

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
REGULAR WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Simms called the meeting to order at 6:05p.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., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson , Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, City Treasurer, Tiffani Darby, Community Services Coordinator, Sgt. Aaron Forster LaTasha C. Gatling, City Administrator, Lt. Earl Ivey, Marcus Jones, Executive Assistant, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Johnny Thompson, Director of Public Works, Chane'e Williams, Code Enforcement Officer, Ukkunkdoowaka, 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 Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the agenda. The motion carried and the agenda was unanimously approved.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1. Lester Guthorn, Financial Advisor**

- Mr. Guthorn explained the Financial Report and review to the City Council.
- Mr. Guthorn explained the benefit of lease options to the City Council

- Mr. Guthorn stated that the final report will be provided upon receipt of additional information.

## **2.2. Meredith Mishaga, Director of Foreclosure Registry**

- Ms. Mishaga explained that the registry went live in 2012, which provides information on the entity that has purchased a foreclosed property.
- Ms. Mishaga stated that the registry was created by state mandate to assist with bridging the gap to locate the owner of the property.
- Ms. Mishaga stated that the site is designed for local jurisdiction to use, as it's not an open site.
- Ms. Mishaga stated that they are responsible for making changes to the registry if it's a typo.

## **3. REPORTS:**

**3.1.** Mayor Grant stated that he did not have a report for the meeting.

**3.2.** Ms. Gatling stated that we have new Grant Writer on a contractual basis and she came in and hit the ground running.

- Ms. Gatling stated that the website will be updated and the new site will be unveiled in October.
- Ms. Gatling stated that there's an interest in a Health Enterprise Zone company in opening a facility on MLK HWY.
- October is Domestic Violence Month and the City will be participating by having purple lights on City owned buildings in the City.
- Ms. Gatling stated that we received our first report on the collection of Outstanding Speed Camera citations. We have collected approximately \$3,200 within the first eight days of the month.

## **3.3. Departmental Reports**

- The City Department Heads presented their reports for the month of July and August the City Council asked questions of the Department Heads.

## **4. LEGISLATION**

**4.1. None**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5.1. Bates Refuse Contract**

- Council President Simms stated that the item will be discussed at a later date.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **6.1. Nomination of Council President**

- Councilmember Raynor nominated that Councilwoman Simms remain as Council President.
- Councilwoman Simms accepted the nomination.

### **6.2. Banner and Street Lights**

- Councilmember Yeargin departed the meeting early and no discussion was held on the matter.

### **6.3. Consideration of Business Meeting**

- Councilwoman Stephenson stated that she feels that the Council could have more time to review and discuss items before the meeting. She would like for it to be a round table discussion on a quarterly basis, if needed.
- Council President Simms requested for the City Clerk to send an e-mail to the Council regarding the request for the meeting.

### **6.4. Cellular Data Usage**

- Ms. Lanham explained to the City Council how to minimize their usage on the cellular device.
- Ms. Lanham demonstrated to the Council how to connect to their devices to the WIFI to eliminate the data overage.
- Councilwoman Stephenson requested that the notification of the overage be sent to everyone upon receipt.

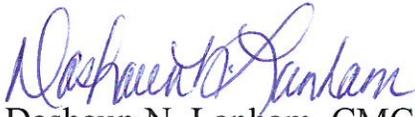
## **7 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 7.1. Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department Annual Crab Feast, St. Margaret's Church, 408 Addison Rd., Capitol Heights, MD, Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 2:00p.m.-7:00p.m.**
- 7.2. Public Session, Monday, September 14, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**
- 7.3. Seat Pleasant FREE Document Shred Day, Saturday, September 19, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.**

- 7.4. **Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department Centennial Gala, Saturday September 19, 2015, St. Margaret's Church 408 Addison Rd., Capitol Heights, MD from 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m.**
- 7.5. **Regular Work Session, Monday, October 5, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 7.6. **Seat Pleasant Community Flea Market, Saturday, October 10, 2015 Seat Pleasant City Hall, Seat Pleasant, MD from 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.**
- 7.7. **Public Session, Monday, October 12, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chamber at 7:00p.m.**

**ADJOURN**-The City Council departed the meeting 7:36p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED 10/12/15