

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 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, Foster, Cannon, and Hanson. Commissioner Sydnor was absent. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley asked for a moment of silence. Dontez Bryant, President of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5:00 pm Mayor to Convene Council in Regular Session

A. SUBJECT: Closed Session

Recommendation: That Council consider a motion to go into closed session pursuant to: State Government Article Section 10-508(a) Exception 3 – “consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto”

B. SUBJECT: Closed Session

Recommendation: That Council consider a motion to go into closed session pursuant to: State Government Article Section 3-305 (b) (14) - to "discuss before a contract is awarded or bids open a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal"

C. SUBJECT: End closed session

Recommendation that Council consider a motion to end the closed session and return to open session at 6:00 pm.

6:00 pm Mayor to Re-Convene Council in Regular Session

Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley introduced Patrick Comiskey, the new City Manager for the City of Cambridge. A reception for the public to speak to Mr. Comiskey will be held in the near future.

Agenda

1. Council to approve or amend agenda as presented.

Mayor Stanley asked that a paving schedule update be added under Old Business. The applicant for Item 15, Cambridge Marketplace, has asked that the item be withdrawn for the agenda.

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

Mayor Stanley reported that Council held two closed session starting at 5:00 pm. The first dealt with the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. This will be discussed further under Item 16. No action was taken during the closed session. The seconded item was to discuss a contract awarded or

bids opened a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal. No action was taken on this item.

Public Comment

Mike Starling, Founder and General Manager of Cambridge Community Radio, is Chair of the Chamber's "Dorchester Goes Purple" Committee. They have active support of local law enforcement. Dorchester is joining six counties on the Shore for this substance awareness campaign. The objective is to highlight and help folks better understand substance abuse and addiction. The campaign officially kicks off on Friday, August 31, 2018 and there will be significant landmarks in our community that will be lighting up purple. At the end of the month when Ironman is wrapping up, there will be 2000 volunteers that will be wearing purple tee-shirts. On September 30, Pastors from the Dorchester Faith Alliance intend to make it a purple pulpit message across congregations at that time. In 2017 alone, 2200 Marylanders lost their life due to overdoses. That number continues to increase. This year in Dorchester County, we are losing almost one person per month. Across the nation, someone tries opioids for the first time every 15 seconds. In Dorchester County, 13 percent of high schoolers have tried heroin. The slogan for the campaign is "Awareness Starts at Home". Cambridge Police Officers will wear purple wrist bands because they cannot wear purple shirts.

James Brummell is a native Dorchester County resident. He believes in God and justice and the Pledge of Allegiance. Two of those things entered his life this past weekend. By the grace of God, his family was protected with justice by the Cambridge Police Department. They had come out at least four to five times to Phillips Street. Teenagers and pre-teens are running wild in this town. He got married last year to a woman from Indiana. It hurts him to see what happened to his family. He and his friend were putting up a security light and while they were doing it, kids were throwing rocks at them on his property. By the time the night was over, someone broke one of his windows. He put up "No Trespassing" signs to secure his property. Sadly, he is appalled at what Cambridge has become. He prays the Council and Chief of Police can be given the resources to head this off at the pass. Kids have no respect of people and their property. It is not just teenagers. There is a kid on his block who is 10 and is on house arrest. It has become an epidemic. He wants to get back to the Cambridge that he grew up in. He pledged to be here for anything anyone needs from him.

Allen McRea, Director of Anchor Point on Meadow Avenue, commended the City Council for their work on behalf of the citizens of Cambridge. It is with great dedication and effort that the Council works through a variety of issues and comes to their best decision. He would like to commend the work of the Chamber of Commerce Director and its committees for their efforts in business growth in Dorchester County. He thanked the Planning Commission and City Staff for working through multiple issues and concerns and doing their best to arrive at workable solutions. He believes we are on a good path to hearing from the citizens, making compromises, and keeping in mind the interests of our entire community. He wishes that business owners who make appear to have conflicts with one another would seek to resolve them through discussions and cooperation with one another—possibly facilitated by the Chamber of Commerce. This should be done before going to Planning and Zoning and asking for them to draft ordinances on their

behalf. He supports the food truck ordinance that is under consideration. He appreciates the distance reduction to 150 feet that will allow food trucks almost anywhere on his property at Dorchester Square. He expects he will be here again in the future on other UDC ordinance issues and he hopes that City Council, City Staff, and the Planning Commission will view him as a troublemaker but rather as a determined business owner and the Executive Director of a non-profit who is seeking to do his best to meet the mission and goals of his organization in helping this community. He thanked Council for their support in providing the waiver for their non-profit operations at the Dorchester Hope Center while they continue to work through the appeals process.

Dudley Parr, Overflow Café, thanked Council for the ordinance for the food trucks. He thinks it will be fairly workable for them too. He shared a couple of stories which relate to *Dorchester Goes Purple*. His organization is volunteer-driven and a lot of their volunteers are there for drug court hours or community service hours. Many are recovering addicts as well. Recovery is a big deal for them. They also have a couple of kids from the neighborhood who volunteer because if they are in the neighborhood, they are getting in trouble. It will take everyone to make this work.

Cheryl Dayton commented that they have been going back and forth about some issues with Planning and Zoning. She read the Cambridge Charter several times as well as the UDC. She has talked to victims who were victims of excessive amounts cease and desist and some other stuff going on around town. Recently two businesses opened up in Cambridge—one is a restaurant on High Street. They fixed up the building very nicely and put up a very nice sign. According to the City Charter's rules of a sign over a public sidewalk, it is 12 feet above the sidewalk which is what has been defined in our City Charter—not defined in the UDC. A few weeks later, another restaurant opened up on the corner of Poplar and High Streets, and they have two signs over a public sidewalk that are not twelve feet. They are barely eight feet. The brewery's sign is twelve feet above the sidewalk. There is another restaurant that has been in town for several years near the new restaurant that is compliant, and their sign is compliant. Other businesses have signs that are not compliant. Perhaps these businesses have been grandfathered in. This new business is not. She doesn't understand why we are not being fair to everyone. If everyone has to follow the rule of 12 feet, then it is 12 feet. If there are exceptions, she asked why the exceptions aren't discussed publicly or just go ahead and change the ordinance. There is a pizza restaurant with a mural. She remembers reading something about 'no artwork' or signs painted directly on the building. It is prohibited and is not to be viewed from a public right-of-way. When you come over the bridge, it is right in your face. She asked why some people are allowed to get away with stuff. She has a funny feeling that a new business on the corner of Muir and Academy Streets was stopped from painting polka dots on her building. We can't keep it within the department anymore. They need somebody to look into this and figure out which document is the parent document (Charter or UDC). Somebody needs to sit down and start pulling this together.

Dontez Bryant said there are guys, he does not know if they are a gang, but every time he walks from school, they throw rocks at him. He is getting tired of it. He doesn't bother them. He walks silently by himself and they throw rocks. He tries to ignore it. We need more policemen to watch during this coming year so they can see what is happening. Sometimes there are fights near Bradley Avenue. Sometimes the police catch them,

sometimes they don't. He has an issue with bullying. He thinks we can improve this by telling some kids not to pick on each other and not harass others. These kids break into people's houses and throw rocks at people's houses. It is just wrong. He suggested a neighborhood watch to help the situation.

Dontez Bryant's niece is tired of her Uncle Dontez being bullied every day. The gang they are talking about is called "The Street Runners". They shoot and kill people and break into people's houses. They follow Dontez every day after school. When the police sit up there they wait and start throwing rocks at him. She wants to make a change.

Requests from the Public

2. Representatives from Dorchester County to make a presentation on "*Dorchester Goes Purple*"

This item was discussed under Public Comment.

