

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

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

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

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

Staff: Michael Lightfield, Contractor, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Jeannelle B. Wallace, Interim Chief Operating Officer

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Yeargin

**1.1.4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1. None**

**3. REPORTS:**

**3.1. Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Grant stated that he did not have a report for the Regular Work Session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

**3.2 Chief Operating Officer Report**

- Mrs. Wallace stated that she submitted her report for the last two weeks to address personnel issues to ensure that the city has not violated any labor

laws regarding the minimum hours to work per week to be eligible for employee benefits.

- Mrs. Wallace stated that she, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, and the City Clerk are reviewing the restructuring strategy for returning employees to the work force and leaving some vacancies unfilled for the foreseeable future
- Mrs. Wallace stated that she drafted a response to the Concerned Citizens of Seat Pleasant representative in response to questions about the agency conducting the City's investigation and the legislation adopted by the Council involving the Mayor's role in the city Government
- Mrs. Wallace met with the City Clerk via Conference Call re various PIA requests.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that she had a conference call with SPICE board and reviewed the annual report; submitted to council for review
- Mrs. Wallace stated that there is a financial report and Mr. Lightfield is online to answer any questions. The budget projections are the total budget for each department divided by twelve months. The outstanding bills are listed on the report.
- Councilmember Porter stated that he has a question, but he will address it later.
- Councilmember Yeargin inquired about the payment coming in October is it from the County or state.
- Mr. Lightfield stated that the payment is from the county.
- Councilmember Maxwell stated that the Speed Camera money lumped together shows \$300,000, but the column only provides the figure for \$200,000. The personal property taxes lines up perfectly.
- Mr. Lightfield stated that the totals provides the last two months to include July.
- Mayor Grant requested a corrected copy of the report.
- Mayor Grant requested for a definition of the past due amounts.
- Mr. Lightfield stated that the BOA credit card has been paid in increments of \$25,000 but not the total balance.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that we have not drawn down from the Line of Credit. The total balance showing \$494,000, which was reduced for the fees.
- Mayor Grant requested a breakdown of the past due amount in the total of \$197,000 and it should be \$171,806
- Mr. Lightfield will submit the revise report to Mrs. Lanham before the Public Session Meeting.

### **3.3. City Council Committee Reports**

- The Council Committees did not have any meetings in the month of August, as they were on recess.

## **4. LEGISLATION**

**4.1. Ordinance O-21-05 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for Cops Grant Funding 2nd Reading.** Ordinance O-21-05 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on August 31, 2020. The second reading was conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

- It was motioned to Approve Ordinance O-21-05 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for Cops Grant Funding
- Motion by Lamar Maxwell, second by Kelly Porter.
- Final Resolution: Motion Carried
- Yes: Gloria L Sistrunk, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin, Shireka McCarthy

**4.2 Ordinance O-21-06 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for GOCCP Grant Funding 1st Reading.**

- Ordinance O-21-06 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1 None

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 City Hall Office and Public Works Office Assignments

- The City Council reviewed the staff assignment for the newly renovated City Hall and Public Works Facility.
- It was motioned to approve assigned staff offices in City Hall.
- Motion by Gloria L Sistrunk, second by Lamar Maxwell.
- Final Resolution: Motion Carried
- Yes: Gloria L Sistrunk, Hope Love, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin, Shireka McCarthy
- Abstain: Kelly Porter

6.2 Revised Vehicle Take Home Policy

- The City Council reviewed the revised Vehicle Take Home Policy
- It was motioned to Approve Revised Vehicle Take Home Policy
- Motion by Gloria L Sistrunk, second by Lamar Maxwell.

- Final Resolution: Motion Carried
- Yes: Gloria L Sistrunk, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin, Shireka McCarthy

### 6.3 Electioneering Policy Complaint

- Mrs. Wallace stated that she received a telephone call and the deputy coo had received three complaints and we receive one complaint in writing from a candidate.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that she contacted MML and there is no violation of the HATCH ACT, and an employee can work a campaign if they are not on the clock.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the City Attorney stated that there is no case law, but it does not look good and borders an ethical violation.
- Mrs. Wallace stated it does not look good because it can put the city in precarious situation after the election to say that they were coerce or threaten.

## 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**7.1. Public Hearing, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, by Zoom Video at 7:00p.m. Meeting link details will be provided**

**7.2 Public Session, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, by Zoom Video at 8:00p.m. Meeting link details will be provided**

**7.3 Seat Pleasant 2020 Election Day, Monday, September 14, 2020**

**7.4 Regular Work Session, Monday, October 5, 2020, by Zoom Video at 6:00p.m., Meeting link details will be provided**

## 8. ADJOURN

8.1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01p.m.

Submitted by,

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Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk