

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
COUNCIL VACANCY PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

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

1.1.2 Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

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

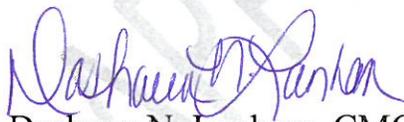
CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- Ms. Gloria Sistrunk, stated that she has resided in the City of Seat Pleasant since 1963. She has decided to run for the vacant Ward V Council seat to provide the residents of Ward V with a voice. Ms. Sistrunk stated that she will be a full-time councilmember for the residents of Seat Pleasant.
- Mrs. Barbara Kennedy stated that she feels that she would be an asset to the Mayor and Council and believe that the Executive and Legislative Branch should work together. Mrs. Kennedy stated that she has attended many of the MML Conferences and seminars with her husband Former Mayor and Councilmember Eugene Kennedy.
- Mrs. Mable Charlina Watson stated that she hasn't lived in the City that long, but she has experienced as an elected official, as she was a Councilmember for Bladensburg. She has served on many committees for MML and the NLC. She feels that she is a good candidate for Councilmember-At-Large seat.

- Mr. James Wright stated that since coming to the community he has been actively involved. Mr. Wright stated that he had attended the hearing to get a license denied for a liquor store that was previously in District Heights. He stated that he is involved in the 202 Coalition Health Zone. They are still working on a Health Clinic and would like to have it in Seat Pleasant. He was a member of University of Maryland Health Partnership. He has been with C-PAC for five years and assisted Mrs. Boone on various strategies for Seat Pleasant. He has served on the Prince George's Federation Council. He served on WMATA Advisory Committee from 2010 to current.
- Ms. Shireka McCarthy stated that she is licensed in Social Work and has her Bachelor and Master Degree in Social Worker. She had listed her list membership services and volunteer services. She feels that she can be the bridge between to the millennial and the council that may not understand them. She would like to talk to the residents by going door to door to canvas. She want to bring a different approach with her education and sound research. She want to do what is good for the people by communicating with the residents. She wants to look at the dignity and value of the people in the City. She wants to bring not just the voice, but be the voice for the people.
- Council President Simms thanked the residents and the candidates for coming to the public hearing. Council President Simms stated that the City Council will be meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016 to review the information on each candidate and make a decision.

ADJOURN-The meeting adjourned at 6:42p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk