

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
SPECIAL SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

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

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Devan A. Martin, Interim Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Jeannelle B. Wallace, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Pamela Boone, Chair of Seat Pleasant Board of Supervisors of Election, Khari Gzifa, Board Member, Seat Pleasant Board of Supervisors of Election, AC Warden, Contractor, Mr. Reginald Bagley, Contractor

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1 Seat Pleasant 2020 Election**

- Mrs. Boone thanked the board and the election clerk Mrs. Warden for their assistance with the election.
- Ms. Boone stated that she understands that the reason for removing the City Clerk from the Election process. However, by doing so has made this extremely difficult and she highly recommend that the City Clerk be involved in the election in the future.
- Ms. Boone stated that we had work with one less board member and this election was the most challenging elections and it appeared to be like the presidential election with one side against the other. There was negative websites and flyers created and it created mask confusion with the residents.
- A flyer was distributed that provided her personal contact information to the public.

- She was very proud of the Candidate Forum and it was very disappointing that all candidates did not participate in the forum and they had their own forum.
- Mrs. Boone stated that she recommended that we have a clear detail boundary of the city on the election day.
- Mrs. Boone stated that she does not feel that we need more than two days of early voting and the ballot box was good feature to use in the election.
- Mrs. Boone stated that election day was interested as we get to see residents that we normally do not get a chance to see. The Activity Center was open for our use for the election.
- Mrs. Boone thanked the election clerks, Mr. Martin, Mr. Bagley, and Mr. Gzifa for their assistance in the election.
- Mr. Gzifa stated that he does not have much to add, but he wanted to reiterate the great help from Mr. Martin and Sgt. Jones with their help of the election.
- Mrs. Warden stated that she feels the city does not need to hire contractors to assist them with the election, as the City Clerk is very knowledgeable and candidate neutral.
- Mrs. Warden stated that having the City Clerk in the process will save the city money.
- Mrs. Boone read the report from Electec, which stated that the following numbers for each position as follows: Mayor: Eugene Grant received 414 votes and Jaquita Riley received 375, Councilmember-At-Large: Shireka McCarthy received 481, Kelly Porter received 542 and the write-in candidate received 69 votes, Councilmember for Ward I: Monica Higgs received 99 and Lamar Maxwell received 39 votes, Councilmember for Ward II: Hope Love received 56 and Aretha Stephenson received 39, Councilmember for Ward III: Kizzie Scott received 72 votes and Reveral Yeargin received 53 votes, Councilmember for Ward IV: Gerald Raynor, Sr. received 169 votes, Councilmember for Ward V: Carla Hart received 78 votes and Gloria Sistrunk received 176 votes; and we noticed two ballots that were not included in the numbers on Monday, September 14, 2020, and they provided two additional numbers for Mayor, At Large and Ward IV Councilmember.
- Mrs. Boone stated that the questions on the ballot to increase the salary for the Mayor and City Council. The ballot question number 1 to increase the salary for the City Council received 451 votes as a yes and 334 as a no. The

ballot question number 2 to increase the salary for the Mayor received 426 votes as a yes and 339 votes as a no.

### 3. MEETING TOPICS

3.1. None

### 4. LEGISLATION

4.1. None

- It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Love to go into the Closed Session under General Provisions Art. § 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; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"
- The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council to go into the Closed Session.

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**6.1. Regular Work Session, Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:00p.m. by Zoom Video Meeting**

**ADJOURN**-The meeting was adjourned at 8:04p.m.

Submitted by,

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*Dashaun N. Lanham*

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Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk