

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE, 16, 2014
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember Yeargin called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

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

Staff: 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 Higgs

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Higgs 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 Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Simms to approve the Regular Work Session meeting minutes for Monday, May 5, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Simms to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, May 12, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Simms to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Monday, May 19, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Simms to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Tuesday, May 27, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Sherri Kittrell, Facility Director, Seat Pleasant Activity Center

- Ms. Kittrell provided the City Council with programs that are being held at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center.
- Ms. Kittrell stated that the annual funding that the City provides to the Activity Center can assist some of the parents with Fee Assistance program, the Basket Ball Camp, Explorer Camp or the Summer Camp.
- Ms. Kittrell stated that the Summer Playground will be operated from June 23-August 3, 2014.

2.2. Marcus Jones, President, Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department

- Mr. Jones stated that the annual contribution for the Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department will assist them with obtaining an Ambulance, which will allow them to collect 100% of the fees.
- Mr. Jones stated that the current Fire Truck is 20 years old and needs to be replaced.
- Mr. Jones stated that the County bills are eliminating funding for the Volunteer Fire Departments from the CIP funding.
- Mayor Grant inquired if the Department was against revenue sharing.
- Mr. Jones stated that they are not against revenue sharing.

2.3. Olga Pabon, Principal, Seat Pleasant Elementary School

- Ms. Pabon was unable to attend the meeting on Monday, June 16, 2014.
- The City Council requested for the Mayor to plan a ceremony with the three entities for the annual contribution.

- Mayor Grant requested the City Clerk to coordinate with Ms. Rhoda a date for the presentation and the ceremony.

3. LEGISLATION

3.1. Resolution R-14-15 Adoption of Accounting Policies and Procedures.

Resolution R-14-15 was introduced by the City Council and read on Monday, June 16, 2014. It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to approve Resolution R-14-15. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

4. REPORTS:

4.1. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Grant stated that he wanted to yield a few minutes of time to two candidates for office.
- Mayor Grant stated Councilmember Miller from Capitol Heights was would to come before the Council to talk about how Seat Pleasant and Capitol Heights can collaborate.
- Mayor Grant thanked Ms. Kittrell for the work that she's doing at Seat Pleasant Activity Center and President Jones for their volunteer service as a fire fighter.
- Mayor Grant stated that the Fire Department will be celebrating 100 years ago in September 2015.
- Mayor Grant visited the rebuilt McDonald's and was informed by the owner that other owners stated Seat Pleasant is crime ridden.
- Mayor Grant stated that we need to promote our City with a robust area on our website.
- Mayor Grant stated with sadness the passing of Former Councilmember Gallion and the services will be held on Friday, June 20, 2014.
- Mayor Grant stated that they have started a new protocol to have the current Council with officers to stand at the left and right of the coffin to give a salute.
- Mayor Grant requested for the Councilmember's that served with Mr. Gallion to share your thoughts on the type of man he was.
- Councilmember Higgs stated that Former Councilmember Gallion was a very detailed and contentious man who cared about the City.
- Councilmember Higgs stated that he and his family was very caring towards the City.

- Councilmember Porter stated that he was approachable and cared about the City who brought information back from the conferences to the City.
- Councilmember Higgs stated that he visited him often in the nursing home.
- Mayor Grant stated the family thanked Councilmember Higgs and Councilwoman Stephenson for receiving them.
- Mayor Grant requested for the Council to inform Mrs. Lanham if they will be attending the services.
- Mayor Grant stated that he would like for the Council to reconsider the position of Executive Assistant.
- Mayor Grant presented the resume of Mr. Ayu former Nuisance and Abatement Coordinator for the City.

4.2. Council President Report

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

4.3. Dave McGill, Fire Chief

- Chief McGill was absent from the Public Session and did not provide a written report for the month of May.

4.4. City Administrator Report:

- Ms. Gatling stated that Seat Pleasant Day was a success.
- Ms. Gatling stated that we have several events coming up this summer to be hosted in Goodwin Park. We have Zumba on June 20, 2014 from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. and Jazz Night on July 3, 2014.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Newsletter for June/July has the Activity Center events on page 3 and the Senior Corner on Page 6.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Citizen Green Grant Program applications should be available on June 3, 2014. The flyer announcing the program will go into the community on June 3, 2014. The application are due on June 24, 2014.
- Ms. Gatling stated that we received CDBG funding for PY40 in the amount of \$150, 363, which is an increase of \$39,000 from PY39
- Ms. Gatling stated that the demolition of the Feggans Center has begun with the cleaning of the building. They will be tearing down the walls this month.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Officers are monitoring the area for safety concerns 24 hours.
- Ms. Gatling stated the Mosquito program will be spraying from June 2-September every Thursday night.

- Ms. Gatling stated that the Citywide Clean-up for Ward 3 and 4 will be on June 21, 2014 and Ward 5 will be held on June 28, 2014.

4.6. Police Department Report

- Chief Cotillo stated that during the month of May the Police Department had 21 on view arrest and 9 warrants served, for a total of 30 arrests.
- Chief Cotillo stated that the Police Department handled 195 calls for service
- Chief Cotillo stated that 76 reports were written and submitted and 205 traffic citations were issued.
- Chief Cotillo stated that on Thursday, May 22, 2014 two members of the Police Department received officer of the year awards from Prince George's County Police Chiefs' Association. Lt. Ivey and Officer Lowery.
- Chief Cotillo stated that during the month of May members of the police department continued to the "walk the beat initiative". During the month of May officers walked beats in Wards IV, I and II These efforts resulted in 13 traffic citations being issued and 6 arrests being made and 4 person suspicious stops.
- Chief Cotillo stated that they held on Safety Forum on June 7, 2014 at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT

- There were no citizen comments for the month of June.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1. None

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1. Seat Pleasant "Let's Move Program", Friday, June 20, 2014, Goodwin Park, Zumba for Senior at 6:00p.m., and Regular Zumba at 7:00p.m.

8.2. City Wide Clean-Up, Saturday, June 21, 2014, Ward III & IV from 7:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

8.3. City Wide Clean-Up, Saturday, June 28, 2014, Ward V from 7:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

- 8.4. Seat Pleasant "Jazz in the Park", Thursday, July 3, 2014, Goodwin Park from 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m.
- 8.5. Regular Work Session, Monday, July 7, 2014 Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.
- 8.6. Seat Pleasant "Let's Move Program", Friday, July 11, 2014, Goodwin Park, Zumba for Kids at 6:00p.m., and Regular Zumba at 7:00p.m.
- 8.7. Seat Pleasant "Let's Move Program", Saturday, July 12, 2014, Goodwin Park, Boot Camp from 8:00a.m.-9:00a.m.
- 8.8. Public Session, Monday, July 14, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.
- 8.9. Seat Pleasant "Let's Move Program", Friday, August 1, 2014, Goodwin Park, Yoga from 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- 8.10. Seat Pleasant Police Department, National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5, 2014, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
- 8.11. Seat Pleasant "Let's Move Program", Saturday, August 9, 2014, Goodwin Park, Boot Camp from 8:00a.m.-9:00a.m.
- 8.12. Seat Pleasant Back to School Movie Night, Saturday, August 16, 2014, Goodwin Park at 8:00p.m.

9 ADJOURN

ADJOURN-The meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk