

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

The Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting was held at 7:05 p.m., on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chair Lincoln Lashley, Councilmembers, Stephen L. John, Sarah Potter Robbins, and Cynthia DB Mills, Mayor Phelecia Nembhard, Interim City Administrative Officer Joseph Nagro, Director of Finance Maisha Williams, Chief of Police David G. Rice, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, and City Clerk Doug Barber. Councilmember Allyne Hooks was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lashley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

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 and Code Enforcement.

Department of Public Works Director Triplett advised the City Council on the predicted snow storm for our area. Mr. Triplett advised that the Department of Public Works was ready and prepared for the potential weather event.

Interim City Administrative Officer Nagro was welcomed by Mayor Nembhard and the City Council. Mr. Nagro noted that his main focus and first order of business would be on the preparation of the FY 2022 Budget.

Mayor Nembhard thanked all the departments in the City for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Nembhard noted her work to provide support to our local businesses in the City as they have been greatly impacted due to COVID-19.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Mills had no questions or announcements. Ms. Mills thanked the Department of Public Works for the work they do to keep the roadways cleared during and after a weather event.

Ms. Robbins welcomed Mr. Joseph Nagro back to the City of New Carrollton as the Interim City Administrative Officer.

Mr. Lashley thanked the Department of Public Works on the wonderful job in keeping New Carrollton's roadways cleared during weather events.

4. **CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR)
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 – MS. DIANE MOCK**

Ms. Diane Mock with Bridgett Mock and Associates presented the Council with a review of the City of New Carrollton's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Mock provided highlights from the report and responded to questions providing clarification to the Council.

5. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 50 ELECTIONS – ADDING VOTE BY MAIL PROCEDURES**

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed changes to City of New Carrollton Code Chapter 50: Elections to the City Council. The proposed changes to Chapter 50: Elections related to the creation of a vote by mail process. The City Council discussed briefly. Mr. Barber advised the City Council that material would be placed into an official ordinance and be presented at the Council Workshop Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2021, and the official adoption as emergency legislation at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

6. **AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO MOBILE MESSAGE SIGN BOARDS**

Chief Rice and Captain Butler addressed the City Council on the request for authorization to purchase two mobile message sign boards for the City. Chief Rice advised the Council that it would require a budget amendment. The Council discussed the issue at length. City Clerk Barber advised that an official motion would be placed on the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

7. **DISCUSSION OF 6000 HARLAND STREET PROPERTY**

Interim City Administrative Officer Nagro briefed the Council on the City's response received on the RFEI sent out regarding future plans for the 6000 Harland Street Property. The City Council requested the firm that submitted a proposal be scheduled to discuss the proposal at a future City Council Workshop Meeting.

8. **MEETING MINUTES**

- a) Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 3, 2021)
- b) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 19, 2021)
- c) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 20, 2021)

City Clerk Barber advised the Council that the minutes from January 2021 were being prepared and would be provided to the Council for their review and comments.

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

Ms. Patricia Jackman, 5812 Lamont Drive, addressed the City Council on an upcoming Prince George's County Environmental Forum scheduled for February 13, 2021. Ms. Jackman encouraged the City of New Carrollton to take the position of opposing the MAGLEV Project, and to inform the residents on MAGLEV.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items addressed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Robbins moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, February 3, 2021, seconded by Mr. John. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

The meeting ended at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC

City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on March 17, 2021.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, February 3, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.