

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017**

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, in the Council Workshop Room of the Municipal Center. Attending were Chairman Sarah Potter Robbins, Councilmembers Lincoln Lashley, Richard Bechtold, Duane Rosenberg and Katrina R. Dodro, Interim Administrative Officer Joseph Nagro, Assistant Administrative Officer Timothy George, Public Works Assistant Director Andre Triplett, Chief of Police David Rice, Code Enforcement Manager Keith Goodhue, Director of Finance and Accounting Maisha Williams, Human Resources Coordinator Alayna Rowlett and City Clerk Doug Barber. Public Works Director Bernard Cochran was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robbins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Hanko read the official Mayor's letter that accompanied the Mayor's 2018 City Budget that had been submitted to the Council on Thursday, March 24, 2017. Mayor Hanko noted the budgetary trends and proposed budget opportunities for the City of New Carrollton in the FY 2018 Budget. Mayor Hanko advised of an invitation he received from the Margaret Brent School inviting the Mayor and City Council to an event at the school scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Interim Administrative Officer Nagro noted that he had no written report to give to the Council. Mr. Nagro advised the Council that Assistant Administrative Officer George would provide an action summary from the Special Council Workshop Meeting held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, regarding the future of the City Municipal Center facility.

City Clerk Barber provided the Council with an update on the 2017 City of New Carrollton Election scheduled to take place on Monday, May 1, 2017. Mr. Barber advised that the City of New Carrollton Board of Elections had certified the following candidates: Lincoln H.G. Lashley and Sarah Potter Robbins. Mr. Barber also advised that since the Board of Elections only certified two candidates for the three open council seats, the City would be using the write-in procedures outlined in the City of New Carrollton Election Handbook.

Assistant Director of Public Works Triplett was attending the meeting on behalf of Director of Public Works Cochran. Mr. Triplett advised he had no official written report to give to the Mayor and Council.

Chief of Police Rice had no official written report to give to the Mayor and Council. Chief Rice provided the police status reports for February 2017 and March 2017.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Dodro noted the upcoming Annual Easter Egg Event scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017, at the Vera Cope Weinbach Park. Ms. Dodro thanked Mr. George for his summary of the Special Council Meeting held on March 25, 2017, but noted that the designing and planning for the building renovation should be a collaborate effort with the Council. Ms. Dodro requested a status update from the Department of Public Works on a time frame for having the trash and debris cleared from the creek beds located in the City.

Mr. Bechtold had no questions.

Mr. Rosenberg thanked the Department of Public Works crews for keeping the trash cans throughout the City emptied and clean. Mr. Rosenberg along with other Councilmembers provided Mayor Hanko with possible speakers for the upcoming 4-Cities Coalition Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2017, hosted by the City of New Carrollton.

Mr. Lashley requested that the Director of Public Works provide a status update on addressing the residents' concerns with the pathway that is located near Lamont Elementary.

Ms. Robbins requested that the Department of Public Works give her a status on the tree planted last year along the Vita-Course located in the City.

4. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Dodro noted the upcoming Annual Easter Egg event scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017, at the Vera Cope Weinbach Park. The event is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. with the egg hunt to start at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Bechtold noted the upcoming Friends of the New Carrollton Police Foundation Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Chief of Police's Meet and Greet at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Rosenberg noted that the 2017 Tax Season is underway with the Community Tax Aide Program providing tax preparation services on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the City Municipal Center. Mr. Rosenberg advised that the program will conclude on Monday, April 17, 2017.

Mr. Lashley also noted the upcoming Annual Easter Egg event scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017, at the Vera Cope Weinbach Park, noting that the event is for children 10 and under.

Ms. Robbins noted her attendance at a veteran's celebration program held on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at Martins Crosswinds.

5. FY 2018 MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET: BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chairman Robbins led the Councilmembers, Mayor, and City Staff through a page-by-page review of the proposed FY 2018 Budget (General Government – Pages # 1-72) with City staff providing clarification on questions posed by the Council on the proposed FY 2018 Budget. The following items were highlighted during the Council's discussion of the Proposed FY 2018 Budget regarding the proposed C.O.L.A and performance based merit increases being proposed in the budget.

6. MEETING MINUTES

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (March 1, 2017)
- b) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 15, 2017)
- c) Special City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (March 25, 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.

7. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

Ms. Doris Walker, 8503 86th Court, requested clarification on the State of Maryland Mosquito Control Program.

8. ADJOURNMENT TO SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Rosenberg moved to adjourn the Council Workshop Meeting of April 5, 2017, seconded by Mr. Bechtold. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

9. SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Lashley moved to go into Special Legislative Session on Monday, April 5, 2017, at 8:36 p.m., seconded by Ms. Dodro. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

10. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

Motion: Mr. Bechtold moved that the Council authorize the purchase of three (3) police vehicles from Hertrich Fleet Services Inc., through piggy-backing on the state bid contract in the amount not to exceed \$113,671.08, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. Chief Rice provided clarifications to the questions posed by the Council on the item. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

11. STATE BILL – SB705

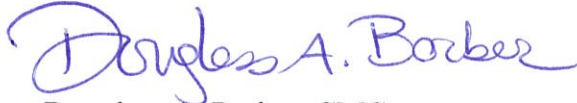
Motion: Mr. Rosenberg moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of the City to our State Senator (Senator Paul Pinsky – District 22) in opposition to SB-705, seconded by Ms. Dodro. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bechtold moved to adjourn the Special Council Legislative Meeting of Monday, April 5, 2017, seconded by Mr. Lashley. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on May 17, 2017.