

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING/SPECIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2019

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 13, 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, Stephen John, Mayor Duane Rosenberg, City Administrative Officer Timothy George, Assistant City Administrative Officer Karen Ruff, Director of Public Works Wilson Cochran, Chief of Police David G. Rice, Director of Finance and Accounting/Treasurer Maisha Williams and City Clerk Douglass Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD – CLOSED MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019:

In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306 (c)(2) of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, I move that the minutes of tonight’s meeting reflect that Council met in closed session on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 9:26 p.m. in the Council Workshop Room # 230 of the New Carrollton Municipal Center, pursuant to General Provisions Art., Section 3-307(b)(1) to discuss the compensation and/or performance evaluation of one or more City appointees and employees.

Motion – Nembhard/John

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Lashley	X			
Ms. Robbins	X			
Mr. Peterson	X			
Ms. Nembhard	X			
Mr. John	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: City Administrative Officer Timothy George, Department of Public Works Director Bernard Cochran, and City Clerk Douglass Barber. Duane Rosenberg, Mayor was also in attendance. The Council took no action during this session. The Closed Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 19-17 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FY 2020 AND FY 2020 SCHEDULE OF FEES, FINES, AND CIP

The City Council convened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 19-17: Budget Ordinance for FY 2020 and FY 2020 Schedule of Fees, Fines, and CIP at 7:02 p.m. Vice Chair Lashley 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 flyers posted on April 26, 2019; Official Publication in the Sentinel Newspaper May 2, 2019 edition; Announcements on Facebook and Twitter on April 26, 2019; and City Website Announcement and City's Public Access Channel on April 26, 2019.

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

Vice Chair Lashley noted that copies of Ordinance 19-17: Budget Ordinance for FY 2020 and FY 2020 Schedule of Fees, Fines, and CIP are available for inspection at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Vice Chair Lashley noted that seeing no one else wanted to speak, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2020 CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE

The City Council convened the Public Hearing on the Constant Yield Tax Rate for FY 2020 at 7:04 p.m. Vice Chair Lashley 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 flyers posted on April 17, 2019; Official Publication in the Sentinel Newspaper April 25, 2019 edition; Announcements on Facebook and Twitter on April 17, 2019; and City Website Announcement and City's Public Access Channel on April 17, 2019.

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

Vice Chair Lashley noted that copies of the proposed FY 2020 Budget are available for inspection at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Vice Chair Lashley noted that seeing no one else wanted to speak, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:06p.m.

5. PRESENTATION – UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STUDENTS - RECYCLING PROGRAM

The City Council were given a presentation from students from the University of Maryland on their proposed recommendation to increase recycling in the City of New Carrollton.

6. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Rosenberg provided the Council with an update on meetings he has been attending and scheduled to attend in the coming weeks. Mayor Rosenberg noted that the Friends of

New Carrollton Police Foundation have scheduled their annual yard sale for Saturday, June 1, 2019, at the City Municipal Center rain or shine.

Director of Public Works Cochran provided a written report. Mr. Cochran provided the following highlights from his report: The Carrollton Parkway Pedestrian Bridge was now officially open. Mr. Cochran also advised residents that the tulip bulbs had been pulled from the flower beds in the City and are being offered to residents.

Chief Rice updated the Council on the recently held Friends of New Carrollton Police Foundation Meeting held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at the City Municipal Center. Chief Rice also noted the following upcoming summer events from the New Carrollton Police Department; Skate with Kids (Saturday, June 22, 2019; Bike Rodeo (Saturday, August 10, 2019) and the City of New Carrollton National Night Out Event (Tuesday, August 6, 2019). Chief Rice closed his report by providing the police stats for April 2019.

City Administrative Officer George provided a written report. Mr. George provided the following highlights from the report: The proposed charging stations are scheduled to be installed in preparation for the electric vehicle (Code Vehicle) being purchased.

7. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Nembhard asked when the City would be cutting the ditches on Westbrook Drive. Mr. Cochran responded to Ms. Nembhard concerns.

Mr. John had no questions.

Ms. Robbins thanked all who came out to vote in the 2019 Election.