3. Recognition and Resolution for the "Parent Factor" Team designating August as "Child Support Awareness Month"

Representatives from Dorchester County Social Services were present to receive the proclamation. The Parent Factor Team is a collaboration of other businesses as well. Their goal is to help parents succeed in the care of their children.

A motion by Commissioner Cannon to allow Mayor Stanley to sign the proclamation was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 4:0. Mayor Stanley read the proclamation and presented to the team.

Consent Calendar

4. SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes from Council Meetings on July 23, 2018
Recommendation: That Council approve as submitted.
5. SUBJECT: Request from Dorchester Chamber of Commerce to hang a banner across Race Street for month of September highlighting Dorchester Goes Purple: Awareness Starts at Home
Recommendation: That Council approve the banner for a period of three weeks starting September 10th when a previously approved banner will come down.
6. SUBJECT: Request from Dorchester County Health Department for permission to change the date of their Heart of the Shore Wellness Expo to Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm on the corner of Race and Cedar Streets (originally July 28th)
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.
7. SUBJECT: Request from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. to hold an International Day of Prayer Event on Sunday, August 26, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm on the City-owned lot on the corner of Maryland Avenue and Route 50

Recommendation: The Council approve the request

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve Consent Calendar Items 4 through 7 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

Ordinance for First Reading

8. **SUBJECT: Ordinance 1130 -- Historic District Design Guidelines**

Recommendation that Council:

- A. Introduce Ordinance No. 1130 by reading of title only; and
- B. Schedule August 27, 2018 for second reading, public hearing, and passage of Ordinance No. 1130.

Chip MacLeod introduced the ordinance by reading the title. A seconded reading, public hearing, and passage is scheduled for August 27, 2018.

Ordinances for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption

9. **SUBJECT: Ordinance 1128 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending Chapter 11 (Vehicles and Traffic), § 11-10 of the Code of the City of Cambridge to exempt Mobile Food Establishments from the restrictions on sales from parked vehicles on any street or municipal parking lot within the City; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to Mobile Food Establishments in the City of Cambridge.**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Give Ordinance No. 1128 a second reading by reading of title only;
- B. Open the public hearing, take public comment and close the public hearing; and
- C. Pass Ordinance No. 1128.

Chip MacLeod read the title of the ordinance. Admendments to the ordinance from the first reading have been clearly noted.

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

Nobody asked to speak on this ordinance.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to go out of public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

A vote will be taken after the public hearing for Ordinance 1129.

10. SUBJECT: Ordinance 1129 -- An Ordinance of the Commissioners of Cambridge, Maryland amending § 4.2.3 and Table 1: Permitted Uses by Zoning District of the City's Unified Development Code ("UDC") to allow Mobile Food Establishments as a Permitted Use with Conditions in the General Commercial, Corridor Mixed-Use, Institutional, Industrial, Resource Conservation, Neighborhood Conservation, Residential, and Maritime Resort Zoning Districts; amending § 4.4.4 and Table 2: Permitted Uses by Zoning Subdistrict in the Downtown/Waterfront Development District of the UDC to allow Mobile Food Establishments as a Permitted Use with Conditions in the Core, General, Center, Gateway, Neighborhood, and Civic Subdistricts; and amending § 9.2 of the UDC to define terms associated therewith; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to Mobile Food Establishments in the City of Cambridge.

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Give Ordinance No. 1129 a second reading by reading of title only;
- B. Open the public hearing, take public comment and close the public hearing; and
- C. Pass Ordinance No. 1129 with the Ordinance Committee's proposed amendments.

Chip MacLeod read the title of the ordinance. Amendments to the ordinance from the first reading have been clearly noted.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to hold a public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

Robert Aaron asked for a copy of the ordinance.

Henry VanDyke owner of Lil' Bitta Bull, thanked the ordinance committee for putting so much work on this thing. They have come a long way from where this started over a year ago. He said the ordinance says no windblown sign, no animated or electronic signs. He currently uses video menus on the curb-side of their unit. He asked if this would be allowed. Chip MacLeod read the section of the ordinance. Animated and electronic signs are prohibited. Mr. VanDyke said his menu changes weekly. How can he change his signage if he can't have an A-frame sign or something like that. It has to be imprinted on the side. Mr. VanDyke asked for a definition of a brick-and-mortar restaurant is if we have a 150-foot setback. Commissioner Rideout said we were advised by Planning and Zoning that restaurant is defined in the UDC. However it is defined, would define it for these purposes. A restaurant would be defined as their primary business. It would not be a convenience store selling food or a gas station selling pizza. Mr. VanDyke asked where the measurement for the distance would be taken. Chip MacLeod said it would be 150 feet from the building. A discussion continued on obtaining permission from a private property owner and whether the permission had to be in the Zoning office or just with the food truck. Chip MacLeod said the food truck owner should have the permission with them when they apply to the City for their approval. Mr. VanDyke asked about American and Maryland flags. Commissioner Rideout said he doesn't think they will be restricted. He continued that Council will review these ordinances over the next year. Mr. VanDyke asked what an ancillary food to ice cream truck is. Commissioner Hanson suggested that Mr. VanDyke talk to Pat Escher about this question.

Commissioner Hanson made a recommendation that the review period be between August 30, 2018 and September 1, 2019. Council can then bring it back to see how things are going. He would like this as part of the ordinance. Chip MacLeod suggested it be within one year of the effective date of the ordinance.

Commissioner Hanson made a motion that Council amend the ordinance to include a review period be for one year from the effective date of the ordinance. Commissioner Rideout seconded the motion. The motion passed 4:0.

Dudley Parr, Overflow Café, thanked Council for their hard work and diligence in pursuing this.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to go out of public hearing was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to pass Ordinance 1128 was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to pass Ordinance 1129 as amended was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

Old Business

Street Paving—Oden Wheeler said he was not able to meet with all the Commissioners as of this date. He suggested that Council make a motion to move forward with the paving after he meets with all the Commissioners and as long as they stay within the parameters in the budgeted amount.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve using the already-budgeted amount for paving and that the Commissioners meet with the Department of Public Works to establish what streets in their ward are priorities for this year (within budget) was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

New Business

11. SUBJECT: Appropriation of Federal BJAG Grant

Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$11,575 to the FY19 Federal BJAG grant and increase the Police Department budget by \$11,575 for Police Equipment and Overtime.

Chief Mark Lewis said this is a grant shared 50/50 with the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office. The City will receive half of the \$11,575. A motion by Commissioner Foster that Council appropriate \$11,575 to the FY19 Federal BJAG grant and increase the Police Department budget by \$11,575 for Police Equipment was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

12. SUBJECT: Appropriation of GOCCP BARM (Body Armor) Grant
Recommendation: That Council appropriate \$2,700 to the General Fund from a BARM grant and increase the Police Department budget by \$2,700 for body armor

Chief Lewis said the City applies for this grant every year to help purchase body armor. A motion by Commissioner Hanson that Council appropriate \$2,700 to the General Fund from a BARM grant and increase the Police Department budget by \$2,700 for body armor was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

13. SUBJECT: Request from Good Shepherd Association to use \$15,000 of the funds set aside for the Maces Lane High School Community Center as matching funds for the MHAA grant
Recommendation: That Council approve the request.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve the request for \$15,000 to be used by Good Shepherd Association condition upon them receiving a grant of \$15,000 from MHAA was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 4:0.

14. SUBJECT: MOU Between the City of Cambridge and Dorchester County to establish a joint Emergency Operations Center at the Edward Watkins Public Safety Complex.
Recommendation: That Council: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Cambridge and Dorchester County to share and use common space in the Edward E. Watkins Public Safety Complex located at 8 Washington St. to establish a joint Emergency Operations Center.

