

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember Porter called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Monica Higgs, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald Raynor, Sr.(Absent), Councilmember Kizzie Scott, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk

Staff: Beverly Barber, Human Resources Manager, Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk, Stanley Mosley, Interim City Manager

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 None

3. MEETING TOPICS

3.1 Seat Pleasant Voter Registration Drive

- Council Vice President Higgs stated that this is an idea that she wanted to present to the City Council since we are not having Seat Pleasant Day.
- Vice President Higgs stated that we have new residents, and they are not aware of they reside in a municipality.
- Vice President Higgs stated that she feels that the council and vice mayor can go out to get residents registered to vote.
- Vice President Higgs stated that they can schedule it for City Hall on a particular day, and we can go door to door to get more people out to vote.
- Councilmember Scott stated that this sounds similar to the Ward walk and the council can join on the walks, and they can get people to register.
- Vice President Higgs stated that her opposition to the ward walks is that they are not getting things done.

- Councilmember Porter stated that we usually have a parade for Seat Pleasant Day and the parade does not cost money except for the staff, and the voter registration can kick off at Goodwin Park.
- Councilmember Sistrunk stated that Public Works are usually scheduled off on the weekends and we will need to pay them overtime.
- Vice President Higgs stated that we can start allowing the staff off early in lieu of Saturday, May 7, 2022.
- Vice President Higgs stated that we can make a parade with our police cars, and the council personal vehicles, and we can open it up to neighboring jurisdiction, school bands.

3.2 Seat Pleasant Welcome Booklet

- Vice President Higgs inquired on the second quote for printing the resident booklet.
- Ms. Lanham stated that Ms. Lipford contacted the recommended vendor for a second quote, and she did not receive it by the meeting tonight.
- Vice President requested for the council send an e-mail to Ms. Lanham with a copy to Mr. Mosley with recommendation for the resident booklet
- Vice President Higgs stated that if the booklet can be printed before the parade or voter registration drive and provide it to the residents.
- Vice President Higgs inquired of the council committee would like to take this on.
- Councilmember Sistrunk inquired on the number of voters on the city's voter registration list.
- City Clerk Lanham stated that we have three thousand fifty-four registered voters.
- Councilmember Love stated that she feels that it should be done during the ward walks.
- Vice President Higgs asked Councilmember Scott to take on the scheduling of the Ward Walks and the Resident Booklet.
- Vice President Higgs asked Councilmember Scott to provide the dates for the Ward Walks
- Councilmember Scott asked the City Council if 6:00pm conducive for the council.

3.3 Update on SB491 and the Business Personal Property Taxes

- Vice President Higgs stated that the SB491 was withdrawn by the sponsor and last night at mid-night was sine or die

- Vice President Higgs stated that the council needs to work on the reduction of the taxes and requested for the council to retrieve a copy of the budget.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1 None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 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

6.2 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.

6.3 Ward V Meeting, Monday, April 18, 2022, Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Station, 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 9:30am-11:30am. You must RSVP to attend meeting

7. ADJOURN:

Motion to go into Closed Session under General Provisions Article §3-305 (b) (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" The City Council motioned by Councilmember Love and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to go into the Closed Session. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council at 7:31pm

Motion by Hope Love, second by Gloria L Sistrunk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

The Council reconvened in the Special Session at 9:31pm and the meeting adjourned at 9:32pm

Submitted by,

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Dashaun N. Lanham

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Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED 05/09/22