

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, in the Council Workshop Room of the Municipal Center. Attending were Chairman Sarah Potter Robbins; Councilmembers Lincoln Lashley, Richard Bechtold, and Duane Rosenberg, Mayor Andrew C. Hanko, Interim Administrative Officer Joseph Nagro, Assistant Administrative Officer Timothy George, Public Works Director Bernard Wilson Cochran, Chief of Police David Rice, and City Clerk Doug Barber. Councilmember Katrina R. Dodro was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robbins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. WESTBROOK TOWNS DEVELOPMENT – MR. ARUN LUTHRA

Mr. Arun Luthra with the Westbrook Towns Development addressed the Council with a presentation of the proposed Westbrook Towns Development. The proposed development is for town home condos with a one car garage. Mr. Luthra provided in the presentation the proposed elevation of the project and floor plans for the model condos. Mr. Luthra responded to questions posed by the Council on the proposed development.

3. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Hanko advised the Council he had received information that several proposed meetings regarding the FBI Headquarters Consolidation will be held with the first meeting scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Greenbelt Library.

Interim Administrative Officer Nagro advised the Council that he had no written report to give to the Council. Mr. Nagro provided the Council with highlights from the 4-Cities Coalition Meeting held on Thursday, January 26, 2017, hosted by the City of College Park. Mr. Nagro noted that the Council may want to consider joining FCC Small Cell Action Coalition as the City of College Park and the City of Greenbelt are joining the coalition. The Council requested at Mr. Nagro obtain additional information and bring the item forward at the next Council Workshop Meeting (Monday, February 13, 2017).

Director of Public Works Cochran had no official written report to give to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Cochran advised the Council that the pedestrian bridges on Westbrook Drive have been completed and that the department is currently awaiting the delivery of the new garbage truck.

Chief of Police Rice had no official written report to give to the Mayor and Council. Chief Rice advised the Council and all the residents that tickets for the New Carrollton Police Department 2016 Awards Banquet scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Metro Points Hotel were on sale at the New Carrollton Police Station for \$30.00 per person.

4. **COUNCIL QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Rosenberg provided an update to the Council on the New Carrollton Library renovations.

Mr. Lashley noted his support for funding of the CART Program in the City of Greenbelt.

Mr. Bechold had no questions.

Ms. Robbins addressed her concerns with the traffic box located at Annapolis Road and 85th Avenue.

5. **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Rosenberg advised that the Community Tax Program will begin in February and run through the first part of April at the City Municipal Center every Monday and Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Mr. Rosenberg closed by noting his upcoming attendance at the Prince George's County Municipal Association's Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2017, being hosted by the Town of Forest Heights.

Mr. Lashley noted that he would be attending the upcoming City of New Carrollton Police Department 2016 Annual Banquet to be held on Friday, February 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Metro Points Hotel.

Mr. Bechtold noted the upcoming Friends of the New Carrollton Police Foundation Meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Chief's Meet and Greet Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Robbins also noted her scheduled attendance at the City of New Carrollton Police Department 2016 Annual Banquet to be held on Friday, February 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Metro Points Hotel.

6. **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 17-05 BUDGET AMENDMENT RECONCILIATION NO. TWO: TO AMEND ORDINANCE 17-01 CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET FOR FY 2017**

Director of Finance Williams presented the item to the Council. The Council reviewed the proposed draft Emergency Ordinance 17-05: Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Two: To Amend Ordinance 17-01 Current Expense Budget for FY 2017, an emergency ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending July 30, 2017, as embodied in Ordinance 17-01 to reflect the receipt of additional grant funds and other revenues, and to adjust various expenditures. The Council discussed the proposed ordinance at length. Director of Finance Williams provided clarification to questions posed by the Council. Chairman Robbins

advised the Council that the item would be placed on the upcoming Council Legislative Meeting Agenda, as emergency legislation to be adopted. Mr. Lashley agreed to read Emergency Ordinance 17-05: Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Two: To Amend Ordinance 17-01 Current Expense Budget for FY 2017, at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

7. CITY MUNICIPAL CENTER NEXT STEPS

Assistant Administrative Officer George presented to the Council a proposed time-line that allows for the administrative staff following due diligence expectations and holding key stakeholder meetings during the month of February and holding a Special Council Workshop Meeting on a Saturday during the month of March. The Council discussed briefly and agreed to hold a Special Council Meeting in March to discuss the City Municipal Center Building.

8. BICENTENNIAL HILL WALL PROJECT/CITY MUNICIPAL CENTER PARKING LOT PROJECT

Interim Administrative Officer Nagro presented to the Council information on the two projects along with proposed costs for each of the projects. The Council discussed at length the two projects. The Council decided to wait until the meeting to discuss the City Municipal Building was held to further discuss the City Municipal Center Parking Lot Project. Director of Public Works Cochran would provide additional options to the Council regarding the Bicentennial Hill Wall Project.

9. 2017 ELECTION UPDATE

City Clerk Barber provided the Council with an overview of the 2017 Election Schedule. Mr. Barber noted that candidate registration would begin on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. and end on Friday, March 31, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Barber closed by noting the information would be placed on the City's website and the City's 2017 Election Guide would be included in the March/April edition of the City's newsletter.

10. MEETING MINUTES

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 4, 2017)
- b) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 17, 2017)
- c) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 18, 2017)

Chairman Robbins advised the Council that the minutes listed above have been provided to the Council. Ms. Robbins requested that Council provide any corrections to City Clerk Barber.

11. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

No one wished to address the Council.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bechtold moved to adjourn the Council Workshop Meeting of February 1, 2017, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on March 15, 2017.