

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018**

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:03 p.m., on Monday, March 19, 2018, in the Council Workshop Room of the Municipal Center. Attending were Chairman Lincoln Lashley, Councilmembers Duane Rosenberg, Richard Bechtold, Katrina R. Dodro, Sarah Potter Robbins (via phone), Administrative Officer Timothy George, Assistant Administrative Officer Karen Ruff, Director of Public Works Wilson Cochran, and Lt. Marc Butler. Mayor Andrew C. Hanko was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lashley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. INVESTING IN A VIBRANT NEW CARROLLTON – KAISER PERMANENTE PRESENTATION – WAYNE WILSON, ROB RICKETTS, LORENA GONZALEZ, AND VICTORIA DAVIS

Kaiser Permanente made a presentation to the Council regarding their development project at the New Carrollton Metro Station Development.

3. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

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:

- A meeting with the residents of the Harland Street area was held on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at the City Municipal Center. About twenty-five people attended;
- Design Collective will present at a future Council Workshop Meeting to provide the Council examples on the proposed renovations based on the Council input on the issue at the Council Workshop Meeting of March 7, 2018.

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 has yet to receive a response;
- 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;

- The foot bridge behind the New Carrollton Library that provided a crossing to Veteran's Park has been removed by Prince George's County. The City was not consulted and was only made aware of the bridge's removal after the fact;
- The Community Gardens are being readied for the 2018 spring planting season. The Parks Department in preparation of the season has been replacing boxes and tilling the soil.

Lt. Butler did not have a written report. Lt. Butler had no updates to provide to the Council.

4. COUNCIL QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Rosenberg thanked everyone for attending the Harland Street Annexation Meeting held on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Mr. Rosenberg requested clarification from the Department of Public Works regarding the foot bridge located behind the New Carrollton Library. Mr. Cochran responded and provided clarification.

Mr. Bechtold requested clarification on the proposed movement of the Council Chambers to the front of the City Municipal Center and proposed costs for the project. Mr. George responded to Mr. Bechtold's questions.

Ms. Robbins noted her support and noted her design requests for the renovations for a newly created Council Chamber.

Ms. Dodro requested that the City write to the County regarding the foot bridge behind the New Carrollton Library being taken out without consultation with the City, as it is the only way to access Veteran's Park.

Mr. Lashley also thanked everyone for attending the Harland Street Annexation Meeting held on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

5. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rosenberg advised that the Community Tax Aid (CTA) program continues to prepare tax returns on Monday's and Thursday's at the City Municipal Center through Thursday, April 19, 2018. Mr. Rosenberg noted the upcoming Annual Easter Egg Hunt Event scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Mr. Bechtold thanked the City Administrative Staff for putting together the annexation meeting held on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Mr. Bechtold asked what the proposed plans are for the Harland Street Property (6000 Harland Street).

Ms. Robbins encouraged residents to attend the upcoming Annual Easter Egg Hunt Event at the new location of Beckett Field (8500 Legation Road) on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Ms. Dodro noted information she received from County Councilmember Chair Danielle Glaros regarding home improvement loans. Ms. Dodro advised she will send the information to the Council.

Mr. Lashley noted that he would be attending the Annual Easter Egg Hunt Event scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018.

6. COMMERCIAL/OVERSIZED VEHICLE CODE CHANGE

Assistant City Administrative Officer Ruff per the Council's request at their last Council Workshop has prepared for their review proposed legislation regarding commercial/oversized vehicles. The Council reviewed and discussed the proposed legislation. Mr. Lashley requested that Mr. Rosenberg read the official motion to introduce changes to the commercial/oversized vehicle code at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

7. RESOLUTION 18-06 CEILING CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL CENTER

Mr. George presented the recommendations for a ceiling contract to the Council. The Council support the proposed resolution. Mr. Lashley requested that Mr. Bechtold read the official motion to adopt Resolution 18-06 Ceiling Contract for Municipal Center at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

Note for the Record: Councilmember Sarah Potter Robbins left the meeting (via phone).

8. MEETING MINUTES

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (February 7, 2018)
- b) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (February 20, 2018)
- c) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (February 21, 2018)
- d) City Council Closed Meeting Minutes (February 20, 2018)

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

9. REVIEW OF BILLS

Batch # 1 (February 22, 2018); Batch # 2 (March 2, 2018); and Batch # 3 (March 15, 2018)

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

10. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

No one wished to address the Council.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, CMC

City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on April 18, 2018.