

The City Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 14, 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 Cephas led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Agenda**

Commissioner Roche moved to remove the proposed charter change from the agenda. Commissioner Malkus seconded the motion. Commissioners approved the motion 5-0. Commissioner Malkus requested the May 24, 2021 meeting minutes be adjusted to include the approval of the property transfer agreements with CWDI for the port property and the gateway property. Commissioner L. Cephas seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda. The amended agenda was adopted 5-0.

### **Requests from the Public**

#### **Consent Calendar**

2. May 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3. Jerry Burroughs is requesting to use the corner of Race and Cedar Streets for the ADA Fair 2021, on October 9, 2021 from 10am to 4pm.
4. Michael O'Connor is requesting to have Court Lane from Gay Street to High Street closed off for the Cubmobile Derby from 8am-6pm (races start at 10am) on October 3, 2021.
5. Alpha Genesis is requesting a letter of support from the City to DHCD for the building improvements on 428 Race Street.
6. Janson Chance is requesting to use the Dorchester Family YMCA for the Gerry Boyle Memorial Firecracker Kids Triathlon, Sunday, July 4th 2021 from 8am to 11am.

7. Lynx Muzik Entertainment is requesting the use of Cornish Park for the 1st Annual Love & Basketball Tournament on August 21, 2021 from 12pm to 6pm.
8. Joyce Green of the Empowerment Center is requesting to use the corner of Race and Cedar Streets from July 5, 2021 to August 20, 2021 for daily fitness fun sessions (one session will be at 10am and the other will be at 2pm) for her summer program.

Commissioner Malkus made a motion seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve the consent calendar. The motion passed 5-0.

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

9. Assistant City Attorney, Patrick Thomas read Ordinance No. 1179 aloud – **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING THE CITY’S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (“UDC”) TO PROVIDE FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION 3 OVERLAY DISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO OVERLAY DISTRICTS OM THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**
10. Assistant City Attorney, Patrick Thomas read Ordinance No. 1180 aloud - **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING THE CITY’S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (“UDC”) TO PROVIDE FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION 3 OVERLAY DISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO OVERLAY DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**
11. Assistant City Attorney, Patrick Thomas read Ordinance No. 1181 aloud – **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING THE CITY’S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (“UDC”) TO PROVIDE FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION 3 OVERLAY DISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO OVERLAY DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**
12. Assistant City Attorney, Patrick Thomas read Ordinance No. 1182 aloud - **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BY REZONING 201 MILL STREET, TAX IDENTIFICATION NO. 07-173814, IDENTIFIED ON TAX MAP 301 AS PARCEL 124 TO INCLUDE THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION 3 OVERLAY; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A FAIR SUMMARY, AND GENERALLY**

**Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing**

16. **ORDINANCE NO. 1178 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO ADOPT AND APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022.**

- A. **Public Hearing – The mayor called for public comment, no one responded.**  
B. **Third Hearing and Adoption June 21, 2021**

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

**New Business**

17. **RESOLUTION NO. 21-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND TO ESTABLISH THE POSITIONS AND SALARY CONTROLS AND SCHEDULES OF SALARY GRADES AND SCALES FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES AND SWORN POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.**

**A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Jameson seconded by Commissioner S. Cephas. The motion passed 5-0.**

18. A motion was made by Commissioner Malkus, seconded by Commissioner Jameson to remove a tree and planter box on the sidewalk at 421 Race Street. The proposal included adding a new planter box and planting a new tree in proximity.
19. A motion was made by Commissioner L. Cephas to approve, seconded by Commissioner Roche to provide the Mace's Lane Community Center \$130,000 of previously city allocated funds and an additional \$30,000 of unallocated carry-over funds. The motion passed 5-0. Commissioner L. Cephas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner S. Cephas to amend the City General Fund budget by increasing the amount of appropriated funds by \$95,000 from \$65,000 of previously allocated and \$30,000 of unallocated carry-over funds to fulfill the donation. The budget amendment motion passed 5-0.
20. Commissioner S. Cephas made a motion to adopt the social media policy and link the various city websites. Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
21. Commissioner S. Cephas made a motion to adopt the Bayly Road Safe Routes to School MOU seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas. The motion passed 5-0.

**RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE.**

13. Assistant City Attorney, Patrick Thomas read Ordinance No. 1183 aloud - **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING § 5.1.3(A) OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE ("UDC") TO PROVIDE THAT THE LOCATION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING ON A CORNER THROUGH LOT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE ZONING OFFICIAL AND THAT ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES EXCEEDING 12 FEET IN HEIGHT SHALL MEET THE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS IN §§ 5.1.3(A)(3) AND (B) OF THE UDC; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ZONING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**
  
14. Assistant City Attorney, Patrick Thomas read Ordinance No. 1184 aloud - **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING § 5.1.1(C), TABLE 3 (DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS) OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF LIMITING THE NUMBER OF UNITS PER SQUARE FEET FOR CERTAIN USES AND ESTABLISHING DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – CORE SUBDISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ZONING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**
  
15. City Commissioners voted to remove this item from the agenda 5-0. **CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. CR-2021-01 - 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 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY; ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE CITY, INCLUDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH OFFICE; CLARIFYING THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND AMENDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING CITY PERSONNEL; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO HUMAN RESOURCES, LEGAL SERVICES, AND PERSONNEL IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**

Sheila Jones spoke about Groove City Festival August 21<sup>st</sup> and against city manager overseeing human resources.

**Department and Division Head Comment**

**Commissioner Comment**

**Mayor's Comment**

Commissioner Malkus made a motion to go into closed session seconded by Commissioner Harrington. The motion passed unanimously to hold a closed meeting session under General Provisions Article 3 – 305(b) only to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

The commission entered closed session at 8:40 p.m. and exited closed session at 9:19 p.m.

**Adjourn**

A motion by Commissioner S. Cephas to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Malkus and approved unanimously.

With no further business, Mayor Andrew Bradshaw adjourned the meeting just after 9:19 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, June 14, 2021, insofar as I personally am aware.



Andrew Bradshaw  
Mayor

22. Commissioner Malkus made a motion to approve the bid for city demolition work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrington and adopted 5-0.
23. Commissioner Malkus made a motion to abandon the unimproved end of Rambler Road. Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-3. Commissioners Malkus and Harrington voted for the motion. Commissioners Roche, L. Cephas and S. Cephas voted against the motion.
24. Commissioner L. Cephas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-12. Commissioner S. Cephas seconded the motion. It was adopted unanimously.  
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION IN SECURING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE ADOPTION OF ENABLING LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CITY LEADERS ALTERNATIVE REVENUE OPTIONS TO MAINTAIN LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES.**
25. Commissioner L. Cephas made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Chantay Nelson for the Cambridge Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Malkus. Mayor Bradshaw made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Jerry Burroughs for the Cambridge Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner L. Cephas.

### Meetings

City Commission Work Session with Clean Water Advisory Committee, Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 9:00 am, Walking Tour of Clean Water Projects beginning at the Empowerment Center on Pine Street

City Commission Special Meeting, Monday, June 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at City Commission Meeting Room, Final Public Hearing and Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Commission Work Session on Monday, July 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
-the proposed Charter Resolution CR-2021-01

### Public Comment

Charles Kilman of the antique store on Poplar Street spoke in opposition to the closing of Poplar Street on the weekends.

Theresa Stafford asked that commissioners prohibit parking on Greenwood Avenue to reduce loitering. She also said she was against the city manager overseeing personnel.

Ann, owner of the building adjacent to the antique store on Poplar Street, said she was against closing Poplar Street on weekends.

Lynette Wongus spoke against closing Poplar Street and in favor of taking human resources from the city manager.