

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020**

The Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:04 p.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 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, and City Clerk Doug Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nembhard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – CITY CODE CHAPTER 105 TAXATION

The City Council convened the Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 20-11 Amending Chapter 105 Taxation at 7:04 p.m. Chair Nembhard verified with City Clerk Barber that the Public Hearing had been advertised as follows: Public Notice at the City Municipal Center posted on April 30, 2020; Official Publication in the Prince George's Post Newspaper May 7, 2020 edition; Announcements on Twitter on May 11, 2020; and City Website Announcement on May 11, 2020.

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

Chair Nembhard noted that copies of proposed Ordinance 20-11 Amending Chapter 105 Taxation are available for inspection upon request. Chair Nembhard noted that seeing no one else wanted to speak, she closed the Public Hearing at 7:10p.m.

Note for the Record: Mr. Peterson and Mr. McNeil addressed concerns with the posting of the link to the zoom meeting on the City's website. Mr. George advised he would address their concerns and update the City website.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Robbins noted the recent passing of former Director of Public Works Gregory Wills and gave her condolences to the family.

Mr. Peterson had no questions or announcements.

Mr. Lashley offered his sympathies to the Wills Family. Mr. Lashley reminded residents of the Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Off that is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the City Municipal Center.

Mr. John had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Nembhard gave her condolences and sympathies to the Wills Family. Ms. Nembhard noted the several food distribution sites in the City and their schedules.

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

Mr. Peterson requested that a further discussion of the City's Parking Concerns be added to the Council Workshop Meeting Agenda for June 3, 2020

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

6. **Ordinance 20-11 City Code Chapter 105 Taxation (Second Reading)**

Motion: Mr. Lashley moved that the Council adopt 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 (**Second Reading**). Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

7. **Ordinance 20-13 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Six To Amend Ordinance 19- 17 Current Expense Budget for FY2020, as Amended (Second Reading)**

Motion: Ms. Robbins moved that the Council adopt Ordinance 20-13, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 as embodied in Ordinance 19-17, as amended since its adoption, to reallocate certain line items to provide for expenses relating to a mail-in 2020 general election (**Second Reading**). Mr. John seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

8. **Ordinance 20-14 FY2021 Budget (Second Reading)**

Motion: Ms. Robbins moved that the Council adopt Ordinance 20-14, 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, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; Establishing the tax rate to be levied upon the taxable property within the City; Authorizing the collection of such taxes; Specifying a rate of interest to be charged upon overdue personal property taxes, liens and unpaid fees: Adopting annual budgets for the Commercial and/or Industrial Properties Special Public Safety Taxing District and the Multifamily Properties Special Public Safety Taxing District; Establishing the Annual Tax Rate to be levied upon the Special Public Safety Taxing Districts; and all things generally relating to the adoption of an annual budget for the City (**Second Reading**). Mr. Lashley

seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

10. **PROCLAMATION – EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION**

Motion: Mr. Peterson moved that the Council along with the Mayor proclaim the remainder of the year 2020 as Earth Year and encourage residents to participate in environmental awareness and personal stewardship activities throughout the remainder of the year. Mr. John seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

11. **RESOLUTION 20-09 FY2021 FEE SCHEDULE**

Motion: Mr. John moved that the Council adopt Resolution 20-09, a Resolution adopting a schedule of fees for FY2021. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

12. **RESOLUTION 20-14 APPROVING COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR CDBG (FFY 2021 - 2023)**

Motion: Mr. Lashley moved that the Council adopt Resolution 20-14, a Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton approving a cooperation agreement with Prince George's County, Maryland for the purpose of participating in the County's Community Development Block Grant and, where applicable, home programs effective for federal fiscal years 2021 - 2023 and authoring the Mayor to sign the cooperation agreement on behalf of the City of New Carrollton. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

13. **RESOLUTION 20-15 APPROVAL ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Motion: Mr. Lashley moved that the Council adopt Resolution 20-15, a Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton approving additional compensation to certain City employees as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Robbins moved to adjourn the City Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, May 20, 2020, seconded by Mr. John. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglass A. Barber, MMC

City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on June 17, 2020.