

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember Stephenson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

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

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- None

3. MEETING TOPICS:

3.1.1. Feggans Center Demolition

- Ms. Gatling stated the City Council gave her permission to move forward with an RFP for the Feggans Center.
- Ms. Gatling stated that they had received seven responses and they would like to move forward with Barco Enterprise, Co.
- Ms. Gatling stated that option 1 would be to pay for the demolition from the Speed Camera fund.
- Ms. Gatling stated that Option 2 would be the \$40,000 Greendale Capital Improvement, \$35,000 City Administrator Contingency Fund and \$75,000 Prior Year Camera Funds.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilwoman Simms to use the speed camera funds to demolish the building. The motioned carried and unanimously approved.
- Councilmember Raynor inquired if the demolition of the building would fall under the specified use for the Speed Camera funds.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Speed Camera funds can be used for Public Safety, and the building does fall under public safety.

3.1.2. Property Demolition Update

- Ms. Gatling stated the City Attorney is in communication with the County Attorney regarding the demolishing of the properties in Seat Pleasant
- The County Attorney stated that they will need a letter from the City to move forward with demolishing of the properties.
- The City Attorney will update her next week on any additional needs.

3.1.3. Gaskin Property Update

- Ms. Gatling stated the appraisal was performed on Friday, March 7, 2014.
- Ms. Gatling stated that they are waiting on the appraisal numbers to come back.
- Councilmember Yeargin inquired on the status of the building and the repairs.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the City would need to do some repairs on the building and she had revised the Proposed FY2015 budget to reflect the Gaskin Property.
- Councilmember Higgs inquired on the numbers for the purchase of the property after the appraised value.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the if the appraisal comes in at the contract price the City will pay the \$430,000 and if it is less there will be negotiations.

3.1.4. Police Department and the Lease

- Ms. Gatling that Capitol One does not want to renew the lease for the building, but they want to keep the ATM.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she needs permission to move forward with the Trailers.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the most expensive cost is the set-up which will between \$4,000-\$8,000.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she will be putting the RFP out for one week to get some concrete numbers.
- Councilmember Higgs inquired if the City could own the buildings.
- Ms. Gatling stated that you can purchase, lease or lease purchase the trailers.
- Ms. Gatling requested for the RFP to put out as a permanent building because she does not know what will happen in the next five years.

- Ms. Gatling stated that the funding source will be the speed camera funds or the City Administrator contingency that will not require a budget amendment.
- Councilmember Higgs stated that he feels that they Council should use the Camera funds, as the City Administrator contingency maybe needed.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she wanted to clear up some misconception regarding the speed camera funds. She stated that the City receives \$20,000 per month.
- Ms. Gatling stated that one of the concerns in Annapolis and of the residents is they feel that the money is being used as slush money. She feels that at this point this would be true for the City.
- Councilwoman Simms inquired if there will be any other cost for the trailer.
- Ms. Gatling stated that there will be a cost for plumbing or either a septic tank. The city does not have any blue prints for the site to verify where the plumbing lines are located.
- Councilwoman Simms inquired if the grounds will need to be leveled.
- Ms. Gatling stated that it was stated by Mr. Thompson that the jersey walls will need to be removed. She can come back to inform the Council if any cost in leveling the land would be necessary.
- Ms. Gatling read the e-mail from Horning Brothers regarding the lease for the Police Department, which states that they will prepare the lease for January 1, 2015. However, Capitol One will not sign a lease with the City.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Police Department can use the site until January and have the trailers too. The current site can be used as a satellite office for complaints.
- Councilmember Higgs inquired if the trailers will be stabilized and what is the status of the shed on the site.
- Ms. Gatling stated they will be stable trailers and the shed will stay on the lot, as the Public Works Department keep the salt in the shed. They will be repairing the shed.
- Councilmember Higgs wanted to know if they will be getting one, two or three trailers.
- Ms. Gatling stated that they will be getting a trailer that is larger than the current occupied space of the police department.
- Ms. Gatling pointed out the picture in the packet that is a modular building and it is two stories. They were thinking of doing two of the

trailers with a connection to allow a reception area, conference room, Code Enforcement Officer and the police officers.

- Ms. Gatling stated that one of the companies had done New Carrollton modular office building in a trailer.
- Councilmember Yeargin stated that he will be meeting with someone on his job regarding furniture. He will provide the information to the City Administrator.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the City Administrator to lease the trailers for the Police Department using speed camera funds. The motion carried.
- FOR: Higgs, Porter, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson and Yeargin
- ABSTAIN: Kennedy
- AGAINST: None

- Councilmember Porter inquired if the location of the trailers will be on the old police lot and if the City Administrator had considered any other locations in the City.
- Ms. Gatling stated the other locations in the City are being used.
- Councilmember Porter stated that the City owns 3.5 acres of land behind Marks Auto on Carrington.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1.1. None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1.1. None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1.1. Public Session, Monday, March 17, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.

6.1.2. Ward V Meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 5:30p.m.

6.1.3. PGCMA Meeting, Thursday, March 20, 2014 from 6:00pm-9:00pm, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD

6.1.4. Ward II Community Meeting, Thursday, March 27, 2014 Pleasant Homes Community Center, 6810 Greig St., Seat Pleasant, MD from 6:00pm-8:00pm

6.1.5. Regular Work Session, Monday, April 7, 2014 Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00pm

6.1.6. Public Session, Monday, April 14, 2014 Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.

6.1.7. FY2015 Budget Hearing, Monday, April 21, 2014 Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.

6.1.8. FY2015 Budget Hearing, Saturday, April 26, 2014 Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 10:00am

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 6:40p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk

APPROVED 04/14/14