

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, MAY, 12, 2014
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember Yeargin called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

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

Staff: Robert L. Ashton, City Treasurer, Christopher Cotillo, Chief of Police, 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 Porter to approve the agenda. The motion carried and the agenda was unanimously approved.

1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Regular Work Session meeting minutes for Monday, April 7, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Wednesday, April 9, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Simms to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, April 14, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for Wednesday, April 16, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Wednesday, April 16, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the FY2015 Budget Hearing meeting minutes for Monday, April 21, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the FY2015 Budget Hearing meeting minutes for Saturday, April 26, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Monday, April 28, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Honorable Joanne Benson, Senator

- Senator Benson did not attend the Public Session on Monday, May 12, 2014.

3. LEGISLATION

3.1. None

4. REPORTS:

4.1. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Grant was absent from the Public Session on Monday, May 12, 2014 and no written report was submitted.

4.2. Council President Report

- Council President Yeargin stated that his report was on the Information stand for the month of April.

4.3. Dave McGill, Fire Chief

- Chief McGill was absent from the Public Session and provided a written report, which states the following:
- The Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department 4th Annual Crab Feast will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 2:00p.m.
- The Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department is seeking two grants for the purchase of a new ambulance and training of the Volunteer Fire Fighters.
- The Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department had participated in several career day presentations at two area schools.
- They had participated in the parade and festival of the "Unity in the Community" with Councilwoman Toles.
- They had participated in and awarded two families with Christmas in April.
- One of the members had received an Honor of Valor award for assisting with saving lives during the Navy Yard shooting.

4.4. City Administrator Report:

- Ms. Gatling stated that Seat Pleasant Day will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Please join us for the Health Fair and receive health information from Prince George's County Health Department.
- Ms. Gatling stated that every Thursday she has meetings with residents from 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Please do not wait until the Public Session to speak of any concerns, please feel free to schedule a meeting with her.

4.6. Police Department Report

- Chief Cotillo stated that during the month of April the Police Department participated in the School House Grant and issued 20 Citations around Seat Pleasant Elementary School and the bus stop.
- The Seat Pleasant Police Department participated in the Unity in the Community parade on Saturday, April 12, 2014.
- Chief Cotillo stated that he attended the Municipal Police Executive Association Training from April 21-24, 2014 in Ocean City, MD.
- Chief Cotillo stated members of the Police Department participated with Christmas in April events in the City and the Drug Enforcement Agencies, National Prescription Drug Take Back Program on Saturday, April 26, 2014.
- Chief Cotillo stated that during the month of April the "Walk the Beat Initiative" in Wards II, III and IV, which resulted in 10 traffic citations being issued, 6 arrests being made and 5 suspicious person stops.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT

Amanda Feggans, 300 69th St.

- Ms. Feggans stated that she hoped all had a wonderful Mother's Day.
- Ms. Feggans stated that she wanted to fuss at the Council tonight.
- Ms. Feggans stated that when a Councilmember plans an event in the City the Council should attend the meeting.
- Ms. Feggans stated that the we had elected officials from the County and State. The event was well organized and advertised.
- Ms. Feggans stated that none of the seven councilmember's attended the event.
- Ms. Feggans stated that the Councilmember for Ward II had done an excellent job in planning and coordinating the event.
- Ms. Feggans stated that she is very disappointed in the Council for not participating in the event.
- Councilwoman Stephenson stated that she wanted to publicly thank Mrs. Feggans and Mrs. Kennedy for assisting and participating with the event.

Mr. Martin Tillman-6308 Foote St

- Mr. Tillman stated that he was pleased to see a bull dozer on Foote Street to remove the property of concern.
- Mr. Tillman stated that he is concerned with the posting of flyers in the community. He stated that he would take them down, if he could.
- Mr. Tillman stated that they are still double parking in front of Bank of America on Martin Luther King, Jr., Hwy.

- Mr. Tillman stated that he wanted to start a neighborhood watch program. He stated that he went to court for someone stealing his lawn mower on today and if the neighbor did not see the person an arrest may not have been made.
- Mr. Tillman stated that he wanted to help the community by getting involved.

- **Ms. Eva Stokes-603 64th Pl**
- Ms. Stokes stated that she has problem with water on her property and flowing down her street.
- Ms. Stokes stated that it is affecting her and the neighbors on her street.
- Ms. Stokes stated that one of the neighbors had dug a trench and it is full with water.
- Ms. Stokes stated that the water has entered her garage and in her crawl space and she had a sump pump installed in her property.
- Ms. Stokes stated that she needs to know what to do and she is asking for help.
- Ms. Stokes stated that the water is flowing so fast that she cannot dump it in a timely manner.
- Council President Yeargin stated that she may be in luck, as we had a similar problem on Carrington Avenue.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she and Mr. Thompson will be over her house tomorrow, Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

- **Ms. Barbara Kennedy-6110 Addison Rd**
- Ms. Kennedy stated that it is so refreshing to hear someone come with a solution.
- Ms. Kennedy stated that Seat Pleasant Day is coming up and she hopes that the residents will participate.
- Mrs. Kennedy stated that there are events in the City and the residents are not participating.

- **Mr. Hayward Hodges-401 70th Pl.**
- Mr. Hodges inquired if the changes to the proposed budget book be provided to the residents.
- Council President Yeargin stated that a copy of the budget book will be available closer to May 19, 2014.

- Mr. Hodges inquired of the concerns in certain line items if the increasing were approved.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the document has been changed in accordance to the Council wishes.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1. None

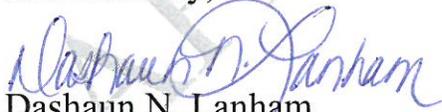
8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. Annual Seat Pleasant Day, Saturday, May 17, 2014, Ceremony at 9:30a.m., Parade at 10:00a.m., Park Activities begin at Noon.**
- 8.2. Special Session, Tuesday, May 27, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers for the Adoption of FY2015 Budget at 6:00p.m.**
- 8.3. Regular Work Session, Monday, June 2, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 8.4. Public Session, Monday, June 16, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**
- 8.5. Special Session, Monday, May 19, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m. for the first reading of the FY2015 Budget**
- 8.6. Special Session, Tuesday, May 27, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m. for the second reading of FY2015 Budget.**

9 ADJOURN

ADJOURN-The meeting adjourned at 7:42p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk