

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center by Chairman Sarah Potter Robbins. Attending were Chairman Sarah Potter Robbins, Vice Chair Lincoln Lashley, Councilmember Richard Bechtold, Councilmember Duane Rosenberg, Councilmember Katrina R. Dodro, and Mayor Andrew C. Hanko, Interim Administrative Officer Joseph Nagro, Assistant Administrative Officer Tim George, Deputy Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, Treasurer Diane Dawes, Chief of Police David Rice and City Clerk Doug Barber.

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Robbins welcomed everyone and asked Mayor Hanko to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Hearing – Constant Yield Tax Rate for FY 2018

The City Council convened the Public Hearing on the Constant Yield Tax Rate for FY 2018 at 7:02 p.m. Chairman Robbins verified with City Clerk Barber that the Public Hearing had been advertised as follows: Public Notice Board located at the City Municipal Center along with (posted on May 1, 2017; Official Publication in the Sentinel Newspaper (May 4, 2017, edition); List Serv. Announcements on May 12, 2017 and May 16, 2017.

Chairman Robbins noted that if the City maintains the current tax rate of \$0.6652 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 5.20% resulting in \$246,427.44 of new real property tax revenues.

No one wished to address the Council. No written testimony had been received by the City.

Chairman Robbins noted that copies of the proposed FY 2018 Budget are available for inspection at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chairman Robbins noted that seeing no one else wishing to speak, she closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

3. Report of the Treasurer – Consideration of Bills

Treasurer Dawes presented the Treasurer's Report: Batch #1 (April 20, 2017); Batch #2 (April 27, 2017); Batch #3 (May 4, 2017); and Batch #4 (May 11, 2017); the bills totaled \$153,687.16. There were 5 bills in excess of \$10,000. There was no discussion. Mr. Rosenberg moved to accept the report with a copy being attached to the minutes; seconded by Mr. Lashley. Chairman Robbins called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

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4. Meeting Minutes

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 5, 2017)
- b) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 17, 2017)
- c) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (April 19, 2017)

Ms. Dodro moved that the following minutes be approved: City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017; City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2017; and City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2017. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Robbins called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

5. Council Member Announcements

Ms. Dodro had no announcements.

Mr. Rosenberg noted the upcoming 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.

Mr. Lashley noted the upcoming scheduled Blood Drive to be held at the New Carrollton Municipal Center on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Bechtold noted that the Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation annual fundraiser raffle and membership drive had begun. Mr. Bechtold noted that the Foundation Meetings are held the second Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Robbins closed by noting the many wonderful things that the New Carrollton Police Foundation funds that benefit the many children of our community.

6. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

7. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Ordinance 17-07 – Operating and Capital Budget for the City of New Carrollton, Maryland Fiscal Year 2018 (First Reading)

Mr. Rosenberg moved that the Council introduce (postpone) Ordinance 17-07, an ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton adopting an annual operating and capital budget for the City of New Carrollton for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; establishing the tax rate to be levied upon the taxable property within the City; authorizing the collection of such taxes, liens and unpaid fees; adopting annual budgets for the commercial and/or industrial properties special public safety taxing districts; and all things generally relating to the adoption of an annual budget for the City (First Reading), seconded by Ms. Dodro. Mr. Rosenberg provided a brief summary of the proposed FY 2018 Budget. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

Motion: Election Results – May 1, 2017

Ms. Dodro moved that the Council has received the certified results of the City of New Carrollton Municipal Election held on Monday, May 1, 2017, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. There was no discussion. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

Motion: Resolution 17-02: Funding for the Renovation of the Municipal Building

Mr. Bechtold moved that the Council adopt Resolution 17-02, a resolution authorizing the City Administration Department to seek funding for the repair and renovation of the Municipal Center in the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1.5 Million), seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. There was no discussion. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

Motion: Resolution 17-03: Changes to the City’s Personnel Policy: Educational Assistance Policy

Ms. Dodro moved that the Council adopt Resolution 17-03, a resolution to approve changes to the City’s Personnel Policy regarding the Educational Assistance Policy, seconded by Mr. Lashley. There was no discussion. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

Motion: Amendment to the Service Agreement Contract with Optotraffic, LLC.

Mr. Bechtold moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Service Agreement Contract with Optotraffic, LLC, seconded by Mr. Lashley. There was no discussion. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

9. SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2016-2017 COUNCIL

The Council adjourned sine die.

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10. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNCILMEMBERS BY MAYOR HANKO

Mayor Hanko issued the oath of office to the following:

Mr. Richard J. Bechtold
Mr. Lincoln H.G. Lashley
Ms. Sarah Potter Robbins

11. CALL TO ORDER OF THE 2017-2018 NEW CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL

The 2017-2018 New Carrollton City Council was seated.

12. NEW BUSINESS

The Council discussed the organization of the Council for 2017-2018. Mr. Rosenberg moved that the Council accept the 2017-2018 organization of the Council as follows:

Chairman – Mr. Lincoln H.G. Lashley
Vice Chairman – Ms. Katrina R. Dodro
Mayor Pro-Tem – Mr. Duane H. Rosenberg
Alternate Treasurer – Mr. Richard J. Bechtold
Councilmember – Sarah Potter Robbins

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lashley. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

13. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business Mr. Bechtold moved to adjourn the City Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, May 17, 2017, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on June 21, 2017.