in the City's activities.

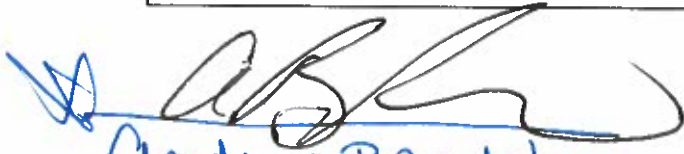
Council to go into closed session pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions 3-305(b) (4) and (7) to discuss a matter that concerns the proposal for a business to locate, expand, or remain in the City and to consult with the City Attorney regarding the same.

Council to go into closed session pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions 3-305(b) (8) to consult with the City Attorney regarding pending litigation.

Commissioner Roche made the motion to go into closed session and Commissioner L. Cephas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The city Commission entered closed session at 7:38 p.m. and exited closed session at 9:34 p.m.

Commissioner Malkus made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Commissioner Harrington. The motion passed 5-0.

City Council meetings are conducted in open session unless otherwise indicated. Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, all or a portion of the Council meeting may be held in closed session by vote of the Council. Please note that the order of agenda items is subject to change and that meetings are subject to audio and video recording.


Andrew Bradshaw, Mayor