

July 9, 2018  
Cambridge, MD

The City Council held a work session on Monday, July 9, 2018 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Cannon, and Hanson. Commissioner Foster was absent.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to hold a work session was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

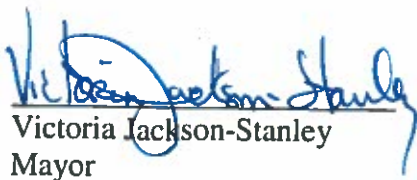
**SUBJECT:** Work Session on Human Services Grants  
Recommendation that Council hear 2-minute presentations by organizations recommended to receive Human Services grants in FY2019.

Presentations were made by the following organizations:

1. Dorchester Center for the Arts
2. Dorchester County Public Library
3. The Pine Street Committee for the Empowerment Center
4. Maryland Food Bank
5. MidShore Pro Bono
6. New Beginnings Youth and Family Services
7. Waugh Chapel Church

A vote on awarding funds will be held during the regular Council meeting.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to adjourn the work session was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

  
Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2018 in Council Chambers. A quorum being present, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Rideout, Sydnor, Cannon, and Hanson. Commissioner Foster was not present. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence. Carlos Batson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5:15 pm** Mayor to Convene Council in Regular Session

**A. SUBJECT: Closed Session regarding personnel matters**

Recommendation: That Council consider a motion to go into closed session pursuant to State Government Article, Section 10-508(a) exception 1: to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction: or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals, because public discussion would adversely impact one or more individual's right to confidentiality.

**B. SUBJECT: End Closed session**

Recommendation that Council consider a motion to end the closed session and return to open regular session at 5:30 pm.

**5:30 pm** Mayor to Convene Council in Work Session

**C. SUBJECT: Work Session on Human Services Grants**

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**D. SUBJECT: End Work Session**

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**6:00 pm** Mayor to Reconvene Council in Regular Session

**Mayor's report on Closed Executive Sessions on June 21, 2018 and July 9, 2018**

On June 21 at 11:30 am Council held a closed executive session. This meeting was closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b). All members were present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals". The motion to go into closed executive session was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 5:0. A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to move forward with the contract effective August 1, 2018 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and passed 4:1 with Commissioner Sydnor opposed. The name of the City Manager will be announced at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. The closed executive session ended at 12 noon.

Council held a closed executive session at 5:15 pm tonight. This meeting was closed under General Provisions Article § 10-508(a) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. The motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Rideout and seconded Commissioner Hanson. The vote was 4:0. Commissioner Foster was not present. A motion by Commissioner Rideout was seconded by Commissioner Hanson to agree to release an employee from their contract with specific conditions. The motion passed 4:0. The closed executive session ended at 5:26 pm.

### **Agenda**

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to adopt the agenda as presented was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

2. Mayor to introduce Susan Webb, Division Manager of Building Safety Services and Yvette Robinson, Housing Specialist

Oden Wheeler introduced the two new employees and gave brief descriptions of their job functions.

### **Public Comment**

Cheryl Daringer has 20 years' experience complying with regulatory and statutory requirements. She understands the word "shall". Shall means you must. It is a directive. Tonight she is focusing on eight 'shalls' found in the Cambridge Code that was adopted on January 23, 2012. Chapter 2 discusses a citizens advisory committee. She discovered on September 17, 2017, this City Code was brought to the attention of Council. It was tossed aside and dismissed by a vote. The Council has actively and willingly ignored their duty to the eight 'shalls' of Section 2-5 and more importantly has ignored the citizens' rights to a voice. The Code directs each Commissioner and the Mayor to each appoint five citizens to an advisory committee. These are ethical issues that affect the community. She asked that this topic be brought up and get the 30 people in the community appointed to the citizens advisory committee.

Portia Johnson-Ennels spoke representing the Pine Street Committee, Inc. Last month Council approved the lease for the Empowerment Center. As of this date, they have not signed it so they have not paid their fees. She is asking for the lease in a week's time.

Andrew Anderson was born in Cambridge and graduated from Maces Lane High School in 1967. Last year there was a mural put up. After it was put up, they perused it and he found that the mural is insulting to the graduates of Maces Lane High School and those who attended school in Dorchester County. There are possibly three or four different schools that could be there. His issue is with the content. You can put anything you want on a mural. When you refer to the mural about something about the black community in Cambridge and you don't put Maces Lane High School or St. Clair High School or Pine

Street High School, that makes the mural inaccurate. He would like to know if something can be done about it.

### **Requests from the Public**

3. Subject: Request from Mr. Van Dyke to operate his Mobile Food Establishment (food trucks) unrestricted within the City limits until such time as the City adopts legislation to allow food trucks within the City.

