

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018**

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:02 p.m., on Monday, June 18, 2018, in the Council Workshop Room of the Municipal Center. Attending were Chairman Richard Bechtold, Councilmembers Lincoln Lashley, Sarah Potter Robbins, Roy A. Peterson, and Phelecia Nembhard, Mayor Duane Rosenberg, Assistant Administrative Officer Karen Ruff, Director of Public Works Bernard Cochran, Chief of Police David Rice, Director of Finance, Alayna Rowlett, Human Resources Administrator, and City Clerk Douglass Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bechtold welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Mr. Lashley moved that the City Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting in accordance with the General Provison Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland Section 3-305(b)(1) to discuss a personnel matter that affects one or more of specific individuals, seconded by Ms. Robbins. Mr. Bechtold called for a roll call vote to go into a Closed Meeting as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Lashley	X			
Ms. Robbins	X			
Mr. Peterson	X			
Ms. Nembhard	X			
Mr. Bechtold	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Alayna Rowlett, Human Resources Administrator, Chief of Police David Rice and Mayor Duane Rosenberg.

The Council returned to Council Workshop Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

3. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Rosenberg noted he is working with Andy Fellows from the University of Maryland on potential projects for the City of New Carrollton. Mayor Rosenberg highlighted the Annual Maryland Municipal League Conference held in June in Ocean City, Maryland. Mayor Rosenberg closed his report by highlighting upcoming events he is scheduled to attend.

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:

- The City received approval from BGE for the Smart Energy rebate program. The IT cabling project is nearly complete, so ceiling construction at the City Municipal Center is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks;
- City Administrative Officer George completed the required courses graduate from the Maryland Municipal Leagues Academy of Excellence in Local Governance Program;
- Mr. Joe Drake, a graduate student at the University of Maryland, began his internship with the City of New Carrollton on June 4, 2018. Mr. Drake will be working on sustainability projects for the City;
- City Clerk Barber and Ms. Benitez are making preparation for the upcoming Annual Community Day Event scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018.

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

- Sidewalk work is being completed throughout the City. The trip hazards have been marked and sections are being replaced;
- The contractor has been onsite at the Riverdale Road extension. We are waiting to receive options and pricing;
- 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 new street sweeper has been delivered to the City of Greenbelt. City of New Carrollton residents should see it making the rounds in New Carrollton in late June;
- The 2018 cutting season has begun and residents are asked to please be aware of the mowers as they drive through the City.

Chief of Police Rice noted the sessions he attended during the 2018 Annual Maryland Municipal League Conference. Chief Rice closed by providing May 2018 police stats.

4. COUNCIL QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Robbins had no questions.

Mr. Peterson requested clarification on the new street sweeper. Mr. Cochran responded to Mr. Peterson's questions.

Ms. Nembhard has received many complaints that residents who are purchasing ice cream from the ice cream truck are leaving their trash in other resident's yards and in the street. Chief Rice advised he would look into the issue.

Mr. Lashley advised he had been receiving complaints from residents that pet owners are leaving their pet's waste throughout the City. Mr. Lashley would like to see the City place pet waste containers throughout the City. Chief Rice would advise the City's Animal Control Office of the concern.

Mr. Bechtold requested an update on the New Carrollton Library construction status. Mayor Rosenberg noted he had a meeting scheduled with County Councilmember Glaros and would provide an update to the Council on the construction status of the library.

5. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Robbins had no announcements.

Mr. Peterson, Ms. Nembhard, and Mr. Lashley all thanked City Clerk Barber for his work preparing the Council for the Annual Maryland Municipal League Conference.

Mr. Bechtold advised that the Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation are now selling raffle tickets for the Police Foundation Annual Fundraiser. Mr. Bechtold closed by thanking City Clerk Barber for his work in preparing the Council for the Annual Maryland Municipal League Conference.

6. DISCUSSION OF OWNERSHIP OF THE TRINITY CHURCH LOT

Assistant City Administrative Officer Ruff reviewed with the Council an overview of the property of the Trinity Church Lot. The Council discussed the City's options for the property. Ms. Ruff requested the Council give staff additional time to review the ownership of the property, and discuss with the Council at a future meeting.

7. RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE WEINBACH SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

City Clerk Barber noted that Mayor Rosenberg would like to re-appoint the following to the Weinbach Scholarship Committee for a one-year term: Florence Hendershot; Peggy Kwik; Jane Michalek; and Charles Davis. Mr. Bechtold requested Ms. Robbins read the official motion to accept Mayor Rosenberg's appointments to the Weinbach Scholarship Committee at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

8. ORDINANCE 18-09: (CHAPTER 57-FEES)

City Administrative Officer George presented proposed Ordinance 18-09: Chapter 57-Fees. There was no discussion. Mr. Bechtold requested Mr. Lashley read the official motion to introduce Ordinance 18-09: Chapter 57-Fees at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

9. 4-CITIES COALITION MEETING – WEDNESDAY JULY 25, 2018 (HOSTED BY THE TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS AGENDA ITEM)

Mr. Bechtold requested that the Mayor and Council provide any proposed items for the upcoming 4-Cities Coalition Meeting to City Clerk Barber.

10. DISCUSSION ON SCHEDULING A FUTURE PLANNING SESSION (CITY PARK PLAN AND PRIORITIZATION)

Mr. Bechtold requested that the Mayor and Council set up a special meeting to discuss the City Park Plan and prioritization. Mr. Bechtold noted that a Special Council Workshop Meeting has been scheduled to discuss the 6000 Harland Street Property on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. The Council agreed to add the discussion of City Park Plan and Prioritization to the Special Council Workshop Meeting scheduled for July 11, 2018.

11. MEETING MINUTES

- a) City Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (May 2, 2018)
- b) City Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (May 14, 2018)
- c) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (May 16, 2018)

Chairman Bechtold advised the Council that the minutes listed have been provided by Mr. Barber. Mr. Bechtold requested that the Council provide any corrections to Mr. Barber.

12. REVIEW OF BILLS

Batch # 1 (May 17, 2018); Batch # 2 (May 24, 2018); Batch # 3 (May 31, 2018); Batch # 4 (June 7, 2018); and Batch # 5 (June 14, 2018)

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

13. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

No one wished to address the Council.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglas A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on July 18, 2018.