

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr. (Late), Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

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

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

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. None

3. REPORTS:

3.1. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Grant was absent from the meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015.

3.2. City Administrator Report:

- Ms. Gatling provided the City Council with an update on the status of the Police Station site.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the FY2016 City Budget is currently underway to be submitted to Mayor Grant.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the snow removal went well and no complaints were received.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the AARP Tax Preparation will begin this week.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Seat Pleasant Business Breakfast was held on Friday, January 30, 2015. We had ten businesses to participate. She will be submitting a separate report on the meeting.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the February Newsletter mailing will include the apartment complexes within the City.

3.3. Departmental Reports

- The Department Heads read and presented their reports to the City Council for the month of January.
- 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 January.
- Council President Simms had assigned the Vacant Property registration to the Economic Development, Housing & Planning Committee.
- Council President Simms had assigned the Police Department Non-Profit in the Public Safety Committee.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1. Override the Mayor's Veto of 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 Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to override the Mayor's Veto of Ordinance O-15-03. The motion carried.

FOR: Higgs, Kennedy, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson

AGAINST: Yeargin and Porter

ABSTAIN: None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Update on Outstanding Speed Camera Collection Contract

- Ms. Gatling stated that one of the company's had decided not to provide the services to the City.
- Ms. Gatling stated that we had submitted the proposal services to the City Council for review and approval to enter into an agreement with the company.
- Council President Simms asked the City Council if they wanted to move forward with the one company and provide a competitive waiver. The Council agreed.

5.2. Financial Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

- Council President Simms stated that she would like input from the full Council on the duties of the Financial Advisor to allow the Ad-hoc Committee to present the revise duties to the City Administrator.
- The City Council agreed to meet briefly after the Regular Work Session to add their input.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1. Police Department Non-Profit

- Chief Cotillo read the presentation to the City Council detailing the benefits and needs for the Non Profit for the City of Seat Pleasant Police Department.
- Chief Cotillo stated that this is resource for the Police Department to think outside the box and not seek any resources from the City.
- Chief Cotillo stated that he can serve on the board and a Councilmember can serve as well.
- Ms. Noreen Banks stated that the non-profit will fund some of the current programs and additional programs from the City. There are companies that will provide funding for a Junior Explorer program to a non-profit, but not a City.
- Ms. Banks stated that the Non-Profit will not need additional personnel.
- Councilmember Porter stated that the concern may be if the current staffing can handle additional programs.
- Ms. Gatling inquired if non-profit could carry liability insurance.
- Ms. Banks stated that she can look into liability insurance for the non-profit.
- Council President Simms had replaced the request in the Public Safety & Civil Rights Committee.

6.2. Legislation Process

- Council President Simms stated that it was question regarding a Charter Amendment Resolution being read a second time.
- The City Council agreed that all questions and discussion will be held during the first reading and the second reading will be the vote without questions or discussion.

6.3. Quarterly Reports-Open for Discussion

- Council President Simms stated that the City Council had a meeting with the City Administrator for the first quarter reports. She wanted to know if the Council had any questions regarding the quarterly reports.
- Council President Simms stated that the City Administrator last evaluations was held on July 28, 2014. She would like the Council to review the previous Resolution to appoint for discussion of a new contract.

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1. 432nd Session of Maryland General Assembly, Wednesday, January 14-Monday, April 13, 2015, Annapolis, MD.**
- 7.2. AARP Tax Preparation, Wednesday, February 4-Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. FREE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!**
- 7.3. National Museum of African Arts, Friday, February 6, 2015 from 9:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Docent-led Tour MUST BE PRE REGISTER WITH MS. DARBY TO ATTEND**
- 7.4. Public Session, Monday, February 9, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**
- 7.5. PGCMA Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 2015, Colmar Manor Town Hall, 3701 Lawrence St., Colmar Manor, MD from 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.**
- 7.6. Montpelier Art Center, Friday, February 20, 2015 from 9:30a.m.-1:00p.m.. Glancing Back and Looking Forward: 100 Years of African American Culture and History in Prince George's County MUST PRE REGISTER WITH MS. DARBY TO ATTEND.**
- 7.7. Regular Work Session, Monday, March 2, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 7.8. Public Session, Monday, March 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

APPROVED 03/11/15