

# **CAN's Unofficial Notes on the Cambridge City Council Meeting of Oct. 24, 2022**

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Mayor Rideout started the meeting at 6 pm with all the Council members physically present.

**Presentation by Matt Leonard** on the Cambridge Waterfront Development – Cambridge Harbor. The 25 minute presentation stressed community input which has led to a river walkway, keeping the boat launch, and having an open air facility that will house local vendors. Mr. Leonard said that the total project will cost around \$50 million for infrastructure (roads, sewers, electrical) and they have raised about \$12 for the demolition phase. The balance of the money will hopefully come through grants. There was some discussion by Council on the zoning aspects of the project.

**Consent agenda** was approved for the Christmas parade and Halloween hours from 6 pm to 8pm.

## **Old Business:**

1. Approved Tower/Facilities License Agreement for WHCP's new antenna.
2. Approved reappointments to Planning Zoning Commission, Municipal Utilities Commission, and Board of Appeals.
3. Approved an allocation of almost \$850,000 of ARPA funds to Non-profits. The Council rejected the recommendations of the Citizens Group they established this past summer and the recommendation of the City Manager and came up with their own ad-hoc allocation system, as follows:
  - a. CASA of the Mid-Shore, \$25,000
  - b. Mid Shore meals til Monday, \$60,000
  - c. Dorchester County Public Library, \$28,109
  - d. Dorchester Center for the Arts, \$39,797
  - e. One Mission Cambridge, \$15,000
  - f. Partners in Giving, \$15,000
  - g. Dorchester Youth Lacrosse, \$15,000

- h. Good Shepherd, \$15,000
- i. Richardson Maritime Museum, \$30,000
- j. Cambridge Empowerment Center, \$50,000
- k. Groove City Black Heritage and Culture Group, \$50,000
- l. Snip and Tuck, \$15,000
- m. Cambridge Lighthouse Foundation, \$20,000
- n. New Beginnings Youth and Family Services, \$50,000
- o. Harvesting Hope Youth and Family Services, \$50,000
- p. Harriet Tubman Museum and Education Center, \$50,000
- q. Greater Refuge Temple of God, \$15,000
- r. WHCP Cambridge Community Radio, \$15,000
- s. J. Noah Skills Academy, \$15,000
- t. St. Vincent De Paul Society, \$15,000
- u. Dorchester Skipjack Committee, \$15,000
- v. Harriet Tubman Center for Cultural and Educational Ad, \$15,000
- w. Downtown Cambridge Main St., \$50,000
- x. Zion Methodist Church, \$15,000
- y. Alpha Genesis Community Development, \$50,000
- z. YMCA, \$60,000
- aa. Macy's Lane Boys and Girls Club, \$50,000

**New Business:**

1. Approved a new contract for \$140,000 for police cameras.
2. Approved a new position for a School Resource Police Officer to work at Maces Lane Middle School. The Dorchester County Board of Education will pay \$44,000 toward funding for this position.
3. Approved an extension of the Trash pickup with Chesapeake Waste. The City will have to raise rates because of inflation. The current rate has been stable for a number of years.
4. The City Council will hold a retreat for itself on Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 to set priorities for the new year.

**Meetings:**

1. Several listening meetings with citizens and the City management. Check the City website for time and place.

**Public Comment:**

Dr. Theresa Stafford would like the Fire, Police, and EMTs units in the City to develop programs that would encourage youngsters of color to join these groups when they grow up.

A citizen from the Rescue Fire Committee, a volunteer, supported Dr. Stafford's idea.

**Department Comments:**

Acting Police Chief Todd said he changed the rotation schedule from 9 hours to 12 hours in order to meet all the demands on his department, The good news is that 5 new cadets will be joining the force this December.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53