

March 20, 2014
7:00 p.m.
City Hall

- I. Mayor McClement presided. Present were Aldermen Kelly Russell, Michael O'Connor, Phil Dacey, Josh Bokee and Donna Kuzemchak. Also present were City Attorney Sandra Nickols and Legislative Clerk Phyllis Hane.
- II. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. There was no invocation.
- IV. The Mayor presented awards to the members of the Frederick City Police Auxiliary Unit recognizing their hours of service over the previous year.
- V. Minutes of the February 12, 2014 Closed Session and the February 20, 2014 Public Meeting were previously distributed. On a motion made by Alderman O'Connor and seconded by Alderman Russell the Board unanimously approved 5-0 the minutes of the February 12, 2014 Closed Session. On a motion made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Kuzemchak the Board unanimously approved 5-0 the minutes of the February 20, 2014 Public Meeting.
- VI. There were no Closed Meetings to report.
- VII. The Mayor expressed his appreciation of the Police Auxiliary Unit and the service they provide to the City. He also offered his thanks once again to the men and women, from departments throughout the City, who have worked to clean up the City from the many snowfalls over the preceding 11 weeks.
- VIII. During Aldermanic comments, Alderman Bokee stated he had testified before the Board of County Commissioners for Frederick County regarding advancing funding for the West Frederick Area Elementary School. He noted that a large number of residents from the Hillcrest community were in attendance, sharing how pleased he is to see City neighborhoods coming together to advocate for themselves and their needs. He also expressed his thanks to the County for their commitment to school construction in the City. Alderman Russell offered her congratulations to the members of the Police Auxiliary honored earlier, noting that the City greatly benefits from this program and how pleased she is to see them receive public recognition. She also displayed a toilet paper roll to remind everyone that these are recyclable and pointed out the ongoing "Scoop the Poop" campaign to encourage residents to clean up after their pets as this is a problem that impacts public health and water quality. Finally, Alderman Russell stated that the United Nations General Assembly has named today International Day of Happiness and has extended a call to all governments to be aware of the pursuit of happiness as a

fundamental human goal. Alderman O'Connor reiterated the appreciation that has been expressed for the Police Auxiliary Unit, as well as thanks to the staff for working to keep the streets clean through this challenging winter. He noted that this has been a strain on the City workforce but they have risen to the challenge. Alderman Kuzemchak announced the Freecycle Round Up scheduled for April 5, noting that volunteers are needed to drive trucks and help with loading of items for people who may not be able to get their items to the drop off location. Alderman Dacey reiterated the thanks to City staff for snow clean up, noting he had received many compliments from people throughout the City regarding the work of the staff.

IX. No general public comments were received.

X. On a motion made by Alderman Kuzemchak and seconded by Alderman Bokee the Board unanimously approved 5-0 Consent Agenda Item A.1 Grants. The approved item is:

1. Approval of a HUD Multifamily Section 8 Contract for the continued operation of five project-based subsidized housing units

Item B.2 was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Alderman Russell.

On a motion made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman O'Connor the Board approved 4-0, with Alderman Dacey recusing himself, Consent Agenda Item B.1 Special Ordinances. The approved item is:

1. Approval of Special Ordinance S-14-03 to amend the City of Frederick budget for fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 to include revenue and associated expenditures related to a Maryland Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to enhance "Distracted Driver" enforcement

On a motion made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Bokee the Board unanimously approved 5-0 Consent Agenda Item C.1, Committee Recommendations. The approved item is:

1. Approval to allow The Frederick Center to serve alcohol at their Frederick Pride event at Carroll Creek Urban Park on June 28, 2014 as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission

On a motion made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Kuzemchak the Board approved 4-0, with Alderman Dacey recusing himself, Item B.2. The approved item is:

1. Approval of Special Ordinance S-14-04 to amend the City of Frederick budget for fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 to include revenue and associated expenditures related to a Grant Agreement with the Chesapeake Bay Trust for support of the Pet Waste Public Outreach Project.

XI. Public Hearing

1. On a motion made by Alderman Kuzemchak and seconded by Alderman Dacey the Board unanimously approved 5-0 a Letter of Agreement with the Maryland State Highway Administration and Board of County Commissioners for Frederick County for construction of improvements at MD 180 and MD 351. There were no public comments.
2. On a motion made by Alderman Kuzemchak and seconded by Alderman Russell the Board unanimously approved 5-0 Resolution 14-06 amending Resolution 08-89 concerning the water tower site condition of the 2008 Homewood Annexation. Noel Manalo provided comments representing the applicant.

- XII. On a motion made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Kuzemchak the Board unanimously approved 5-0 the reappointment of Cherise Blackwell to the Fair Housing Commission for a three year term of April 21, 2014 to April 20, 2017.

On a motion made by Alderman O'Connor and seconded by Alderman Kuzemchak the Board unanimously approved 5-0 the reappointment of Rob Fox to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three year term of April 21, 2014 to April 20, 2017.

On a motion made by Alderman Kuzemchak and seconded by Alderman Bokee the Board unanimously approved 5-0 the reappointment of Susan Churchill as NAC Coordinator for NAC 8 for a two year term of April 5, 2014 to April 4, 2016.

On a motion made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Bokee the Board unanimously approved 5-0 the reappointment of Jean O'Connor as NAC Coordinator for NAC 9 for a two year term of April 5, 2014 to April 4, 2016.

- XIII. During Aldermanic business/comments and new business, Alderman Dacey had no comments. Alderman Kuzemchak noted she is looking forward to the arrival of spring. Alderman O'Connor had no comments. Alderman Russell announced that May 16 is Bike to Work Day and encouraged everyone to register and participate, noting that event organizers are hoping to exceed last year's participation when over 300 took part. Alderman Bokee noted there has been a lot of communication from the public following Frederick Community Action Agency Director Mike Spurrier's presentation regarding options for affordable housing at last week's Workshop. Alderman Bokee wished to acknowledge the correspondence regarding the need for a twelve month overnight shelter, noting there is a sense of commitment from both public and private sector entities and stating his confidence that all the parties involved will come together to move the project forward.

- XIV. The Mayor had no further comments.

- XV. There were no Committee Reports.

- XVI. There were no Director's Reports.

- XVII. There were no general public comments.

There being no further official business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted in action format,

Phyllis Hane
Legislative Clerk