

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
REGULAR WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Simms called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

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

Staff: Robert Ashton, City Treasurer, Chris Cotillo, Chief, Tiffani Darby, Administrative Assistant, LaTasha C. Gatling, City Administrator, Earl Ivey, Lieutenant, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Jane Talbert, Grants Writer, Michael Warrick, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer, UkkunkdoOhwaka, Nuisance & Abatement Coordinator

**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 Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Yeargin to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1. Bruce Bates & Willie Weiner Bates Trucking**

- Council President Simms stated that the Council was interested in viewing the contract without any carts by extending the existing contracts.
- Mr. Weiner stated that we had options for 1, 3 and 5 years. The terms \$21, 300 per month.

- Council President Simms stated that the City does not pay for vacant homes and she would like to know how do they determine the cost.
- Mr. Bates stated that the monthly number is based on 1,400 homes. He stated that we need to know the accurate count of the homes based on the current contract.
- Councilmember Higgs and Mr. Bates stated that we will need to get an accurate house count.
- Council President Simms inquired if the pick-up will be reduced from two days to one day.
- Mr. Bates stated that it will be throughout Prince George's County as of July 1, 2015. Colmar Manor just reduced to one day and the purchased the carts.
- Mr. Bates stated that the most trash days are on the week-ends, the carts will increase the recycling.
- Mr. Bates stated that the if you purchase the carts the cost will be about the same.
- Mr. Bates stated that he can provide the City with a new proposal upon receipt of an accurate house number count from the staff.
- Mr. Bates stated that the biggest savings is in the five years contract, which will provide approximately \$500 savings per month.
- Ms. Gatling stated that when the numbers are provided she can provide the Council with the current and proposed numbers in the budget.
- Mr. Bates stated that if you change to once a week and purchase the carts the rate will be the same.
- Mr. Bates stated that we need to work with the City more on recycling by sending his recycling coordinator to the school.
- Council President Simms requested that Mr. Bates provide information to be included in the City Newsletter.
- Mr. Bates stated that they can send information on recycling and e-cycling.
- Council President Simms asked the City Council if they wanted to go with 1 3 or 5 years.
- Mr. Bates stated that we have an on-call list, which is for the seniors and the list will be provided by the City.
- Council President Simms stated that we are working on a new contract for now and renegotiating for the fiscal year.
- Council President Simms stated that the City Administrator will be in contact with Bates.

## **2.2. Jocelyn Harris, Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.**

- Ms. Harris stated that she's here tonight to ask the City Council support to invest a \$150,000 in Community Legacy funding to purchase and rehab the home located at 6202 Field St., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743.
- Ms. Harris stated that she usually comes to the City for support with an unknown amount, but the difference is they have the funding and have identified the property.
- Ms. Harris stated that they are currently under contract with the bank to purchase the property.
- Ms. Talbert stated that HIP had assisted the City by providing a City resident with roof.
- Ms. Talbert stated that Community Legacy funding is being provided to corporation and the City is looking to partner with HIP this year.
- Councilmember Higgs inquired if they will be looking for additional properties in the City.
- Ms. Harris stated that they have unidentified funding to purchase properties throughout Prince George's County.
- Ms. Harris stated that they use the proceed of the funds to purchase the next property.

### **3. REPORTS:**

#### **3.1. Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Grant was absent from the meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015.

#### **3.2. City Administrator Report:**

- Ms. Gatling stated that the Police Department are in the new home.
- Ms. Gatling stated that CDBG funding has come in, but the approved streets are the ones that the WSSC are working on. We are going to request to get approval for other streets or an extension on the existing proposal.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the City has salt and will be using SHA as a back-up.
- Ms. Gatling stated that we had talked sometime ago about the State Retirement plan. They will need to come out to do a study.
- Ms. Gatling stated that it was a misconception on the cost to enroll into the State of Maryland retirement plan.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she attended the Maryland City County Association luncheon meeting. They are looking for City Administrator's to work on committees. She will be willing to work on committee that does not require a lot of work.

- Ms. Gatling stated that the work is completed on MLK. The signs will be installed shortly.
- Councilmember Yeargin stated that it is combs on MLK by the McDonald's.
- Mr. UKK stated that it is a water issue and the location will need to be re-graded.
- Councilwoman Stephenson wanted to know if there will be another sign, perhaps larger for when the lane ends. The smaller sign is right there and the lane ends.
- Councilwoman Stephenson stated that it is a concern with her residents and she would like to avoid fatalities.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she feels that some of it will a learning curve for the lane reduction.

### **3.3. Departmental Reports**

- The Department Heads read and presented their reports to the City Council for the month of December.
- The City Council questions were answered and suggestions was noted by the Department Heads from the Council.

### **3.4. City Council Committee Reports**

- The City Council did not have any committee reports for the month of December.

## **4. LEGISLATION**

**4.1. Ordinance O-15-03 Chapter 12-City Hall.** Ordinance O-15-03 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, December 1, 2014. The second reading of Ordinance O-15-03 was conducted on Monday, January 5, 2015. It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to approve Ordinance O-15-03. The motion carried.

FOR: Higgs, Kennedy, Simms and Stephenson

AGAINST: Yeargin

ABSTAIN: Raynor

**4.2. Ordinance O-15-04 Amendment of Chapter 18-Ethics.** Ordinance O-15-04 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, January 5, 2015.

**4.3. Ordinance O-15-05 Amendment of Chapter 30-Personnel Appeals Board.** Ordinance O-15-04 was introduced by the City Council and ready by the City Clerk on Monday, January 5, 2015.

**4.4. Charter Amendment Resolution R-15-12 City Administrator.** Charter Amendment Resolution R-15-12 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, January 5, 2015. It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Higgs to suspend the rules on reading the entire legislation. The motioned carried and was approved by the City Council to suspend rules on reading.

**4.5. Resolution R-15-13 To Support Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc Project.** Resolution R-15-13 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, January 5, 2015. It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve Resolution R-15-13. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **5.1. Update on Outstanding Speed Camera Collection Contract**

- Ms. Gatling stated that one of the companies had back out of the competitive bid process.
- The second company proposal for services has been submitted to the Council for review.

### **5.2. Financial Advisor Duties and Responsibilities**

- Council President Simms stated that she would like to have an Ad-hoc committee review the job description and bring back a recommendation to the City Council.
- The ad-hoc committee consist of Council President Simms, Councilmember Higgs and Councilmember Stephenson.

### **5.3. Review of Proposed Changes to Strategic Plan**

- City Clerk Lanham stated the University of Maryland had captured the recommendations from the City Council during the Strategic Workshop.
- The City Council reviewed and approved the changes to the Strategic Plan.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **6.1. None**

**7 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 7.1. Public Session, Monday, January 12, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**
- 7.2. 432nd Session of Maryland General Assembly, Wednesday, January 14-Monday, April 13, 2015, Annapolis, MD.**
- 7.3. PGCMA Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 2015, College Park Municipal Building, 4500 Knox Rd., College Park, MD from 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.**
- 7.4. Regular Work Session, Monday, February 2, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 7.5. Public Session, Monday, February 9, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**

**ADJOURN**-The meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk