

CAN Unofficial Notes on the Cambridge City Council

July 22, 2024

6:00 pm: Mayor convened Commission in regular session

Moment of silence dedicated to Jackie Vickers

Agenda

1. Mayor and Commissioners to approve or amend agenda as presented.
 - Letter sent from Pleasant Day Medical Adult Daycare to city manager asking that the Sustainable Community Boundary Revision, item 13 on agenda, be removed because the project is no longer viable.
 - Removal of item 13 approved. The rest of agenda approved.
2. Citation Honoring, Jacqueline “Jackie” Vickers
 - Jackie Vickers opened Pleasant Day Medical Adult Day Care in 1987 and provided a lifetime of comfort and care to elderly citizens and their families.
 - Jackie held the position of city commissioner from 2012 to 2016.Citation given to Judd Vickers by commissioners and mayor present.

Consent Agenda

Details for any of events are found on application attachments with city council agenda notes at choosecambridge.com

3. Shawanda McCray will hold “Family and Friends Cookout” on Saturday August 3, 2024, from 4pm-8pm at 1629 Osprey Circle. Requesting noise variance from 4pm-8pm.
4. **Alpha Genesis** is seeking to hold “**Knight Scope’s Robot Roadshow**” on Thursday **August 8, 2024**, from 10am- 2pm in City parking lot behind Chesapeake College. Set up on Wednesday August 7, 2024.
5. Jade Ward and Monique Giddens will hold “**School Supplies Bash/Giveaway**” on Saturday **August 10, 2024**, from 12pm-3pm at 911 Washington Street (Corner Lot). Rain date of Saturday August 17, 2024. Requesting for noise variance from 12pm-3pm.
6. **Emmanuel Hispanic Church of Cambridge** will hold “**Evangelistic Campaign**” on **Saturday August 10, 2024**, from 1pm-7pm on the corner of Race and Cedar Street.
7. **Cross Street Partners** is seeking to hold “**Youth Sports Expo**” on **Saturday August 24, 2024**, from 3pm-7pm at Packing House, 411 Dorchester Avenue and Cannery Park.
8. **RAR Brewing** will hold “**Glizzy Fest 24**” on **Saturday September 7, 2024**, from 10am-8pm on Poplar Street. Road closure from 10am-8pm.

9. **Dorchester Skipjack Committee** will hold “**Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race**” on **Saturday September 28, 2024**, from 9am-12pm at Long Wharf. Rain date of Sunday September 29, 2024.

10. **Dorchester Center for the Arts** will hold “**48th Dorchester Showcase**” on **Sunday September 29, 2024**, from 12pm-5pm in the downtown area. **Road closure from 11am-6pm.**

11. **Eastern Shore Wellness Solutions, Inc** will hold “**5K Awareness Walk for Breast Cancer**” on **Wednesday October 9, 2024**, from 5pm-6:30pm.

- Events all approved by city commissioners.

Ordinances for First Reading

none

Ordinances for Second Reading

none

Old Business

None

New Business

12. Planning and Zoning Appointments

- Council Agenda Report from Assistant City Manager Brandon Hesson
- Mayor wanted to appoint Matt Pluta for a full term
- Sputty Cephas wanted to re-appoint Robin Stanley to a full term
- Motions gave approval by all commissioners

13. Sustainable Community Boundary Revision REMOVED

14. Curfew Extension

- Council Agenda Report from Chief of Police, Justin Todd.
- Mayor thought it was a good idea to extend the curfew
- Legislation will be introduced at next meeting
- Ordinance will be amended
- *Teen Court of peers* will be set up to decide punishments for offender of mild infractions to avoid teens getting into the legal court system.
- Police Department working with Juvenile Services and the schools
- Mayor offered court chamber to the Teen Court coordinated with other scheduled meetings
- Questions/comments
 - Mayor commented that teen court familiarizes young people with how a courtroom trial works, what responsibilities lawyers and jurors have.

- Brian Roche asked if anyplace has done the Teen Court successfully.
Police Chief said it is working successfully in another county in Maryland.
- Jamison Harrington served on Talbot teen court when in high school and liked it.

15. Appointment of Cambridge City Manager

The City Council approved motion to appoint **Mr. W Glenn Steckman as City Manager**. He is expected to begin his new role in early September.

Meetings

All upcoming department meetings were read and will be posted on Choosecambridge.com

Public Comment

none

Department/Division Head Reports

16. Administrative Memo

Council Agenda Report from Assistant City Manager Brandon Hesson
no additions or comments

City Manager Comments

none

Commissioners' Comments

- Laurel Atkiss, Ward 1, commented on the positive impact and progress of West End sewer upgrades on the community.
- Lejan Cephas, Ward 2, gave a reminder that Community festival on Pine Street is this weekend.
- Spuddy Cephas, Ward 4, talked about outstanding citizen – Captain Herman Tavers, oysterman, served as Fire and Deputy Sheriff in the past. He passed away recently.

Mayor

17. Motion to hold a closed Session pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 3-305(b)(1);

to discuss personnel matters affecting specific individuals over whom the City Council has jurisdiction, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 3-305(b)(7) and (8) to obtain legal advice from, and consult with, the Special Counsel regarding pending litigation.

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