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Cambridge and Dorchester County to share and use common space in the Edward E. Watkins Public Safety Complex located at 8 Washington St. to establish a joint Emergency Operations Center was seconded by Commissioner Hanson and approved 4:0.

- ~~15. SUBJECT: Cambridge Marketplace — Vacant and Underutilized Building Tax Incentive~~

~~Recommendation that Council:~~

~~A. Hear update on Cambridge Marketplace Development.~~

~~B. Approve tax abatement detailed in Ordinance 1087, approved by council in July 2016.~~

The owner of Cambridge Marketplace asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

16. SUBJECT: Municipal Utilities Commission Budget Appropriation
Recommendation: That Council authorize:
- A. MUC to purchase property on Washington Street for a future Capital Improvement Project;
 - B. MUC to appropriate \$35,000 from reserves for property acquisition and MUC portion of the settlement cost.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson to approve MUC to purchase property on Washington Street for a future Capital Improvement Project and to appropriate \$35,000 from reserves for property acquisition and MUC portion of the settlement cost was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

Mayor and Council

17. SUBJECT: Mayor to appoint Council representatives to the Sailwinds Park, Inc. Board

Recommendation: That Council appoint Commissioners Sydnor and Hanson to represent Cambridge on the Sailwinds Park, Inc. Board

A motion by Commissioner Rideout that Council appoint Commissioners Sydnor and Hanson to represent Cambridge on the Sailwinds Park, Inc. Board was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

18. SUBJECT: "Go Purple" awareness campaign

Recommendation: That Council authorize Mayor and Commissioner & City staff to participate in "Go Purple" awareness campaign.

A motion by Commissioner Hanson that Council authorize Mayor and Commissioners and City Staff to participate in "Go Purple" awareness campaign was seconded by Commissioner Rideout and approved 4:0.

19. SUBJECT: Additional funds for the Pine Street Committee for their work with children—A motion by Commissioner Foster to give the Empowerment Center and additional \$2,000 from the Human Services Grants fund to put toward their programs for children with the stipulation that they provide receipts on what the money was used for or return any unused funds was seconded by Commissioner Cannon and approved 4:0.

Public Comment

Dontez Bryant asked Chief Lewis about the Police Athletic League program that is going to be introduced in Cambridge. Chief Lewis said the program will be for help with homework and having a really fun time.

Cheryl Dayton asked who is paying for the electric charging stations in Cambridge. Oden Wheeler responded that the property owner, Brett Summers, is paying for the electric.

Cheryl Dayton mentioned the 30-person advisory committee that was called for in the Charter. Oden Wheeler said the committee was dissolved along with other inactive committees several years ago. This section of the Charter and Code needs to be updated to reflect this change.

Cheryl Dayton suggested that the meeting be broadcast live on Facebook.

Cheryl Dayton recommended Cambridge Main Street is now operating under their assumed name of Downtown Cambridge. Their registration papers have not been updated. They do not reflect reality, or the people involved. She thinks they have an obligation to Council and the taxpayers to get their affairs in order—mainly their paperwork with the State of Maryland.

James Brummell thanked the Cambridge Police Department. He witnessed a child berate one of the officers. He spoke to the child afterwards about this. He admires the training the Police Department has gone through and wants to thank them for what they are doing for his family and everyone else. He offered his services to work with the CPD in conjunction with the Police Athletic League and working with youth who are being bullied because of their weight and letting them see what they can be and not only what they hear from bullies.

Robert Aaron suggested that the City fill a big hole on Maryland Avenue near R. Brooks and Sons. He also told Council how he has been working with homeless people and trying to get them help. The whole community needs to help the homeless.

Adjourn

A motion by Commissioner Rideout to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Foster and approved 4:0.

With no further business, Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the Council meeting Monday, August 13, 2018, insofar as I personally am aware.


Victoria Jackson-Stanley
Mayor