

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

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

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant (Absent), Councilmember Monica Higgs, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Kizzie Scott, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Devan A. Martin, Interim Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Police, Jeannelle B. Wallace, Interim Chief Operating Officer

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Higgs

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember McCarthy to approve the Public Session Agenda. The motion carried, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 5, 2020.

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes for Regular Work Session for Monday, October 5, 2020

Motion by Gloria L. Sistrunk second by Hope Love

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Approval of Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 12, 2020
Motion to Approve the Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday,
October 12, 2020

Motion by Gloria L Sistrunk, second by Monica Higgs

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Approval of Special Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 12,
2020

Motion to approve the Special Session Meeting Minutes for Monday,
October 12, 2020

Motion by Shireka McCarthy, second by Gloria L. Sistrunk

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 12, 2020

Motion to Approve Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, October
12, 2020

Motion by Hope Love, second by Gloria L Sistrunk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Approval of Special Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 19,
2020

Motion to approve the Special Session Meeting Minutes for Monday,
October 19, 2020

Motion by Gloria L Sistrunk, second by Monica Higgs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 19, 2020

Motion to Approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Monday,
October 19, 2020.

Motion by Gloria L Sistrunk, second by Hope Love.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- There were seven Citizens logged in for the meeting for Monday, November 9, 2020. The City received four written citizen comments as follows:
- Mrs. Anika Gzifa had concerns with the High turnover rate of city employees, Plans to fill open positions, allegations of sexual misconduct/sexual harassment by the Mayor, allegations of abusive conduct by the Mayor, allegations of financial mismanagement and/or problematic financial oversight, the city's abnormally high tax rate and the balance of power between the Council and the Mayor.
- Ms. Lakeisha Walls had questions regarding the process of getting speed humps on 70th Pl and Seat Pleasant Dr., Will there be any hand sanitizer stations at playgrounds? -How is Drug abuse being handle? Safety concerns for walkers and runners on Seat Pleasant Drive. Constant loitering around the market and shopping center, City Rules for neighbor trees? My neighbor trees branches are mostly over my property and causing damages, -High Tax Rates and Abandoned Homes and preventing squatting
- Ms. Katrina Robinson had a complaint and question regarding the Is there any reason when subject above pick up trash/recycle cans that they leave them in the street instead of placing it back on the sidewalk? I would not like for anyone to be speed driving down Addison Road making 2 or more lanes and damage my cans, since you all would not replace them, unless at the expense of the homeowner.
- Can I be placed on the list to have my cans picked up from my driveway, due to my CTGA heart condition and Fibromyalgia flare ups which is very painful?

3. PRESENTATION

3.1. None

4. LEGISLATION

4.1. Resolution R-21-08 Appointment of Government Review and Reform and Government Financial Review Boards for the City of Seat Pleasant

Motion to Approve Resolution R-21-08 Appointment of Government Review and Reform and Government Financial Review Boards for the City of Seat Pleasant

Motion by Shireka McCarthy, second by Hope Love.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Monica Higgs, Hope Love, Shireka McCarthy, Kelly Porter, Gerald Raynor Sr, Kizzie Scott

No: Gloria L Sistrunk

4.2 Resolution R-21-09 Declaration of Municipal Government Works Month

Motion to Approve Resolution R-21-09 Declaration of Municipal Government Works Month

Motion by Shireka McCarthy, second by Monica Higgs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. REPORTS:

5.1. Council President Report

- Council President Porter stated that the monthly report can be viewed in Board Docs.

5.2. Mayor Eugene W. Grant

- Mayor Grant was absent from the Public Session on Monday, November 9, 2020 and no report was provided.

5.3. Chief Operating Officer Report-Jeannelle B. Wallace, Interim Chief Operating Officer

- Mrs. Wallace stated in the last month COO office reviewed several personnel documents, furlough, and restructured the revise position description.

- Mrs. Wallace stated that the department had reviewed the documents for the USDA loan and project is running behind due to COVID and we are submitting a request for extension on the project.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that they had reviewed and combine certain position.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the department had worked with the grants department on grants and hiring new police officers for the police department.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that she and other staff had reviewed and discussed the Charter and Code and several matters.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that she had reviewed the report submitted by SPICE and the report has been turned over to the Council committee.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that we have reviewed and implemented a travel ban policy as it relates to COVID.
- Mrs. Wallace stated we have reviewed variance request for a few residents for driveway, fences, and deck.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that we are preparing the SOP for each department to be submitted to the City Council.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that we have completed the 2020 Census report and Maryland in Number 9 in the entire state.
- Council President Porter stated that we had a discussion regarding a health officer, and we are looking into the possibility of a health officer to ensure we are taking care of our citizens. We are looking forward to bringing that soon.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Approval for Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program

- Councilmember McCarthy inquired if the city can re-apply after one year?
- Mrs. Wallace stated that we can verify if the city qualifies for the program after one year through Chesapeake Conservation Program.

7.2 Approval of USDA Project Additional Funding Request

Motion to Approve the additional funding for the USDA Renovation Project of City Hall and Public Works Facilities

Motion by Gerald Raynor Sr, second by Hope Love.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Monica Higgs, Hope Love, Shireka McCarthy, Kelly Porter, Gerald Raynor Sr, Gloria L Sistrunk

Abstain: Kizzie Scott

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Regular Work Session, Monday, December 7, 2020, by Zoom Video at 6:00p.m., Meeting link details will be provided

8.2 Public Session, Monday, December 14, 2020, by Zoom Video at 7:00p.m., Meeting link details will be provided

8.3 Regular Work Session, Monday, January 4, 2021, by Zoom Video at 6:00p.m., Meeting link details will be provided

8.4 Public Session, Monday, January 11, 2021, by Zoom Video at 7:00p.m. Meeting link details will be provided

9. ADJOURN-

9.1 Adjourn and Logout-Request Motion to go into Closed Session under Statutory Authority 3-305(b) (8) "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"

It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy seconded by Councilmember Raynor. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

The Public Session meeting adjourned at 8:48p.m.

Submitted by,

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Dashaun N. Lanham

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Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC

City Clerk