

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
PUBLIC SESSION  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015  
7:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Councilmember Simms called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Late), Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr., Councilmember Eugene Kennedy (Excused), Councilmember Kelly Porter (Excused), Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin. Mayor Grant departed the meeting at 7:24p.m.

Staff: Christopher Cotillo, Chief of Police, LaTasha C. Gatling, City Administrator, Earl Ivey, Lieutenant and 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 Raynor 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 Stephenson to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for Monday, October 6, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
  
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Regular Work Session meeting

minutes for Monday, October 6, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, July 21, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, October 13, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Friday, October 17, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for Monday, November 3, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Regular Work Session meeting minutes for Monday, November 3, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, November 10, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the Regular Work Session meeting minutes for Monday, December 1, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Wednesday, December 10, 2014. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **2. PRESENTATIONS:**

### **2.1. Swearing-In of Officer Joan Powell**

- Officer Powell was sworn-in by Mayor Grant.

## **3. LEGISLATION**

**3.1. 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. The second reading was held on Monday, January 12, 2015. It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve Ordinance O-15-04 with changes. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

**3.2. Ordinance O-15-05 Amendment of Chapter 30-Personnel Appeals Board.** Ordinance O-15-05 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 Councilmember Raynor to suspend the rules on reading Ordinance O-15-05. The motion carried and Ordinance O-15-05 was unanimously approved with changes.

**3.3. 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 Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to suspend the rules on reading the Resolution R-15-12. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

## **4. REPORTS:**

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

- Mayor Grant departed the meeting early and did not provide a report.

#### **4.2. Council President Report**

- Council President Simms stated that her report was on the Information stand for the month of December.

#### **4.3. Dave McGill, Fire Chief**

- The Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department did not provide a report for the month of December.
- The City Administrator stated that they have a new Fire Chief, which the name has not been provided.

#### **4.4. City Administrator Report:**

- Ms. Gatling stated that the City has signed a contract with the State Highway Administrator for salt. The City has a back-up agency in the event the State is unable to provide salt.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the College Information Session was held on November 22, 2014. The students and parents learned how to choose a career, select a college and identify resources for paying for college tuition.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the work on Martin Luther King, Jr., Highway has been completed.

### **5. CITIZEN COMMENT**

- James Wright-70th St.- Mr. Wright inquired on the police officers ability to work part-time jobs. Mr. Wright stated that Ms. Gatling is doing a wonderful job and she's being noticed through-out the State for the work she's doing. He stated that she's being praised as a problem solver.
- Councilmember Darrell Miller- Councilmember Miller stated that he is working with Delegate Darrell Barnes and if the City has any concerns that he can address, please let him know. Councilmember Miller stated Boys & Girls Club will be having an event on February 8, 2015. He would like a person from Seat Pleasant community or the Council to be on the board. He will provide additional details in the future. Councilmember Miller stated that he's running for the Democratic Central Committee and he's a political activist for NAACP.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**6.1. None**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.1. None**

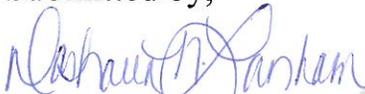
**8 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 8.1. 432nd Session of Maryland General Assembly, Wednesday, January 14, 2015-April 13, 2015, Annapolis, MD**
- 8.2. PGCMA Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 2015, College Park Municipal Building, 4500 Knox Rd., College Park, MD from 7:00p.m-9:00p.m**
- 8.3. Regular Work Session, Monday, February 2, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 8.4. Public Session, Monday, February 9, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**
- 8.5. AARP Tax Preparation, Wednesday, February 4-Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. FREE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!**

**9 ADJOURN**

**ADJOURN**-The meeting adjourned at 7:34p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk