

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:01 p.m., on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, in the Council Workshop Room of the Municipal Center. Attending were Chairman Lincoln Lashley, Councilmembers Duane Rosenberg, Richard Bechtold, Katrina R. Dodro, Mayor Andrew C. Hanko, Administrative Officer Timothy George, Assistant Administrative Officer Karen Ruff, Director of Public Works Wilson Cochran, Chief of Police David Rice, and City Clerk Doug Barber. Councilmember Sarah Potter Robbins was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lashley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Hanko reported that he had selected a new City Attorney, Mr. Jason A. Deloach, a senior attorney with the firm of Alexander & Cleaver. Mayor Hanko has requested he attend the Council Workshop Meeting of Tuesday, February 20, 2018 in a closed session to be interviewed by the Council. Mayor Hanko noted that he recently attended the Annual Maryland Mayors Association Annual Winter Conference held in Annapolis, Maryland. Mayor Hanko closed by noting his recent visit to Carrollton Elementary School to speak to the 4th Grade Students on the Maryland Municipal Leagues (MML) If "I were Mayor" Essay Contest.

Administrative Officer George had no written report. Mr. George provided the Council with an update on the HVAC project.

Director of Public Works Cochran had no official report. Mr. Cochran advised the Council and residents that the Department of Public Works monitors the weather and is prepared for any forecasted weather for our area.

Chief Rice did not have a written report. Chief Rice provided the January 2018 police crime statistics.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

The Council had no questions for the Mayor and Administration.

4. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rosenberg advised that the Community Tax Aid (CTA) program held annually at the City of New Carrollton Municipal Center – Multipurpose Room has begun and will go through April 15, 2018. Mr. Rosenberg also noted that Boy Scout Troop #214 would be hosting its annual Chili Supper at the Elks Lodge on Monday, February 19, 2018.

Mr. Bechtold noted the upcoming meeting scheduled for the Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation and encouraged residents to join the organization. Mr. Bechtold also noted the upcoming 2018 Annual Police Banquet scheduled for Friday, February 23, 2018, at the Metro Points Hotel.

Ms. Dodro advised residents to follow her on her official Facebook page, to receive updates on City information and events as well as information from Prince George's County Government as well as the Prince George's County School System.

Mr. Lashley noted the Public Hearings for the Prince George's County Government FY 2019 Budget.

City Clerk Barber noted the following announcement to the Council: Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 18-04 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018; and the 2018 Annual Easter Egg Hunt will now be called the Annual Easter Egg Event and moved to Beckett Field.

5. CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON 2018 ELECTION TIMELINE

City Clerk Barber reviewed with the Council the important dates for 2018 Election Calendar. Mr. Barber noted that the 2018 Election Guide will be published in the March/April 2018 Edition of the City newsletter.

6. DISCUSSION OF ADVISORY QUESTIONS ON THE 2018 ELECTION BALLOT

Mr. Bechtold requested the item be placed on the agenda to open a discussion with the Council. Mr. Bechtold referenced advisory questions placed on the 2010 Election Ballot. The Council discussed the issue at length and requested that City Staff prepare for the next Council Workshop Meeting proposed advisory questions regarding the following:

- (1) Change the eligible age to vote in the City of New Carrollton Elections from 18 years of age to 16 years of age;
- (2) Remove the requirement for staggered terms so that the Mayor and all Councilmembers are elected at the same time;
- (3) Move City of New Carrollton elections from May to November of odd number of years;
- (4) Change the terms of the City of New Carrollton Mayor and Councilmembers from 2 years to 4 years.

7. NEW CARROLLTON MUNICIPAL CENTER RENOVATIONS DISCUSSION

City Administrative Officer George presented several options for the Council to discuss regarding the next phase of the renovation at the City of New Carrollton Municipal Center (6016 Princess Garden Parkway) as requested by the Council at the Council Workshop Meeting held on January 2018. The Council discussed the issue at length. The Council each had the opportunity to provide input to the staff on the several options. The Council requested that Councilmember Potter Robbins have the opportunity to submit input on the discussion. The item will be placed on a future Council Workshop Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

8. MEETING MINUTES

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 3, 2018)
- b) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 16, 2018)
- c) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 17, 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.

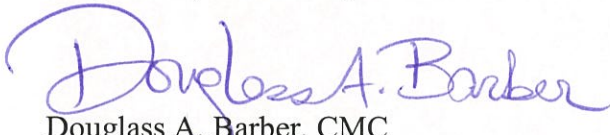
9. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

No one wished to address the Council.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on April 4, 2018.