

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES  
COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020**

The Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:07 p.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, in the Council Workshop Room # 230 of the Municipal Center. Attending were Chair Phelecia Nembhard, Councilmembers Roy A. Peterson (via-phone), Lincoln Lashley (via-phone), Stephen L. John (via-phone), Sarah Potter Robbins (via-phone), Mayor Duane Rosenberg (via-phone), and City Clerk Doug Barber.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nembhard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**2. STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD – CLOSED MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**

Chair Nembhard read the following into the record: 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 Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:05 p.m. in Room # 230 of the New Carrollton Municipal Center, pursuant to General Provisions Art., Section 3-305(b)(7) to consult with Council to obtain legal advice regarding certain Collective Bargaining.

Motion – Peterson/Lashley

Vote to close session:

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

The following staff members were in attendance: City Administrative Officer Timothy George, Human Resources Administrator Alayna Rowlett, Chief of Police David Rice and City Clerk Doug Barber.

Other individuals in attendance: Duane Rosenberg, Mayor and Attorney Stephen Silvestri

Council took no action during this session.

The Closed Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Barber updated the Council on the 2020 Election Process with regards to the COVID 19 pandemic. Mr. Barber advised the Council that the New Carrollton Board of Elections would be meeting to discuss the election process.

Mr. John had no questions or announcements.

Mr. Peterson hoped all were surviving to this new way of existing. Mr. Peterson closed by noting his prayers are with the residents of New Carrollton.

Ms. Robbins advised the residents to be very careful and mindful of all the mandates coming from Governor Hogan regarding COVID-19 virus.

Mr. Lashley also highlighted the many concerns regarding dealing with the COVID-19 virus encouraged all to wash their hands and maintain the required social distancing. Mr. Lashley closed by reminding the residents the importance of filling out their 2020 Census.

Ms. Nembhard thanked the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 137 for their patience. Ms. Nembhard noted a proposed item would be placed on the Council Workshop Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Ms. Nembhard noted all the available food pantries in the City and encouraged all to use the resource.

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

None

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**6. ORDINANCE 20-08 BUDGET AMENDMENT RECONCILIATION NO. FOUR: TO AMEND ORDINANCE 19-17 CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET FOR FY2020 (SECOND READING)**

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the Council adopt Ordinance 20-08, 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 to reflect money brought into the budget from City Restricted/Designated Funds, additional grants received, and to reallocate some line items (Second Reading). Mr. Lashley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. RESOLUTION 20-08 CREATION OF VETERANS PARK MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

**Motion:** Mr. Lashley moved that the Council adopt Resolution 20-08, a Resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton creating a Veterans Memorial Citizens Advisory Committee. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**9. PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR DAY 2020**

**Motion:** Mr. Peterson moved that the Council along with the Mayor proclaim April 1, 2020, as Arbor Day in the City of New Carrollton, and urged all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

**10. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-09 BUDGET AMENDMENT RECONCILIATION NO. FIVE: TO AMEND ORDINANCE 19-17 CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET FOR FY 2020**

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the Council adopt Ordinance 20-09, an Emergency 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, to provide for the acquisition of two police vehicles and to reflect money brought into the budget from the designated speed camera fund to pay for the vehicles. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. The Council discussed the item at length. The Council requested clarification on the proposed emergency ordinance. The Council requested the motion be tabled to obtain response to questions posed by the Council on the motion. Ms. Robbins moved to table Emergency Ordinance 20-09 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Five: To Amend Ordinance 19-17 Current Expense Budget for FY2020. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion to table was approved (5-0-0).

**11. SCHEDULE A SPECIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the Council schedule a Special Council Legislative Meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Lashley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Nembhard called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0)

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Robbins moved to adjourn the City Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, March 18, 2020, seconded by Mr. Peterson. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on April 15, 2020.