

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES**  
**LEGISLATIVE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020**

The Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:04 p.m., on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chair Phelecia Nembhard, Councilmembers Roy A. Peterson, Lincoln Lashley, Stephen L. John, Sarah Potter Robbins, Mayor Duane Rosenberg, City Administrative Officer Tim George, City Clerk Doug Barber, and Board of Election Chair Charles Davis

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nembhard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Ms. Nembhard noted the recent passing of Senator Pinsky's wife Joan Rothgeb.

**2. MEETING MINUTES**

- a) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (February 5, 2020)
- b) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (February 18, 2020)
- c) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (February 19, 2020)
- d) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (March 16, 2020)
- e) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 18, 2020)
- f) Special Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 19, 2020)
- g) Special Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 26, 2020)

Ms. Robbins moved that the following minutes be approved: Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (February 5, 2020), Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (Feb 18, 2020), Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (February 19, 2020), Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (March 16, 2020), Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 18, 2020), Special Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 19, 2020), and Special Council Legislative Meeting Minutes March 26, 2020). Mr. Lashley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. John had no questions or announcements.

Mr. Lashley advised the residents to stay safe and follow the social distancing requirements.

Ms. Robbins had no questions or announcements.

Mr. Peterson noted Governor Hogan's recently held press conference addressing COVID-19, noting the requirements for wearing masks.

Ms. Nembhard noted the several food distribution sites in the City and their schedules. Ms. Nembhard noted she would provide a food distribution site list by email to the Council.

City of New Carrollton Board of Elections Chair Charles Davis addressed the Council with responses to comments and concerns regarding the upcoming 2020 Election.

4. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA BY THE COUNCIL**

None

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **PROCLAMATION – BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

**Motion:** Mr. Peterson moved that the Council along with the Mayor proclaim May 2020, Building Safety Month in the City of New Carrollton, and urge all citizens to promote building safety. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

8. **PROCLAMATION – PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK (MAY 3 – MAY 9, 2020)**

**Motion:** Mr. Lashley moved that the Council along with the Mayor proclaim May 3 – May 9, 2020, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week in the City of New Carrollton, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk Douglass A. Barber for his service to the City of New Carrollton. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

9. **PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK (MAY 10 – MAY 16, 2020)**

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the Council along with the Mayor proclaim May 10 – May 16, 2020, as National Police Week in the City of New Carrollton and urge our citizens to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion serve the City of New Carrollton. Mr. Lashley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

10. **PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK (MAY 17- MAY 23, 2020)**

**Motion:** Mr. John moved that the Council along with the Mayor proclaim May 17 – May 23, 2020, as National Public Works Week in the City of New Carrollton and further extend our appreciation to our Department of Public Works employees for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the residents and the community they serve. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**11. ORDINANCE 20-11 CITY CODE CHAPTER 105 TAXATION (FIRST READING)**

**Motion:** Mr. Lashley moved that the Council introduce Ordinance 20-11, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland, amending the Code of the City of New Carrollton, Chapter 105 Taxation, Article III.. Special Public Safety Taxing Districts, §105-5 Special Public Taxing Districts Generally; Districts Created; Applicability, to delete addresses from the description of the Special Public Safety Taxing Districts, to clarify that the Multifamily Special Public Safety Taxing District shall include both apartments and condominiums, to provide for when there would be a zero tax rate for a Special Public Safety Taxing District, and other nonsubstantive changes (**First Reading**). Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**12. CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 20-03 SUSPENDING CERTAIN STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS AND PERMITTING VOTING BY MAIL**

**Motion:** Mr. John moved that the Council adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 20-03, a Resolution of the City of New Carrollton, Maryland for Purposes of Amending the Charter of the City of New Carrollton authorizing the City Council to amend, suspend, revise, alter, and add to certain provisions of the Charter including, but not limited to, instituting voting by mail, in the event of a state of emergency declared in Maryland or Prince George's County. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**13. RESOLUTION 20-10 PURPOSES OF POSTPONING THE MAY 4, 2020 CITY ELECTION**

**Motion:** Mr. Peterson moved that the Council adopt Resolution 20-10, a Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland, for purposes of postponing the May 4, 2020 City Election. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**14. RESOLUTION 20-11 PURPOSES OF INSTITUTING VOTING BY MAIL FOR THE 2020 ELECTION**

**Motion:** Mr. Lashley moved that the Council adopt Resolution 20-11, a Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton, Maryland, for purposes of instituting voting by mail for the 2020 election due to an existing state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency caused by COVID 19. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**15. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-12 ADDING SECTION 50-39 TO CHAPTER 50 ELECTIONS**

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the Council adopt Ordinance 20-11, an Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton adding section 50-39 to Chapter 50 of the City Code authorizing the suspension, alteration, or amendment of any and all provisions in Chapter 50 by the City Council in the event of a State of Emergency or Public Health Emergency. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**16. RESOLUTION 20-12 APPROVAL OF REVISED 2020 ELECTION CALENDAR**

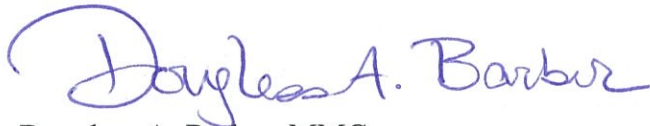
**Motion:** Mr. Lashley moved that the Council adopt Resolution 20-12, a Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton approving the City 2020 General Election Timeline. Mr. John seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Robbins moved to adjourn the City Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, April 15, 2020, seconded by Mr. Peterson. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on June 17, 2020.