

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
REGULAR WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Councilmember Higgs called the meeting to order at 6: 21p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant, Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr., Councilmember Eugene Kennedy (Late), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson , Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Late)

Staff: Tiara Andrews, Code Enforcement Officer, Orson Carter, General Ledger Supervisor, LaTasha C. Gatling, City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Stephenson

**1.1.4. Approval of Agenda**

It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1. None**

**3. LEGISLATION**

**3.1. Ordinance O-14-10 Approval of Personnel Rules and Regulations Manual.** Ordinance O-14-10 was introduced by the City Council on Monday, January 6, 2014 and the first reading was held.

## **4. REPORTS:**

### **4.1. Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Grant stated that he does not have a report for this month's Regular Work Session.

### **4.2. City Administrator Report:**

- Ms. Gatling stated that the Christmas party was very successful and each employee received a gift.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Tax sale property is in its final stages.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Public Works Department had come in at 10:00p.m. to prepare for the snow. She was proud to say that Carrington Avenue was not a sheet of ice.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Martin Luther King Highway revitalization is coming along well.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she believed they will be receiving funding for CDBG PY39, as they have requested proof of insurance. She is waiting to receive the approval letter.
- Ms. Gatling stated that Addison Road has water backed up and the City has notified WSSC. WSSC stated that it will take at least 30 days.
- Councilmember Stephenson stated that WSSC was in Ward II measuring and the residents were concerned because they were not notified.
- Ms. Gatling state that they will be doing pipe replacement in several streets in the City. She stated that the City had placed the information in the October or November newsletter.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she will have Ms. Sanders to run it again in the next month newsletter.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Chief reported that crime was down by 33% in the last year.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Chief was nominated by the PG Police Association as the Executive Member-At-Large.
- Councilmember Porter stated that the light is out at 742 Booker Drive, which he called to report and nothing has been done.
- Ms. Gatling stated that Ukk undo oowaka, Code Enforcement Officer had gone through the City and reported each outage to Pepco.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the IGA Tiger Marker was purchased by Mr. Franco and he is interested in putting a 7 Eleven and a boost mobile store there.
- Councilmember Porter stated he would like for the City to establish the type of businesses that can be in the City.

- Councilmember Porter stated that he would like for Mr. Franco to come before the Council in the February Regular Work Session
- Councilmember Higgs stated that he received a letter for rusted fence. He stated that he will be in compliance when the weather permits.

- 

#### **4.3. Council Committee Report**

- The City Council did not have any committee reports for the meeting.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1. City Administrator Supply Line Budget**

- Ms. Gatling stated that the items were ordered from the supply line prior to her arrival.
- Ms. Gatling stated that if the City sent flowers, fruit baskets or get well wishes to anyone it was deducted from the City Administrator Supply line.
- Ms. Gatling asked the City Council for approval to use \$2,000 from the City Administrator Contingency to supplement the necessary needs from now until June 30, 2014.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she will be proposing in the next budget to have a benevolence fund separate from the supply line budget.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Simms to approve the City Administrator to spend \$2000 from the City Administrator contingency for supplies. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

#### **5.2. Charter Recommended Changes**

- The City Council tabled the discussion of the Charter Recommended Changes.

#### **5.3. Feggans Center Assessment Report**

- It was recommended by Councilmember Simms to discuss the report in the Special Session scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2014.
- The City Council agreed to discuss the report in the Special Session.

#### **5.4. G.S. Proctor & Associates Proposal**

- Council President Yeargin stated he had a conversation with a staff member at G.S. Proctor Associates and they informed him that they can get money for the City.

- Councilmember Higgs asked if money was allocated in the budget for a lobbyist.
- Councilmember Simms stated the Council had decided they will have an RFP for a lobbyist when the City has something for them to lobby.
- The Council agreed to place the item in the Government Affairs and Technology Committee.

#### **5.5. Employee Health Insurance Contribution**

- Ms. Gatling stated she has provided the Council with a copy of other municipality contributions towards the employees insurance.
- Ms. Gatling stated the numbers are not realistic because of the number of employees that may be covered and the ages of the employees.
- Ms. Gatling wanted to know how much the Council wanted to contribute to the insurance cost.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the City council cover the employees at the rate of 66%, but the employee could be responsible for their dependents.
- Mayor Grant asked the City Administrator what was her recommendations.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she would recommend the coverage remain the same for the employees and the employee dependents at 40%.
- Mayor Grant requested three examples broken down by Tier's with the current amount and the recommendations from the Administration.

### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **6.1. None**

### **7 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **7.1. MD General Assembly Convenes, Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 12:00p.m., Annapolis, MD**
- **7.2. Public Session, Monday, January 13, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**
- **7.3. Ward V Meeting, Thursday, January 23, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 5:30p.m.**
- **7.4. Ward II Community Meeting, Thursday, January 23, 2014, Pleasant Homes Community Center, 6810 Greig St., from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.**
- **7.5. Black History Month Activity, Raisin Cane: A Harlem Renaissance Odyssey, Starring Jasmine Guy, Friday, February 7, 2014, MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND!! Seats are limited, bus will leave City Hall at 9:30a.m.**

- 7.6. **Black History Month Activity, Black Wax Museum. Friday, February 14, 2014, MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND!!! Seats are limited, bus will leave City Hall at 8:30a.m.**
- 7.7. **Black History Month Activity, Movie Night, Friday, February 21, 2014, Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 "FREE" and Open to the Public at 7:00p.m., Showing the Movie "42"**
- 7.8. **Black History Month Activity, Movie Night, Friday, February 28, 2014, Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 "FREE" and Open to the Public at 7:00p.m., Showing the Movie "The Great Debaters"**

**ADJOURN**-The meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham  
City Clerk