

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:02 p.m., on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, in the Council Workshop Room of the Municipal Center. Attending were Chairman Lincoln Lashley, Councilmembers Duane Rosenberg, Richard Bechtold, Katrina R. Dodro, and Mayor Andrew C. Hanko, Administrative Officer Timothy George, Public Works Director Bernard Cochran, Chief of Police David Rice, Assistant City Administrative Officer Karen Ruff, Director of Finance Maisha Williams, and City Clerk Doug Barber. Councilmember Sarah Potter Robbins was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lashley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. FY 2017 AUDIT REPORT- MS. DIANE MOCK, BRIDGETT MOCK AND ASSOCIATES

Ms. Diane Mock with Bridgett Mock and Associates presented the Council with a review of the City of New Carrollton's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017. Ms. Mock provided highlights from the report and responded to questions providing clarification to the Council.

3. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Hanko noted his attendance at a meeting at Charles Carroll Middle School with officials from the School and Prince George's County to discuss concerns of residents regarding building related issues at the School. Mayor Hanko also noted that he along with Councilmember Lashley, City Administrative Officer George and Assistant City Administrative Officer Ruff had met with representatives of the proposed MAGLEV transportation system.

Administrative Officer George advised the Council that he submitted his written monthly report to the Council. Administrative Officer George provided the following highlights from his report:

- Received and in the process of reviewing nine proposals for replacing the ceiling in the Municipal Center;
- Mailed letters to residents proximate to 6000 Harland Street for possible annexation into the City and reached out to the Corinthian Baptist Church on Good Luck Road. A meeting with the residents is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018, at the City Municipal Center;
- Met with Andrew Fellows of the University of Maryland Smart Growth Initiatives Program to discuss benefits to the City joining the program;

- Mr. George advised the Council that the City received \$158,054 from the Maryland Local Government Health Cooperative (Coop) for fiscal year 2017. Mr. George requested the Council place the funds in a designated fund to be used for future health insurance increases and health initiatives. The Council supported the recommendation.

Director of Public Works Cochran submitted his official written report to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Cochran highlighted the following from his report:

- The weather continues to be challenging this season. The extreme changes in temperature have caused a higher number of potholes, which the department is addressing as quickly as possible;
- The City has continued to contact the County on the Riverdale Road extension into the condos and apartments, but have yet to receive a response. Mr. Cochran has reached out to Mrs. Clerkley, from the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation for assistance to resolve the issue;
- The foot bridge on Carrollton Parkway has been closed by Prince George's County. The Department of Public Works will continue to monitor the bridge to ensure the barricades remain in place;
- Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has been dealing with several water main breaks around the City of New Carrollton; however, none have been reported within the City.

Chief Rice did not have a written report. Chief Rice provided the Council with updates on recent police activity being reported.

4. COUNCIL QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Bechtold would like to provide additional funding to the local fire department as they do a tremendous job for the City of New Carrollton.

Ms. Dodro requested additional clarification from Mr. George on the meeting regarding the conditions of the school building at Charles Carroll Middle School. Mr. George provided a response.

Mr. Rosenberg requested clarification from Mr. Cochran regarding comments made during his report on the Riverdale Road extension. Mr. Cochran provided clarification to Mr. Rosenberg and the rest of the Council. Mr. Rosenberg closed by requesting a construction update on the New Carrollton Library. Mr. George advised the Council he would request an update from the Council on the construction status of the Library.

Mr. Lashley would like to be provided an update on the construction status at the New Carrollton Library. Mr. Lashley closed by requesting clarification on the next steps in the annexation process for the Harland Street property and surrounding area. Mr. George noted City's next steps in the annexation as well as the requirements needed by the City of New Carrollton.

5. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bechtold noted the New Carrollton Annual Police Banquet will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018, from 6:30 p.m. until 12:00 Midnight, at the Metro Points Hotel.

Ms. Dodro noted the upcoming Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) meeting scheduled for February 15, 2018. Ms. Dodro also highlighted issues being addressed by our State Delegation in Annapolis.

