

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON**  
**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center by Chairman Lincoln Lashley. Attending were Chairman Lincoln Lashley, Councilmembers Duane Rosenberg, Richard Bechtold, and Katrina R. Dodro, Mayor Andrew C. Hanko, City Administrative Officer Timothy George, Public Works Director Bernard Cochran, Treasurer Diane Dawes, Lt. Marc Butler and City Clerk Doug Barber. Councilmember Sarah Potter Robbins was absent.

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Lashley welcomed everyone and asked Mr. Bechtold to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Hearing – Charter Amendment Resolution 18-04**

The Council convened the Public Hearing on Charter Amendment Resolution 18-04 at 7:02 p.m. Chairman Lashley 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 3, 2018); Official Publication in the Sentinel Newspaper (January 11, 2018, edition); Posted on the City’s website on January 8, 2018; and List Serv. Announcement on January 8, 2018.

Chairman Lashley noted the proposed changes to the City Charter with the passage of the Charter Amendment Resolution 18-04.

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

Chairman Lashley noted that copies of Charter Amendment Resolution 18-04 are available for inspection at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chairman Lashley closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

**3. Report of the Treasurer – Consideration of Bills**

Treasurer Dawes presented the Treasurer’s Report: Batch #1 (December 21, 2017); Batch #2 (January 4, 2018); and Batch #3 (January 11, 2018) the bills totaled \$218,235.37. There were 8 bills in excess of \$10,000. There was no discussion. Mr. Rosenberg moved to accept the report with a copy being attached to the minutes; seconded by Ms. Dodro. Chairman Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

**4. Meeting Minutes**

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (December 18, 2017)
- b) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (December 20, 2017)

Mr. Bechtold moved that the following minutes be approved: City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2017; and City Council Legislative Minutes of December 20, 2017. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

**5. Council Member Announcements**

Ms. Dodro advised that the Maryland Municipal League will hold their Annual Legislative Session Opening Day Reception on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, in Annapolis, Maryland. Ms. Dodro closed by reminding residents to be mindful of the winter weather and to check on elderly neighbors.

Mr. Rosenberg advised that the Community Tax Aid (CTA) program would be starting up in February 2018 – through April 2018 at the City of New Carrollton Municipal Center – Multipurpose Room. Mr. Rosenberg closed by providing a health update on Councilmember Robbins and long-time resident Ms. Hammer.

Mr. Bechtold noted the upcoming 2018 Annual Police Banquet to be held on Friday, February 23, 2018, at the Metro Points Hotel.

Mr. Lashley wished Ms. Robbins a speedy recovery.

**6. Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**7. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**Emergency Ordinance 18-05 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Three: To Amend Ordinance 17-07 Current Expense Budget for FY 2018**

**Motion:** Mr. Rosenberg moved that the Council adopt Ordinance 18-05 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Three, as an Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018 as Embodied in Ordinance 17-07 to Reflect the Receipt of Additional Grant Funds and Other Revenues, and to Adjust Various Expenditures. Mr. Bechtold seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

**Charter Amendment Resolution 18-04: Regarding Elections Processes**

**Motion:** Mr. Bechtold moved that the Council adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 18-04, a charter amendment resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland amending the following Election Provisions: City Charter, §C-4 “Qualifications of Elected Official”, to clarify the qualifications of elected officials; amending the City Charter, §C-5 “ Board of Elections” to clarify the Board of Elections’ role and its authority regarding election judges and clerks; amending City Charter, §C-6 “Qualifications and Registration of Voters” to

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include a reference to the State Universal Registration Act; amending City Charter, §C-7 “Elections” to clarify when nominating petitions may be filed; amending City Charter, §C-19 “Referendums” to add clarifying language from State Law, to repeal §C-20 “Ordinances or Resolutions initiated by qualified voters”; Renumbering of Remaining Sections; and other nonsubstantive revisions (i.e. correct spelling). Ms. Dodro seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

**Ordinance 18-04: Chapter 50 Elections (First Reading)**

**Motion:** Mr. Rosenberg moved that the Council introduce Ordinance 18-04, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton repealing Chapter 122 “Voting” of the Code of the City of New Carrollton and re-enacting Chapter 122 with amendments as Chapter 50 “Elections” of the Code of the City of New Carrollton to encompass all issues relating to City Elections **(First Reading)**. Ms. Dodro seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business Mr. Bechtold moved to adjourn the City Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, January 17, 2018, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, CMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on February 21, 2018.