

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:01 p.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, in the Council Workshop Room of the Municipal Center. Attending were Vice Chair Lincoln Lashley, Councilmembers Sarah Potter Robbins, Roy A. Peterson, Phelecia Nembhard, Mayor Duane Rosenberg, City Administrative Officer Timothy George, Assistant City Administrative Officer Karen Ruff, Chief of Police David Rice, Director of Public Works Bernard Cochran, Director of Finance/City Treasurer Maisha Williams, and City Clerk Douglass Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lashley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED MEETING

Motion: Mr. Lashley moved that the City Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting, in accordance with the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305 (b) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a matter and §3-305 (b) (9) to consult with staff consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation, seconded by Ms. Robbins. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (4-0-0).

Note for the Record: The Council went into a closed session at 7:02 p.m. The Council returned to open session at 7:44 p.m.

3. PRESENTATION – FY 2018 AUDITORS REPORT – MS. DIANE MOCK, BRIDGETT MOCK AND ASSOCIATES

Ms. Diane Mock with Bridgett Mock and Associates presented the Council with a review of the City of New Carrollton's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018. Ms. Mock provided highlights from the report and responded to questions providing clarification to the Council.

4. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Rosenberg reminded the residents of the upcoming holiday (President's Birthday Day Holiday) as the City offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019. Mayor Rosenberg briefed the Council on the upcoming Special Election scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019. Mayor Rosenberg advised the Council that a candidates night has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with County Councilmember Dannielle M. Glaros serving as moderator. Mayor Rosenberg requested that the Council consent to moving the scheduled Council Workshop Meeting to Wednesday, February 20, 2019, along with the previously scheduled Council Legislative Meeting. The Council supported the Mayor's request to combine the meetings to allow for Council to attend the candidate's night. Mayor Rosenberg closed his report by providing an update on the Carrollton Parkway Pedestrian Bridge.

Director of Public Works Cochran updated the Mayor and Council on the ever-changing weather conditions. Mr. Cochran advised the Council he has ordered additional salt and is prepared for any forthcoming weather events.

Administrative Officer George updated the Mayor and Council on some proposed green initiatives (electric vehicles and a solar panel roof) that will be forthcoming to the Council for their consideration.

Chief of Police Rice noted the scheduled Friends of New Carrollton Police Department Meeting on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Chief Rice closed by reminding the Council of the Annual Police Banquet scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

5. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Peterson requested clarification on the City's procedures for handling water main breaks in the City. Mr. Cochran provided the City's procedures in dealing with water main breaks is to first contact Washing Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to assess the situation. Clerk Barber ensured the Council the WSSC emergency and non-emergency number would be published in the City's newsletter.

Ms. Robbins addressed concerns with traffic issues on 87th Avenue.

Mr. Lashley noted his attendance at a Martin Luther King Jr. Event along with fellow state legislators from District 22 recently. Mr. Lashley closed by requesting an update on the fire hydrants at Carrollton Gardens Apartments. Mr. George provided an update on the issue.

6. RESOLUTION 19-10 AMENDING THE FY 2019 SCHEDULE OF FEES

Ms. Ruff provided clarification to the Council on questions regarding the proposed resolution. There was no additional discussion on the item. Mr. Lashley requested that Ms. Robbins read the official motion to adopt Resolution 19-10 Amending the FY 2019 Scheduled of Fees at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

7. ORDINANCE 19-12 CHAPTER 6: BUDGET AND FINANCE (SECOND READING)

There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested Mr. Peterson read the official motion to adopt Ordinance 19-12 Chapter 6: Budget and Finance at the legislative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

8. ELDERLY AND VETERAN TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Mayor Rosenberg presented to the Council information on a potential Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program. Mayor Rosenberg requested the Council review the material and provide the feedback to him. Mayor Rosenberg advised the Council the item would be placed on a future Council Agenda for further discussion.

9. MUNICIPAL CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT - UPDATE

Mayor Rosenberg and City Administrative Officer George requested the Council move the discussion of the Municipal Center Renovation Project Update to a future meeting.

10. MEETING MINUTES

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 2, 2019)
- b) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 14, 2019)
- c) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 16, 2019)

Mr. Lashley advised the Council that the minutes listed will be provided to the Council prior the next scheduled Council Workshop Meeting (Wednesday, February 20, 2019).

11. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

Mr. Stephen John, 5813 Lamont Drive, requested clarification on the new pot holes in the City. Mr. Cochran advised that the City handles the ones that are located on City streets and if they are on County maintained road in the City, the County would be contacted to handle and repair the potholes. Mr. Cochran advised that he has made contact with the County to address pothole repairs.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on March 20, 2019.