Mr. Peterson thanked all who came out to vote in the 2019 Election. Mr. Peterson noted concerns with broken equipment at City Parks. Mr. Cochran advised that the broken equipment had been reported, and parts are on order to fix the broken equipment.

Mr. Lashley noted the upcoming events presented by the City of New Carrollton Police Department: Skate with Kids (Saturday, June 22, 2019; Bike Rodeo (Saturday, August 10, 2019) and the City of New Carrollton National Night Out Event (Tuesday, August 6, 2019). Mr. Lashley closed by warning residents to watch their speed through the City as school will be letting out soon and the neighborhood will be filled with children at play.

8. RE-APPOINTMENT OF WEINBACH SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: FLORENCE HENDERSHOT, PEGGY KWIK, JANE MICHALEK, AND CHARLES DAVIS

City Clerk Barber advised the Council that they annually accept the Mayor's appointments for this committee. Mr. Lashley requested that Mr. John read the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

9. GREEN TEAM INITIATIVE

Assistant City Administrative Officer Ruff addressed the Council regarding Council action on the following Green Team Initiatives: Adopted Action Plan for Maryland Sustainability Certification (to be done by the City of New Carrollton Green Team); Green Team Purchasing Policy (Resolution); and Animal/Pet Waste Ordinance. The staff and Council discussed items at length. Council gave consent to staff to move forward with the required legislation to be presented to the Council at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

10. DISCUSSION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CARROLLTON MANOR

Mr. George presented the Council with proposed Code Enforcement Agreement with Carrollton Manor. Mr. George advised the Council that the proposed agreement would allow for the Department of Code Enforcement to work in the entire Carrollton Manor Complex as some of the building are not located in the City. This agreement would only be for the Department of Code Enforcement and not include any police services.

11. FY 2020 BUDGET

The Council discussed at length a final review of the proposed FY 2020 Budget. City staff responded to questions asked by the Council regarding certain lines in the FY 2020 Budget. The majority of the Council discussion was regarding the need for the Fleet Manager Position in the proposed FY 2020 Budget. Mr. Lashley had each Councilmember express their comments and concerns with the proposed FY2020 Budget.

12. RESOLUTION 19-19 ADOPTING A SCHEDULED OF FEES FOR FY 2020

Mr. George presented the Council with proposed Resolution 19-19: Adopting a Schedule of Fees for FY 2020. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested that Ms. Nembhard read the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

13. MEETING MINUTES

- a) Council Workshop Meeting/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 6, 2019)
- b) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (March 18, 2019)
- c) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 20, 2019)
- d) Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes (March 6, 2019)
- e) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 3, 2019)
- f) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 15, 2019)
- g) Special Council Workshop Meeting/Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (April 17, 2019)

Mr. Lashley advised the Council that the minutes for March had been provided to the Council. City Clerk Barber requested that the April 2019 Meeting Minutes be pulled and placed on the June Meeting agenda for approval. The Council agreed.

14. REVIEW OF THE BILLS

**Batch # 1 (April 11, 2019); Batch # 2 (April 18, 2019); Batch # 3 (April 25, 2019);
Batch # 4 (May 2, 2019); and Batch # 5 (May 9, 2019)**

The staff responded to questions and comments of the Council regarding the bills.

15. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

Mr. Jeffrey Dolberg 5813 84th Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the proposed FY 2020 Budget specifically the Fleet Manager Position and the Facilities Manager which he supports.

Ms. Tammy Jones Simmons, 6147 Jodie Street, addressed the Council with her comments/concerns/ and thanks on multiple City issues.

Mr. Richard Robbins, 6220 87th Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the comments on the proposed FY 2020 Budget.

Mr. Terry Reese, 8316 Cathedral Avenue, addressed the Council, stating his support for the proposed addition of a Fleet Manager position in the FY 2020 Budget.

Mr. Bill McNeel 8406 Ravenswood Road, addressed the Council regarding animal control complaints after hours. Chief Rice provided contact information to the resident.


Ms. Evelyn Lashley, 6009 85th Place, addressed the Council and thanked the Police Department for the work they do for the residents of the City of New Carrollton.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. John moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting/Special Council Legislative Meeting of Monday, May 13, 2019, seconded by Mr. Peterson. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglass A. Barber, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on June 19, 2019.