Mr. Rosenberg noted that the City of New Carrollton was well represented in the recent issue of the Maryland Municipal League's (MML) Magazine.

Mr. Lashley noted that he and his family will be attending the upcoming Annual Police Banquet on Friday, February 23, 2018, and encouraged the residents of New Carrollton to attend the event.

6. PROPOSED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 18-04 CHAPTER 50 ELECTIONS

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed Emergency Ordinance 18-04 Chapter 50 Elections. The Council discussed briefly. Mr. Lashley requested that Mr. Rosenberg read the official motion to adopt (Second Reading) Ordinance 18-04: Chapter 50 Elections at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

7. ADVISORY QUESTIONS PROPOSED FOR THE 2018 ELECTION

City Clerk Barber and Assistant City Administrative Officer Ruff presented the proposed advisory questions requested by the City Council at the previous Council Workshop Meeting. The Council discussed them at length. The Council requested that staff prepare the questions in the form of an official resolution to be voted upon by the Council at the next scheduled Council Legislative Meeting. Mr. Lashley requested that Mr. Bechtold read the official motion to adopt the resolution placing the advisory questions on the 2018 City of New Carrollton Election Ballot at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

8. MEETING MINUTES

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 3, 2018)
- b) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 16, 2018)
- c) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 17, 2018)

Chairman Lashley advised the Council that the minutes listed above had been previously provided to the Council. Mr. Lashley requested that Council provide any corrections to City Clerk Barber.

9. REVIEW OF BILLS

Batch # 1 (January 18, 2018); Batch # 2 (January 25, 2018); Batch # 3 (February 1, 2018); Batch # 4 (February 8, 2018); and Batch # 5 (February 14, 2018)

The staff responded to questions and comments given by the Council regarding the bills.

10. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

Ms. Evelyn Lashley, 6009 85th Place, addressed the Council advising them of the technical issue that the Council Workshop Meeting was being transmitted without sound. City staff advised that they were made aware of the issue and are working to correct the problem.

11. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Ms. Dodro moved that the City Council adjourn the Council Workshop Meeting and go into a Closed Session, in accordance with the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305 (b) (1) to discuss the employment of an employee over whom this public body has jurisdiction (appointment of City Attorney), seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. Mr. Lashley called for a roll call vote to go into Closed Session as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Lashley	X			
Ms. Dodro	X			
Mr. Rosenberg	X			
Mr. Bechtold	X			
Ms. Robbins				X

The Council went into Closed Session at 8:26 p.m.

The following staff members were in attendance: Andrew C. Hanko, Mayor, Tim George, City Administrative Officer, Karen Ruff, Assistant City Administrative Officer, and Doug

Barber, City Clerk. Mr. Jason A. DeLoach and Todd K. Pounds with the firm of Alexander & Claver, Attorneys at Law were also in attendance. The City Council took no actions during this session.

The Closed Session ended at 8:45 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Rosenberg moved to adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Council Workshop Meeting, seconded by Ms. Dodro. Chairman Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

12. SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

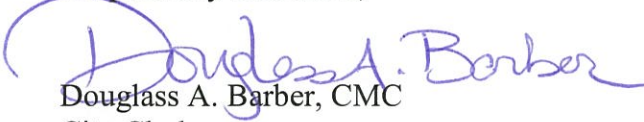
Motion: Mr. Rosenberg moved that the City Council go into a Special Legislative Session, seconded by Mr. Bechtold. Chairman Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

The Council went into the Special Legislative Session at 8:51 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Rosenberg moved that the City Council accept Mayor Hanko's recommendation to have Alexander & Cleaver Attorneys at Law serve as the City of New Carrollton's City Attorney with Mr. Jason A. DeLoach and Todd K. Pounds specifically serving as the City Attorneys, seconded by Mr. Bechtold. There was no discussion. Chairman Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglass A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on April 4, 2018.