

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
PUBLIC SESSION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015  
7:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Councilmember Simms called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

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

Staff: LaTasha C. Gatling, City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Officer Whitaker

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Porter

**1.1.4. Approval of Agenda**

It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the agenda with amendments. 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 Kennedy to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for Monday, January 5, 2015. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
  
- It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve the Regular Work Session meeting minutes for

Monday, January 5, 2015. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for Monday, January 5, 2015. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, January 12, 2015. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **2. PRESENTATIONS:**

### **2.1. None**

## **3. LEGISLATION**

**3.1. Resolution R-15-14 to amend Resolution R-15-13 to support the Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. Community Legacy Plan Project was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, February 9, 2015. It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve Resolution R-15-14. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.**

## **4. REPORTS:**

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

- Mayor Grant stated that he did not have a report.

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

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

### **4.3. J.T. Williams, Fire Chief**

- The Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department did not have report for the month of January.

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

- Ms. Gatling stated that AARP is here in the City preparing taxes for individuals with a low to moderate income and over the age of 65. They are here every Wednesday by appointment only.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the newsletter for the month of February was mailed to every home and apartment in the City.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the Grant Writer met with Department of Agriculture to seek grant opportunities for the City.

## **5. CITIZEN COMMENT**

- Dorothy Bibbs- Birchleaf Ave., Seat Pleasant, MD. Mrs. Bibbs thanked the Mayor and City Council for the energy grant, as she received a new furnace and installation throughout her home. She's thankful for the residents that assist her by removing her snow and cutting her grass.
- Barbara Kennedy- Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD. Mrs. Kennedy stated that she was given permission to speak on behalf of two residents from Ward V, which is Mr. Donald Thomason and Charles Ruffin with concerns about the property located at 6232 Addison Rd. There is concerned about the pollution and toxic chemical. There is concerned with people having cancer and animals dying that live near the lot. She stated that when Councilmember Kennedy was Mayor in 1988-1989 a study was done on the premises. They would like for the Council to look at the study and conduct another study by EPA and WSSC on the tract of land. The land was contaminated. Please provide a report to the residents upon completion of the study.
- Ron King-71st St., Seat Pleasant, MD. Mr. King stated that he is concerned about the street repair after WSSC completes the pipe replacement. Mr. King stated that they did not provide any notice to the residents. Ms. Gatling stated that the streets will be repaired after the WSSC has completed the work. Ms. Gatling stated that WSSC will provide a notice when the water will be shut off. However, they did provide a notice regarding the pipes being replaced sometime ago.

## **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. AARP Tax Preparation, Wednesday, February 4-Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. FREE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!**
- 8.3. PGCMA Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 2015, Colmar Manor Town Hall, 3701 Lawrence St., Colmar Manor, MD from 7:00p.m-9:00p.m**
- 8.4. Montpelier Art Center, Friday, February 20, 2015 from 9:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Glancing Back & Looking Forward: 100 Years of African American Culture and History in Prince George's County. MUST PRE-REGISTER WITH MS. DARBY TO ATTEND.**
- 8.5. Regular Work Session, Monday, March 2, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 8.6. Public Session, Monday, March 9, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**

**9 ADJOURN**

**ADJOURN-** It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:26p.m.

Submitted by,

  
Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk