

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council Vice President Higgs called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Monica Higgs, Councilmember Hope Love, Vice Mayor McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Kizzie Scott, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk

Staff: Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk, Pamela Boone, Chair Seat Pleasant Board of Election Supervisors, Devan Martin, Chief of Police, Kevin Karpinski, Attorney and Stanley Mosley, Interim City Manager

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 Mayor Vacancy Update

- Ms. Boone stated that the board met on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, to review three candidate packets for the position of mayor.
- Ms. Boone stated that the candidates were Kelly Porter, Reveral Yeargin and Michael Arrington. Unfortunately, Mr. Arrington was disqualified as a candidate due to not obtaining the required signatures.
- Councilmember Sistrunk inquired of the two candidates that are qualified and wanted to know the next step.
- Ms. Boone stated that it is now in the hands of the Council.
- Council Vice President Higgs stated that the council can meet on Monday, April 18, 2022, or Monday, April 25, 2022, for the public hearing.
- Councilmember Scott stated that the council will need to accept the candidates before scheduling the public hearing.
- Council Vice President Higgs asked if the council accepts or rejects the two candidates.

- Councilmember Raynor stated that he does not feel comfortable with the two candidates.
- Councilmember Love agreed with Councilmember Raynor statement.
- Councilmember Sistrunk stated that she feels that we need take an official vote after the council has interviewed the two candidates.
- Councilmember Scott stated she feels that the process is a waste of time and three councilmembers stated that they do not want to move forward.
- Councilmember Sistrunk stated that the council is legally obligated to follow the charter, and she feels that the second time was a waste of time regarding the re-advertisement for the vacancy.
- Councilmember Love inquired of the City Clerk the steps in accordance with the City Charter.
- City Clerk Lanham read the language from the memorandum and the Charter section §C-309 on filling the vacancy.
- Vice Mayor McCarthy stated that the council should conduct the public hearing to allow the public to give an opinion, which may assist the council on deciding on the candidate.
- Councilmember Scott stated that she just inquired with the City Clerk who stated that the council should accept the candidates.
- City Clerk Lanham stated that she spoke before reading the steps in the memorandum in accordance with the City Charter and missed one of the steps.
- It was the consensus of the council to that the public hearing will be held on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:00pm.
- The City Council stated that they would like the flyer posted on the website and the city's social media platforms, and with the call-em-all system to ensure that the residents are aware of the public hearing.
- Ms. Boone stated that she formally worked in Human Resources, and it is best that the council follow the procedures in the charter.

3. MEETING TOPICS

3.1 Candidates for Mayor Vacancy

- The City Council discussed the candidates and the next steps under presentation.

It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to enter the Closed Session with the City Clerk under §3-305 "(1) To

discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation, and (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct”

The motion carried.

Yes: Monica Higgs, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Gerald Raynor Sr, Kizzie Scott, Gloria L Sistrunk

4. LEGISLATION

4.1. None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1. Regular Work Session, Monday, April 4, 2022, Seat Pleasant City Council by Zoom Video Meeting at 6:00p.m. Meeting link details can be found on the city's website

6.2 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Hearing, Monday, April 11, 2022, by Zoom Video at 6:00pm. Meeting link details can be found on the city's website

6.3 Constant Yield Hearing, Monday, April 11, 2022, by Zoom Video at 7:00pm. Meeting link details can be found on the city's website

6.4 Public Session, Monday, April 11, 2022, by Zoom Video at 8:00pm. Meeting link details will be on the city's website.

6.5 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Hearing, Saturday, April 16, 2022, by Zoom Video from 10:00am-11:30am. Meeting link details can be found on the city's website

6.6 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Review, Saturday, April 16, 2022, by Zoom Video at 12:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Meeting link details can be found on the city's website.

6.7 Ward V Meeting, Monday, April 18, 2022, Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Station, 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 10:00am-12:00pm. You must RSVP to attend meeting

7. ADJOURN:

The City Council resumed in the Special Session meeting at 7:48pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm

Submitted by,

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Dashaun N. Lanham
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Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED 04/11/2022