

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:12p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Late Arrival), Councilmember Charl Jones (Excused), Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell (Late Arrival), Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter (Late Arrival), Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: C. Reginald Bagley, Acting Director of Economic Development, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Sharron Lipford, Director of Public Engagement, Jeannelle Wallace, Chief Operating Officer

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Reverend Johnnie Saxton

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve the agenda. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Social Work Month Proclamation- Mayor Eugene W. Grant

- Mayor Grant stated that we do not diminish the presentation and appreciate those that do the hard work of Social Work.
- Mayor Grant apologized to Councilmember McCarthy for not having on his suit to take pictures with her.
- Mayor Grant recognized the Social Workers in the audience and thanked them for their work as well.
- Mayor Grant read the proclamation for Social Work Month to be presented to Councilmember McCarthy.

- Mayor Grant stated that we thank Councilmember McCarthy for the work she is doing as a Social Worker and a graduate of Howard University.
- Mayor Grant stated that on a sad note, it has been brought to his attention that Former Councilmember Ruffin, a long-time advocate for the city wife had passed. She was a mentor to Wayne K. Curry and assisted her husband in the kitchen when he would prepare the food. Mrs. Ruffin has been around, and the good lord said it was her time.
- Mayor Grant asked for a moment of silence for Becky Ruffin.
- Mayor Grant stated that this is the day the legislation went into effect for the Environmental Justice Department.

3. REPORTS:

3.1. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Grant stated that he will have some good news to deliver to the City Council next month.
- Mayor Grant stated that the Environmental Justice Department is effective on today.
- Mayor Grant stated that he will have some good news to report soon.
- Mayor Grant stated that we have laws that we must abide by as well. We must make certain that what we do is right. We have come a long way in almost four years with this administration.
- Mayor Grant stated that it has been a great feeling to work with dedicated public servants. The Council is having meetings when they say they will have them.
- Reverend Johnny Saxton knows what it is like to serve as the Former Mayor of Fairmount Heights.
- Mayor Grant stated that he is still waiting to meet the friend of Councilmember McCarthy, but she too is sacrificing her personal time.
- Mayor Grant stated that many have had personal, financial and health struggles.
- Mayor Grant stated that sometimes people do not say thank you to the elected officials and staff may not say thank you for what they do.
- Mayor Grant publicly thanked Director Lipford, Kyrthlyn Rhoda, as they come to work on the weekends to ensure that do not get too far behind.
- We are constantly updating the App and Website, and the City Council portion of the website is not complete. They need more information, such as pictures from the Ward Meetings and the Vision Board Planning Meeting. Please encourage people to go to the APP. There will always be glitches and updates required for the App.

- Mayor Grant stated that we had been approached by a community that would like to be annexed into Seat Pleasant. We will be providing information on this in the future. The annexation plan is moving as scheduled and the first phase will be annexed in by July 1, 2020.
- Mayor Grant stated that he is mentioning these things as there were great things mentioned by Mrs. Wallace.
- The City had received a proclamation from the County Council, and we had all but one Councilmember present.
- Mayor Grant stated he had received a telephone call from Wanda Durant as she realized that we are an opportunity zone. She had an investor that she brought to the table.
- Mayor Grant stated that he will have the initial meeting with the investor before turning him over to Director Bagley.
- Mayor Grant stated that do not listen to the negative. We are working together, and he thanked the Council President for the great work he has done is leading the Council forward in the last three budget cycles, the strategic plan and the master plan for the city. All these things help us do things in decency and in order.
- Mayor Grant stated that we had agreed early on what the seven strategic goals are for the city. When we stick with the strategic goals, and this is reason we had not any rankers.
- Mayor Grant stated that there is no such thing as a strong mayor and weak council. We have balance government, he can propose, but the council approves, he can nominate, but the council must accept and approve.
- Mayor Grant stated that we are working together.
- Mayor Grant stated that the renovation is progressing smoothly. He thanked Director Bagley and his staff for the work on the project. The Public Works building will be completed by the end of April.
- Mayor Grant stated that we will need Reverend Saxton to assist with the 90th Anniversary of the City.
- Mayor Grant stated that we need to seek sponsorships to pay for the anniversary.

