

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017**

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 15, 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, City Attorney Karen Ruff 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 congratulated Councilmember Sarah Potter Robbins, Councilmember Lincoln Lashley, and Councilmember Richard Bechtold the winners of the 2017 City of New Carrollton General Election held on Monday, May 1, 2017. Mayor Hanko announced that Code Enforcement Manager Mr. Keith Goodhue had submitted his resignation to the City, as he has taken a job with the Town of LaPlata, Maryland.

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 met with Charlie Day of DHCD to discuss CDA bond funding for the Municipal Building Center (6016 Princess Garden Parkway) repairs and renovations;
- The administrative staff was made aware that the New Carrollton Metro Station planned closure will take place May 16, 2017 through June 15, 2017;
- Prince George's County Road Maintenance Division plans to improve the sidewalk and roadway along Princess Garden Parkway.

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 work is scheduled to start the week of May 15, 2017. 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 Tulip Bulbs are once again available at the Public Works Facility. Mr. Cochran noted that residents are advised to see the Department of Public Works office staff to be directed to the bulbs;
- The new summer flowers have arrived and are being installed in the malls and throughout the City;
- The road work on Princess Garden Parkway has begun with the road being milled. The contractor has reported that paving should commence in the near future;
- Mr. Cochran reminded citizens that the paper retriever bins located on Westbrook Drive and Carrollton Parkway are for paper and cardboard only. Mr. Cochran asked that residents do not dump trash or bulk items at the sites.

Chief Rice did not have a written report. Chief Rice noted that large number of residents attending the Friends of New Carrollton Foundation Meeting as well as the Chief's Meet and Greet held on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Chief Rice invited the Mayor and Council as well as the residents of New Carrollton to attend a fundraiser for the City of New Carrollton Officers Memorial Fund to be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, from 3:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant located in Bowie, Maryland. He encouraged all to attend.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Lashley asked about the status of hiring the new City Horticulturist. Mr. Cochran responded to Mr. Lashley's questions. Mr. Lashley thanked the Director of Public Works for his work on the Bicentennial Wall Project.

Mr. Rosenberg thanked Director of Public Works Cochran for his assistance in a tree removal in the City. Mr. Rosenberg requested clarification on the FY 2018 proposed budget regarding expenditures. City Staff provided the responses.

Mr. Bechtold noted the work of the Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation and the funds spent on the youths of the community. Mr. Bechtold noted the increase in attendance at the last Foundation Meeting.

Ms. Dodro requested clarification from Chief of Police on regulations regarding animal control requirement when dealing with wild animals. Chief Rice provided the City's current practice and requirements the City must follow.

Ms. Robbins noted that an impact study was being done at the entrance way into the City at Route 450 and 85th Avenue, as it is a continual traffic issue for the residents.

4. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Lashley reminded residents to go to WMATA's website for updates on the Safetrack program, as New Carrollton's Metro station will be effected.

Mr. Rosenberg thanked the City Administration for their assistance in scheduling the use of the multipurpose room for the post tax season potluck.

Mr. Bechtold noted that the Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation has started their annual raffle ticket fundraiser.

Ms. Dodro cautioned the residents to be aware of the weather changes and to look after the seniors/elderly residents during those extremely hot summer days. Ms. Dodro closed by wishing everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Ms. Robbins thanked the City for the use of the City Municipal Center Multipurpose Room for the Prince George's Little Theatre which is a New Carrollton based program which just completed their 57th season.

5. DRAFT ORDINANCE 17-07-OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND FISCAL YEAR 2018

There was no discussion on the item. Ms. Robbins requested that Mr. Rosenberg read the official motion to introduce Ordinance 17-07, the proposed ordinance for the Operating and Capital Budget for the City of New Carrollton, Maryland Fiscal Year 2018 (first reading) at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

6. DISCUSSION OF FY 2018 SCHEDULE OF FEES RESOLUTION

Interim City Administrative Officer Nagro noted that there were no changes to the fees proposed for FY 2018. The resolution will come before the Council for adoption at the scheduled Special Council Legislative Meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, along with the FY 2018 Budget.

7. ADOPT THE AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICE AGREEMENT CONTRACT WITH DISCUSSION OF OPTOTRAFFIC LLC.

Chief of Police Rice and City Attorney Ruff reviewed with the Council the proposed amendment to the service agreement contract with Optotraffic, LLC. Chief Rice responded to questions of clarification given by the Council on the item. Ms. Robbins requested that Mr. Lashley read the official motion to adopt the amendment to the service agreement contract with Optotraffic, LLC, at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

8. DISCUSSION OF EDUCATION ASSISTANCE POLICY REVISION

Human Resources Coordinator Alayna Rowlett presented the item to the Council. Ms. Rowlett responded to questions posed by the Council. Ms. Rowlett advised the Council that the proposed changes were to provide clarity to the City's current policy. Ms. Robbins

requested that Ms. Dodro read the official motion to adopt a resolution adopting revisions to the City of New Carrollton Education Assistance Policy, at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

9. DISCUSSION OF MUNICIPAL CENTER RENOVATION FUNDING

Interim City Administrative Officer Nagro and Assistant City Administrative Officer Tim George presented to the Council the proposed plan and funding options for the Council to consider as the City moves forward in the Municipal Center renovations. The Council provided consensus to have the administrative staff move forward with securing \$1.5 million in funding for the building renovations. The administrative staff requested that an official resolution be adopted by the Council at the next scheduled legislative session. Ms. Robbins requested that Mr. Bechtold read the official motion to adopt a resolution regarding the City moving forward in securing funding for the renovations of the City Municipal Center, at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

10. DISCUSSION ON RESIDENTIAL PARKING IN THE CITY

The Council discussed at length different options to address the concerns of the residents of the City that are dealing with the lack of parking on City streets. Interim Administrative Officer Nagro provided insight on parking concerns from his experience in the City of College Park. The Council agreed to think about the options discussed and bring back the item at a later date for additional discussion.

11. MEETING MINUTES

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 1, 2017)
- b) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 17, 2017)
- c) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (April 19, 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.

12. REVIEW OF BILLS

Batch # 1 (April 20, 2017); Batch # 2 (April 27, 2017); Batch # 3 (May 4, 2017); and Batch # 4 (May 11, 2017)

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

13. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

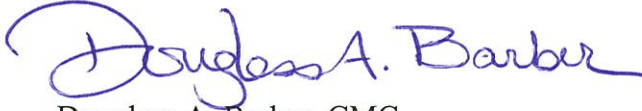
Resident of 7773 Riverdale Road addressed the Council as it was his first time attending a City of New Carrollton Council Meeting.

Resident of 7404 Potomac Court addressed the Council requested that the Council be aware of talking over one another during discussion items at the meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglass A. Barber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Douglass A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on June 21, 2017.