

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING/SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:05 p.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, as a virtual meeting. 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, Assistant City Administrative Officer Karen Ruff, Chief of Police David Rice, Interim Director of Public Works Joseph Nagro, Human Resources Administrator Alayna Rowlett, Director of Finance Maisha Williams and City Clerk Doug Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nembhard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Rosenberg reported how he has been able to continue his visits with fellow residents following Governor Hogan's issued stay-at-home order. Mayor Rosenberg noted the many resident volunteers providing assistance in many ways during the pandemic.

City Administrative Officer George had no formal report; but would be providing additional updates to Council under Agenda Item # 4 City of New Carrollton's Phase III COVID-19 Status. Mr. George closed by addressing the concerns of the council regarding access to the City Municipal Center.

Chief Rice had no official report. Chief Rice updated the Council on calls received and how the Police Department is responding to calls with safety precautions in place during the pandemic.

Interim Director of Public Works Nagro had no official report. Mr. Nagro advised the Council of the trash collection schedule being followed and that no bulk trash is being collected.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Peterson had no questions or announcements.

Mr. John had no questions or announcements.

Mr. Lashley was glad to see everyone working together in the midst of the pandemic.

Ms. Robbins noted she had not left the house in four weeks. Ms. Robbins is unable to volunteer outside the home but is supporting efforts in other ways.

Ms. Nembhard thanked the Administration, Police, and Department of Public Works for all their hard work during the pandemic.

4. **CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON'S PHASE III COVID 19 STATUS**

City Administrative Officer George provided the Council the City's Phase III COVID-19 Status and how it affects City operations. Chief Rice and Interim Director of Public Works Nagro provided updates on operations for the Police Department and Department of Public Works during Phase III. Mr. George closed by responding to questions of clarification given by the Council regarding the City's COVID-19 Phase III plan.

5. **DISCUSSION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Motion: Mr. Lashley moved that the City Council direct the Administration to engage and work with the City's special counsel to draft appropriate Charter amendments: 1) allowing the right for certain ranks of police officers in the Police Department to designate or elect a representative to engage in collective bargaining with the City and 2) protecting appropriate City rights in such bargaining. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robbins. The Council discussed the issue at length and stated their support to move forward on the item. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

6. **FY 2021 MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET: BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mayor Rosenberg, City Administrative Officer George, and Director of Finance Williams advised the Council that the FY2021 Mayor's Proposed Budget had been provided to the Council by way of email and a mailed hard copy. The staff responded to questions of clarification given by the Council regarding the next steps in the FY2021 Budget process. The Council thanked all those involved in preparing the FY2021 Budget.

7. **RE-SCHEDULING A SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FY 2021 BUDGET**

Motion: Mr. Peterson moved that the Council re-schedule the Special Council Workshop Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2020, at the City Municipal Center (6016 Princess Garden Parkway-Multipurpose Room) at 10:00 a.m. to discuss and review the FY2021 Budget following all the requirements implemented by Governor Hogan to Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., as a virtual meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lashley. The Council discussed and agreed with the proposed re-scheduling. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

8. **DISCUSSION OF 2020 ELECTION UPDATE**

City Clerk Barber provided the Council an update on the 2020 Election. The Council requested that the Board of Elections look into having the election done by mail. City Clerk Barber advised he will work with the Board of Elections and provide an update to the Council at their next meeting.

9. PROPOSED REVISION TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 105-5 SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

Assistant City Administrator Ruff presented the Council with the proposed revisions to City Code Chapter 105-5 Special Taxing District. Ms. Nembhard advised the Council that the item would be placed on the next Council Workshop Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020.

10. MEETING MINUTES

- a) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (February 5, 2020)
- b) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (February 18, 2020)
- c) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (February 19, 2020)
- d) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (March 16, 2020)
- e) Council Closed Session (March 16, 2020)
- f) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 18, 2020)
- g) Special Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 19, 2020)
- h) Special Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 26, 2020)

Ms. Nembhard advised the Council that the Council Meeting Minutes for February 2020 and March 2020 will be provided to the Council prior to the Council Workshop Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020. Ms. Nembhard requested that the Council provide any corrections to Mr. Barber once the minutes have been provided.

11. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

Ms. June Garrett, 6109 87th Avenue, addressed the Council and noted that she liked the virtual meeting.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Robbins moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, April 1, 2020, seconded by Mr. John. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC

City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on June 17, 2020.