3.2. Chief Operating Officer

- Mrs. Wallace stated that report for January in Board Docs is a little lengthy.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the Operations and Administration Department had processed tax liens in the amount of \$28,000. We collected \$23,000 in Vacant Building/Lots in Seat Pleasant.

- Mrs. Wallace stated that the list of checks for over \$10,000 is included in Board Docs. The largest checks are for HR taxes and Milestone for the renovations of the City hall and Public Works Facility.
- The HR department processed three hires Foreman for Public Works, Acting Director for Public Works and the Executive Assistant to the Mayor, open enrollment in March, the department hosted a lunch and learn training on OSHA.
- The Police Department and Public Works has graphics attached and she can answer questions.
- The Public Engagement did receive responses from survey and the responses from 26 surveys that were taken 28% to receive services via text message, and 20% wanted to receive information by e-mail. The numbers for the number of the My Seat Pleasant App download are listed in the report.
- The Economic Development Department sold one home that provided a \$8000 profit to the City. They have sold all seven homes and reduced the vacant property list by 38%.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that as shared with the City Council last month on the Business Personal Property Taxes was shared in the last month meeting and we had collected \$1,391, 519. 34. The City Clerk mailed twelve letters for outstanding Business Personal Property Taxes. Mailed six invoices in the amount of \$105, 484.50. The PIA request for the month of January and we received 4 request and all request were processed within 24 days in being in the queue. We had a total of 14 request in one month. All delinquent and unpaid Business Personal Taxes were reported to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. The City Clerk attended the IIMC Region II Conference on January 27-January 31, 2020.
- Councilmember Sistrunk inquired on the removal of the sign from Planet Fitness.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the management of Planet Fitness had removed the sign and had not paid the Business Personal Property Taxes to the City.

3.3. City Council Committee Reports

Governmental Affairs & Technology Committee

- Councilmember Love stated that the committee met on February 7, 2020 to discuss the annexation in certain areas in Seat Pleasant.
- Councilmember Love stated that the calendar was provided to for the staff follow the timelines.

- Councilmember Love stated that the Chief projected over Two Million in revenue based upon the County cameras.
- Councilmember Love stated that the city is currently engaged with the City Attorney and the surveyor and the next step will be the Resolution.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1. Ordinance O-20-12 Amendment of Chapter 6-Checks. Ordinance O-20-12 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, February 10, 2020. The second reading was conducted on Monday, March 2, 2020. It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Love to amend the three signatures on checks for any check over \$150, 000. The motion carried:

For: Sistrunk, Porter, Maxwell, McCarthy, and Love

Against: Yeargin

It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember McCarthy to approve Ordinance O-20-12 Amendment of Chapter 6-Checks. The motion carried:

For: Sistrunk, Porter, Maxwell, McCarthy and Love

Against: Yeargin

4.2. Resolution R-20-09 To Authorize Negotiation of the Verizon Franchise Renewal Agreement. Resolution R-20-09 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, March 2, 2020. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve Resolution R-20-09. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. None

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. National League of Cities-Congressional Cities Conference, Washington, DC from Sunday, March 8, 2020-Wednesday, March 11, 2020

7.2 District 24 Night, Monday, March 9, 2020, Miller Senate Building, Annapolis, MD from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

7.3 2020 Census Event, Pleasant Homes Apartments, Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

7.4 Ward II Community Walk & Talk, Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 12:00p.m.-2:00p.m.

7.5 2020 Census Bus Tour throughout the City, Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

7.6 2020 Census Community Day, Good Park, Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

7.7 Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, March 16, 2020, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

7.8 Ward II Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, April 4, 2020, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 10:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.

7.9 Regular Work Session, Monday, April 6, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 6:00p.m.

7.10 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Hearing, Monday, April 13, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:00 p.m.

7.11 Constant Yield Hearing, Monday, April 13, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:30 p.m.

7.12 Public Session, Monday, April 13, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 7:00 p.m.

7.13 City of Seat Pleasant to Host PGCMA Wine & Cheese Event, Thursday, April 16, 2020, Goodwin Park, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

7.14 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Hearing, Saturday, April 18, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD from 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

7.15 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Review, Saturday, April 18, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD from 12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

7.16 Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, April 20, 2020, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

8. ADJOURN

Action: 8.1 Adjourn-

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49p.m.

Submitted by,

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Dashaun Lanham

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Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC

City Clerk

APPROVED 04/13/2020