

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:03 p.m., on Monday, January 19, 2021, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chair Lincoln Lashley, Councilmembers, Stephen L. John, Sarah Potter Robbins, Allyne Hooks, and Cynthia DB Mills, Mayor Phelecia Nembhard, City Administrative Officer Karen Ruff, Chief of Police David G. Rice, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett and City Clerk Doug Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lashley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Nembhard extended her condolences to City Clerk Barber and his family on the recent passing of his grandmother, as well to Councilmember Hooks on the recent passing of her father and sister. Mayor Nembhard advised the Council of the numerous thank you's she had received from the residents who received COVID-19 relief assistance from the City of New Carrollton. Mayor Nembhard closed her report by providing a status update on several project that are ongoing in the City of New Carrollton (Clear Water Partnership, Harland Street Property, and Sump Pump Drainage).

Director of Public Works Triplett provided an official report to the City Council in their Council Agenda Packet. Mr. Triplett advised the Council and residents that this week's trash collection was on a holiday pick schedule, due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday, January 18th. Mr. Triplett requested that residents be mindful when disposing of their masks. It was requested that they dispose of them properly and not leave them on the ground.

Chief Rice had no official report. Chief Rice provided the City Council with an update on issues being addressed by the City of New Carrollton Police Department.

City Administrative Officer Ruff provided the Council with an official written report. Ms. Ruff advised and provided an update on the RFEI 2021-01 (Request for Expression of Interest and Qualifications for Development) submitted on the 6000 Harland Street Property. Ms. Ruff closed her report by giving a status update on the Frenchman's Creek Project.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mills reported she attended the City's Seniors Management Meeting and encouraged all to attend the meeting.

Ms. Hooks gave her condolences to City Clerk Barber on the recent loss of his grandmother.

Ms. Robbins gave her condolences to City Clerk Barber and to Councilmember Hooks on the recent losses in their family. Ms. Robbins noted the proclamation prepared and presented to a past longtime resident Ms. Eugenia Sorgnit in honor of her 100th Birthday.

Mr. John appreciated the update on the Clear Water Partnership Project. Mr. John wished national elected officials in Washington D.C. the best of luck.

Ms. Mills gave her condolences to City Clerk Barber and Councilmember Hooks on the recent losses in their family. Ms. Mills requested an update on the City of New Carrollton Inventory Project. Ms. Ruff provided the Council with a status update on the Administration's status of the project. Ms. Mills closed by thanking Ms. Ruff for all she did for the City of New Carrollton and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Mr. Lashley gave his condolences to the City Clerk Barber and Councilmember Hook. Mr. Lashley thanked Human Resources Administrator Rowlett for providing the link to the City Council allowing them to view the funeral of Mr. Robert Siebert, an employee with the City of New Carrollton's Department of Public Work.

4. **PROCLAMATION HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH – JANUARY 2021**

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed Human Trafficking Awareness Proclamation to the City Council. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested that Ms. Mills present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

5. **PROCLAMATION BLACK HISTORY MONTH – FEBRUARY 2021**

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed Black History Month Proclamation to the City Council. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested that Ms. Hooks present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

6. **FOUR CITIES COALITION MEETING (JANUARY 28, 2021 – HOSTED VIRTUALLY BY THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK) AGENDA ITEMS**

City Clerk Barber requested the City Council discuss and provide any items for discussion at the upcoming Four Cities Coalition Meeting. Councilmember Mills requested that an update on the Purple Line be submitted on behalf of the City of New Carrollton. Mr. Barber informed the Council he would submit the item and provide the City Council with the final meeting agenda once provided by the City of College Park.

7. **CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON FY2022 BUDGET SCHEDULE**

City Administrative Officer Ruff again presented the proposed FY2022 Budget Schedule to the Council for their consideration, as the issue was tabled at a previous meeting. The City Council provide their input on the issue. Mr. Lashley requested that an official motion be prepared and presented at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

8. ELECTION 2021 UPDATE

City Clerk Barber presented to the City Council an update on the proposed legislation regarding the upcoming 2021 election. The Board of Elections and Mr. Barber are working on preparations for the election using the vote by mail process. Mr. Barber informed the City Council that the candidate registration dates and voter registration deadlines were published in the January/February 2021 issue of the City's Newsletter. Mr. Barber requested that any questions, comments, or concerns be sent to him.

9. MEETING MINUTES

- a) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (December 14, 2020)
- b) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (December 16, 2020)

City Clerk Barber informed the City Council that the minutes from December 2020 have been prepared and provided to the Council for their review and comments. Mr. Lashley requested the Council provide any corrections on the prepared minutes to City Clerk Barber.

10. REVIEW OF BILLS

Batch # 1 (December 11, 2020); Batch # 2 (December 11, 2020); Batch # 3 (December 11, 2020); Batch # 4 (December 11, 2020); Batch # 5 (December 11, 2020); Batch # 6 (December 15, 2020); Batch # 7 (December 18, 2020); Batch # 8 (December 30, 2020); and Batch # 9 (December 31, 2020)

The staff responded to questions given by the Council on the bills.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT - RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS

No one wished to address the City Council.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

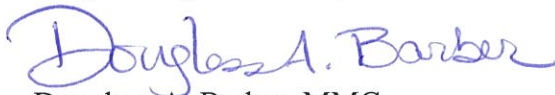
Ms. Robbins requested a discussion on the New Carrollton's Parks Plan be placed on a future meeting agenda.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Robbins moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2021, seconded by Mr. John. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting ended at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on February 17, 2021.

Note: The official recoding of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop Meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.