

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020**

The Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Council Meeting Room # 220 of the Municipal Center. Attending were Chair Phelecia Nembhard, Councilmembers Roy A. Peterson, Lincoln Lashley, Stephen L. John, Sarah Potter Robbins, Mayor Duane Rosenberg, and City Clerk Doug Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nembhard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 20-01

The City Council convened the Public Hearing on Charter Amendment Resolution 20-01: Amending City Charter Section C-5 “Board of Elections” at 7:02 p.m. Chair Nembhard verified with City Clerk Barber that the Public Hearing had been advertised as follows: Public Notice Board located at the City Municipal Center along with flyers posted on December 18, 2019; Official Publication in the Sentinel Newspaper December 19, 2019 edition; Announcements on Facebook and Twitter on December 19, 2019; City Website Announcement on December 19, 2019; and City Television Channel on December 20, 2019.

No one wished to address the Council and no written testimony had been received by the City.

Chair Nembhard noted that copies of Charter Amendment Resolution 20-01 were available for inspection at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seeing that no one wished to speak, Chair Nembhard closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 20-02

The City Council convened the Public Hearing on Charter Amendment Resolution 20-02: Amending City Charter Section C-3 “Government of the City” at 7:05 p.m. Chair Nembhard verified with City Clerk Barber that the Public Hearing had been advertised as follows: Public Notice Board located at the City Municipal Center along with flyers posted on December 18, 2019; Official Publication in the Sentinel Newspaper December 19, 2019 edition; Announcements on Facebook and Twitter on December 19, 2019; City Website Announcement on December 19, 2019; and City Television Channel on December 20, 2019.

No one wished to address the Council and no written testimony had been received by the City.

Chair Nembhard noted that copies of Charter Amendment Resolution 20-02 were available for inspection at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to

5:00 p.m. Seeing that no one wished to speak, Chair Nembhard closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 20-07 AMENDMENT CHAPTER 50: ELECTIONS

The City Council convened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-07: Chapter 50 Elections at 7:07 p.m. Chair Nembhard verified with City Clerk Barber that the Public Hearing had been advertised as follows: Public Notice Board located at the City Municipal Center along with flyers posted on January 6, 2020; Official Publication in the Sentinel Newspaper January 9, 2020 edition; Announcements on Facebook and Twitter on January 6, 2020; City Website Announcement on January 6, 2020; and City Television Channel on January 7, 2020.

No one wished to address the Council and no written testimony had been received by the City.

Chair Nembhard noted that copies of Ordinance 20-07 were available for inspection at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seeing that no one wished to speak, Chair Nembhard closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

5. MEETING MINUTES

- a) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (December 16, 2019)
- b) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (December 18, 2019)

Ms. Robbins moved that the following minutes be approved: Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (December 16, 2019) and Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (December 18, 2019). Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

6. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Robbins wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Peterson had no questions or announcements.

Mr. John had no questions or announcements.

Mr. Lashley warned residents to be aware and prepared for any potential winter weather being forecasted for our area over the coming weekend.

Ms. Nembhard wished everyone a Happy New Year. Ms. Nembhard closed by providing information to residents of all the available food pantries in the City.

7. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA BY THE COUNCIL

The Council discussed the upcoming 4-Cities Coalition Meeting Agenda. Mr. Barber reminded the Council that the meeting was being hosted by the City of College Park on Thursday, January 30, 2020. Chair Nembhard requested that Councilmembers provide agenda items for the meeting to Mr. Barber.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 20-01: INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (SECOND READING)

Motion: Ms. Robbins moved that the Council adopt 20-01, a Charter Amendment Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the Charter of the City of New Carrollton, §C-5 “Board of Elections” to increase the number of members of the Board of Elections from three to five (Second Reading). Mr. Lashley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

10. CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 20-02: PROCESS FOR FILLING MAYOR AND COUNCIL VACANCIES (SECOND READING)

Motion: Mr. John moved that the Council adopt 20-02, a Charter Amendment Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the Charter of the City of New Carrollton, §C-3 “Government of the City” to change the method of filling vacancies in the office of the Mayor and any Councilmember (Second Reading). Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (4-1-0). Councilmember Robbins voted against the motion.

11. ORDINANCE 20-07 CHAPTER 50: ELECTIONS (SECOND READING)

Motion: Mr. Peterson moved that the Council adopt 20-07, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending City Code, Chapter 50 “Elections”, §50-36 “Vote Count” and Repealing and Re-Enacting in its entirety, with amendments, §50-37 “Challengers and Watchers” to clarify who may be present in the polling place on Election Day after the closing of the polls (Second Reading). Mr. Lashley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

12. NEW BUSINESS

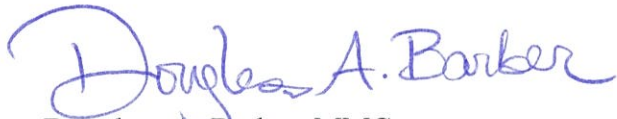
There was no new business to be discussed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Robbins moved to adjourn the City Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, January 15, 2020, seconded by Mr. Lashley. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on February 19, 2020.