

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020**

The Special Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 11, 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, Chief of Police David Rice, Human Resources Administrator Alayna Rowlett, Director of Finance Maisha Williams Interim Director of Public Works Joseph Nagro, Assistant Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, and City Clerk Doug Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nembhard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**2. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FY2021 BUDGET
FY 2021 COLA**

Ms. Robbins requested that the Council discuss increasing the proposed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) from the presented 1.6% to 2.5% rewarding the employees for all their hard work for the City of New Carrollton. The Council discussed the COLA at length. City Administrative Officer George provided information to the Council to assist the Council in their discussion. The Council discussed how to fund the additional cost for the increase. The Council with the exception of Councilmember John supported the placing the FY2021 COLA in the budget at 2.5%.

FY 2021 Benefit to Residents

The Council discussed at length options the Council had as a way to provide support to our residents during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Council discussed what other local municipalities had done (Hyattsville and Riverdale Park) to provide assistance. City Administrative Officer George requested the Council allow the staff to come up with a few options discussed by the Council and create an application. Mr. George advised the Council he would work on a proposal and bring it back to the Council at a future meeting for further discussion by the Council.

Chief of Police Compensation

Ms. Robbins requested clarification on the Chief of Police salary and the need to have it increased. The Council discussed the item. Council requested the item be placed on the next Council Meeting Agenda for further discussion and potential adoption.

3. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

Ms. Rebecca Frye, 5718 83rd Place, addressed the Council regarding concerns with increased funds for City employees and to residents.

Mr. Terry Reece, 8316 Cathedral Avenue addressed his concerns with conversations/comments during the meeting.

Ms. Christine Frazier, 7705 Topton Street, addressed comments regarding the purchase of police vehicles in the FY2020 Budget.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn the Special City Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, May 11, 2020, seconded by Mr. Lashley. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas A. Barber, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on June 17, 2020.