Recommendation: That Council allow Mr. Van Dyke to operate his food truck pursuant to the draft conditions that have been reviewed by the Planning Commission and which are on the Planning Commission's July 10 hearing docket.

Mr. VanDyke is requesting the same freedom as other food vendors in the City limits to operate his food truck freely until such legislation is passed by Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Rideout made a motion to allow Mr. VanDyke to operate his food truck condition on limitations that Planning and Zoning Commission would make at its meeting tomorrow night or at a subsequent meeting if they are not able to establish those conditions tomorrow evening was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

### **Consent Calendar**

4. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meetings on June 25, 2018  
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
5. SUBJECT: Request from Agape Temple of Praise & Ministries, Inc. for permission to hold a tent revival on August 8, 9, and 10, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Center Street; close Center Street from the corner of Robbins Street to the center of Center Street; permission to erect a tent; and a variance from the noise ordinance  
Recommendation: That Council approve the request subject to submission of a certificate of property and liability insurance naming the City as additional insured, acceptable to the City prior to event
6. SUBJECT: Request from Delegate Johnny Mautz for a "Caution Children at Play" sign to be installed at the intersection of Willis Street and Park Lane  
Recommendation: That Council refer the request to the Traffic and Safety Committee
7. SUBJECT: Request from Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods for permission to hang a banner across Race Street publicizing their community picnic to be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Long Wharf Park  
Recommendation: That Council approve the banner for two weeks prior to the event
8. SUBJECT: Request from Chris Brohawn, RAR, for permission for outdoor alcohol sales, permission to erect tents, and use of City trash cans and trash removal during their National Craft Beer Festival at Sailwinds Park on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Recommendation: That Council approve the request with details and cost of trash removal to be worked out with the Director of the Department of Public Works

9. SUBJECT: Request from Dorchester County Office of Tourism for variances from the noise ordinance during their "At the Sail" Concerts on July 27, August 31, September 7, and October 5, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm; outdoor liquor sales; and use of City-owned trash barrels

Recommendation: That Council approve the requests subject to the proper liquor licenses being obtained.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to adopt the Consent Calendar Items 4 through 9 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

### **New Business**

10. SUBJECT: Human Services Grants

Recommendations: That Council:

- A. Approve the Committee's recommendations as follows
- a. Funding for the Dorchester Center for the Arts for \$2,200
  - b. Funding for Dorchester County Public Library for \$2,600
  - c. Funding for Empowerment Center for \$4,000
  - d. Funding for Maryland Food Bank for \$2,400
  - e. Funding for MidShore Pro Bono for \$2,400
  - f. Funding for New Beginnings for \$4,200
  - g. Funding for Waugh Chapel Church for \$2,200 contingent on the remaining match of \$2,180 for the project be matched by April 30, 2019
- B. Authorize the Mayor to execute contracts with the grantees in a form approved by the City Attorney with proof of 501(c)3 status and liability insurance indemnifying the City; and
- C. Thank all the applicants on behalf of the Human Services Grants Committee for their thoughtful applications, their presentations to Council, and most of all for their dedication and valuable work in this community.

Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley said she will be recusing herself from the discussion on Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church because she is a member of that church.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the recommendation to grant Dorchester Center for the Arts \$2,200 was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the recommendation to grant Dorchester County Public Library \$2,600 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the recommendation to grant the Empowerment Center \$4,000 was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to approve the recommendation to grant the Maryland Food Bank \$2,400 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

Commissioner Rideout recused himself from the Mid-Shore Pro Bono discussion/vote.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the recommendation to grant Mid-Shore Pro Bono \$2,400 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. Commissioner Hanson withdrew his motion. Commissioner Cannon withdrew his second. The Interim City Administrator will look for alternate office space for MidShore Pro Bono in City-owned buildings.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve the recommendation to grant New Beginnings \$4,200 was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Sydnor to deny funding for Waugh Chapel Church was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 3:1.

11. SUBJECT: Appropriation of Safe Streets Grant for Cambridge Police Department  
Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$1,011 to the General Fund Revenue from Safe Streets Grant and increase the Police Department budget by \$1,011.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout that Council appropriate \$1,011 to the General Fund Revenue from Safe Streets Grant and increase the Police Department budget by \$1,011 was seconded by Commissioner Sydnor and approved 4:0.

### Mayor and Council

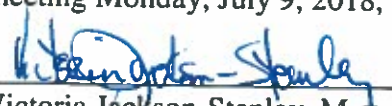
12. SUBJECT: Council Appointments  
Recommendation that re-appoint William Craig, Eugene Lauer, and Mary Losty to the Planning and Zoning Commission (all with terms to expire on July 1, 2022)

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve the re-appointments was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

### Adjourn

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 at 7:05 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, July 9, 2018, insofar as I personally am aware.

  
Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Mayor