

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:05 p.m., on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, in the Council Workshop Room# 230 of the Municipal Center. Attending were Chair Phelecia Nembhard, Councilmembers Roy A. Peterson, Lincoln Lashley, Stephen L. John, Sarah Potter Robbins, Mayor Duane Rosenberg, City Administrative Officer Tim George, Chief of Police David Rice, Interim Director of Public Works Joseph Nagro, Human Resource Administrator Alayna Rowlett, and City Clerk Doug Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nembhard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. MEET AND GREET – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CANDIDATE

The Council was introduced to the Department of Public Works Director candidate Mr. Willis Shafer. Mr. Shafer provided the Council an in-depth overview of his work history. Mr. Shafer responded to questions given by the Council on his previous work history.

3. WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – DEPUTY CHIEF SCOTT VASQUEZ

Deputy Chief Scott Vasquez addressed the Council with an update on the activities of the West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department operations. Deputy Chief Vasquez responded to questions given by the Council on concerns from the residents of New Carrollton.

4. CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE

The Clean Water Partnership presented the Council with an update on their proposed project in the City of New Carrollton. Clean Water representatives addressed the Mayor and Council's questions on the proposed project. Chair Nembhard advised the Council that an official motion to move forward with the Clean Water Partnership project would be presented at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2020.

5. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Rosenberg reported that he and City Clerk Barber were scheduling visits with all of the 4th grade classes at all of the local elementary schools to promote the "If I Were Mayor" contest that is sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League. Mayor Rosenberg noted that the City had received a 2020 Census grant to promote the census. Mayor Rosenberg closed his report by providing an overview to the Council on the 2020 Maryland Mayors Conference.

Chief Rice encouraged all residents to purchase tickets to attend the Annual Police Banquet scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2020, at the Metro Points Hotel.

Interim Director of Public Works Nagro had no official report.

City Administrative Officer George advised the Council that the divider door in the City's Multipurpose Room needs to be repaired and will remain open until the repairs have been completed.

6. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Robbins addressed her concerns with the City Administration and Mayor Rosenberg regarding the Meet and Greet with Mr. Shafer.

Mr. Lashley noted his thanks for the new replaced gutters and sidewalks installed at the City Municipal Center.

Mr. Peterson provided the highlights of the upcoming Annual Spring Festival scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Beckett Field (8511 Legation Road) and encouraged all to attend.

Ms. Nembhard requested that the Council take a moment of silence on behalf of Ms. Anita Elise. Ms. Elise lost her life in the house fire on Inlet Street in January. Ms. Nembhard encouraged all residents to check their smoke detectors regularly.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION

City Clerk Barber provided the Council with the proposed wording for their consideration regarding an increase in their compensation that would be placed on the 2020 Election Ballot to be voted on by the voters of New Carrollton. The Council discussed the issue at length. The Council provided input to the amount of the increase for the Mayor and Councilmembers. Ms. Nembhard noted that an official resolution would be presented to the Council for their consideration at a future meeting.

8. 2021 BUDGET – COUNCIL INPUT

City Administrative Officer requested the Council's input as the staff is preparing the proposed FY2021 Budget. The Council provided their individual comments and concerns on the issue. The council provided the following as needs to be considered in the FY2021 Budget: additional trash trucks, improvements to City Municipal Center Building, improvements to the Department of Public Works Building, electric vehicles for the City's fleet, increase funding to the Fire Department. City Staff thanked the Council for their input.

9. MEETING MINUTES

- a) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 13, 2020)
- b) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 15, 2020)

Ms. Nembhard advised the Council that the Council Meeting Minutes for January 2020, had been provided to the Council. Ms. Nembhard requested that the Council provide any corrections to Mr. Barber.

10. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

Ms. Evelyn Lashley, 6009 85th Place, addressed the Council with her appreciation of the Mayor and all City staff for keeping the City of New Carrollton beautiful and safe.

Mr. Richard Robbins, 6220 87th Avenue,, addressed the Council regarding items on the agenda.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Robbins requested a response regarding the Open Meetings Act regarding the use of cellphones at meetings. Mr. George provided response to the question raised by Ms. Robbins.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, February 5, 2020, seconded by Mr. Lashley. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC

City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on April 15, 2020

