

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET HEARING  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Councilmember President Simms called the meeting to order at 6:10p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Eugene Grant, Councilmember Kelly Porter (Late), Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr. (Late), Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson (Late)

Absent:

Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Treasurer, Orson Carter, Assistant City Treasurer, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk

**2. Meeting Topics**

**2.1.1. FY2017 Proposed Budget Hearing**

- City Council held the Budget Hearing Meeting in accordance to the City Charter and five residents were present.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

- James Wright-500 7St., Seat Pleasant, MD- Mr. Wright stated that he feels that the Mayor should have a part-time assistant on a contractual basis to assist him with the administrative duties. This will allow him to not depend on the City Clerk or others to assist office of the Mayor.
- Mr. Wright stated that he noticed the Public Safety budget was reduced. Mayor Grant advised Mr. Wright that none of the department budgets were cut. Mr. Wright stated that he feels public safety is a priority in every city.
- Mrs. Barbara Kennedy stated that she did not have any comments to be added to the proposed budget hearing.
- Mr. Ashton stated that the he feels that the upgrade of the police vehicles will increase the officers response time.

- Mayor Grant stated that the City Council allowed the Chief to fill the two vacant officer position within the department. The City Council had enforced a spending moratorium and he was in support of the moratorium. The police department has a grant from the Department of Justice to pay for an officer position. However, the grant requires that the department is fully staffed.
- Council President Simms informed the residents of the upcoming budget hearing on Saturday, April 16, 2016
- Gloria Sistrunk-114 69th St., Seat Pleasant, MD-Ms. Sistrunk inquired on the form for the budget review.
- Mr. Wright inquired if the City has a sharing program or participate in a sharing program with the surrounding municipalities for equipment? Mayor Grant stated that the City does not participate, but if a municipality inquired to use the snow plow, they could ask and it may be granted based on upon our needs. However, we may impose a fee for use of the equipment.
- Mayor Grant stated that he and the Town Capitol Heights, The Town Fairmount Heights met with Former Delegate Tiffany Alston to get assistances on a feasibility study to incorporate a collaboration.
- Ms. Janice Fisher-112 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD- Ms. Fisher inquired on the funding for the development of the Feggans Center. Mayor Grant stated that no funds was included in the FY2017 Budget. The \$25,000 was included in the FY2016 Budget for plans.

#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4.1.1. Community Budget Review Hearing, Saturday, April 16, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers from 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m.**

**4.1.2. City Council Budget Review, Saturday, April 16, 2016, Council Chambers at 12:00p.m -5:00p.m.**

**4.1.3. City Council Budget Review, Saturday, April 23, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers from 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.**

**4.1.4. Regular Work Session, Monday, May 2, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**

**4.1.5. Annual Seat Pleasant Day, Saturday, May 7, 2016, Parade at 11:00a.m., Goodwin Park Activities at 12:00p.m.**

**4.1.6. Public Session, Monday, May 9, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**

**Adjourn:**

The Budget hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED 05/09/16