

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017**

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, April 17, 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; 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, Director of Finance Maisha Williams, Human Resources Coordinator Alayna Rowlett, and City Clerk Doug Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robbins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Hanko noted that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 15, 2017, was a huge success. Mayor Hanko wished to publicly thank the City staff, especially City Clerk Doug Barber and Administrative Assistant Araceli Guzman for their work on the event. Mayor Hanko also thanked the many volunteers for their assistance during the event. Mayor Hanko noted that Candidates Night for the 2017 City's General Election is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at the City Municipal Center. Mayor Hanko advised that Candidates Night will not be televised; however, it would be taped and shown later at a later date. Mayor Hanko noted that Early Voting will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, with polls open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the City Municipal Center. Mayor Hanko also noted that the City's General Election will take place on Monday, May 1, 2017, with polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mayor Hanko closed his report by congratulating Chief David Rice on his recent appointment as chairman of the Maryland Municipal Leagues Police Executives Association.

Interim Administrative Officer Nagro advised the Council that he provided his written monthly report to the Council and it was posted on the City's website. Interim Administrative Officer Nagro provided the following highlights from his report:

- The administrative staff participated in the Special Council Workshop Meeting held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, to discuss the future of the Municipal Center located at 6016 Princess Garden Parkway;
- The administrative staff has a meeting set with a roofing expert to get specs for proposed RFP for the municipal center; the staff has also met with the City's current HVAC contractor to discuss our current system and also to acquire specs for RFP; the administrative staff is also researching and preparing language for a future RFP for an architect.

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

- The Bicentennial Wall contract has been sent to the contractor for final signatures. The work on the wall should begin within the next few weeks. Mr. Cochran noted that the sidewalk will be removed, then the new wall will be placed in front of the old wall, and then a new sidewalk will be installed;
- The school path at the end of Inlet Street that goes up to Lamont Elementary has been repaved by the county. The county is also working to remove trash and debris from along the area;
- The paving contractor has marked the curbs and aprons on the streets that have not been completed in FY 2017; the contract anticipates resuming paving in the near future;
- The City is full of blooms all around the City. The City will once again give out flower bulbs this year. A notice will be posted on all the City's social media outlets when bulbs will be available for pick-up;
- The department responded to a rash of broken limbs during the ice event during the week of April 10, 2017, as several trees came down in the storm.

Chief Rice did not have a written report. Chief Rice advised of his attendance at the Annual Easter Egg event held on Saturday, April 15, 2017, and thanked the City Clerk Barber and City staff for a great event.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Dodro requested staff look into possibly fast tracking in the FY 2017 budget working with Neighborhood Design Center on proposed conceptual design plans for selected parks in the City of New Carrollton. The administrative staff will contact the Neighborhood Design Center and provide a status update at a future meeting. Ms. Dodro thanked the City staff for their work on this year's Annual Easter Egg event.

Mr. Lashley thanked the Director of Public Works for his work in getting the school path at the end of Inlet Street paved and cleared of trash and debris. Mr. Lashley also thanked City Clerk Barber and Administrative Staff Araceli Guzman for their work organizing the Annual Easter Egg event held on Saturday, April. 15, 2017.

Mr. Bechtold thanked City Clerk Barber and Administrative Assistant Guzman on a great job with the Annual Easter Egg event. Mr. Bechtold noted his recent absences due to health issues, but he encouraged the Council to move forward with the funding options for the future renovations at the City Municipal Center.

Ms. Robbins noted her enjoyment and great time she had the Annual Easter Egg event. She thanked City Clerk Barber and Administrative Assistant Guzman for their work on the event.

4. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Dodro noted the upcoming Four Cities Coalition Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2017, hosted by the City of New Carrollton.

Mr. Lashley noted the upcoming Candidate's Night that is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of New Carrollton Municipal Center.

Mr. Bechtold gave his condolences to Mr. Gregory Wills on the recent passing of his mother.

Ms. Robbins also noted the upcoming Candidate's Night is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of New Carrollton Municipal Center.

5. FY 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET: BUDGET DISCUSSION: PUBLIC SAFETY (PAGE 73-103)

Chairman Robbins led the Councilmembers, Mayor, and City Staff through a page-by-page review of the proposed FY 2018 Budget (Public Safety – Pages # 73-103) with Chief Rice and City staff providing clarification on questions posed by the Council on the proposed FY 2018 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 Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 25, 2017)

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

7. REVIEW OF BILLS

Batch # 1 (March 16, 2017); Batch # 2 (March 23, 2017); Batch # 3 (March 30, 2017); Batch # 4 (April 6, 2017); and Batch # 5 (April 13, 2017)

The Council addressed their comments and concerns regarding the proposed bills. City staff addressed and responded to the questions posed by the Council.

8. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

No one wished to address the Council.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rosenberg moved to adjourn the Council Workshop Meeting of April 17, 2017, seconded by Mr. Lashley. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on May 17, 2017.