

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:05 p.m., on Tuesday, February 16, 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, Interim City Administrative Officer Joseph Nagro, 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. LGIT (LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE TRUST) HEALTH CLAIMS REIMBURSEMENT FOR 2020 – MR. TIM AILSWORTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) Executive Director Tim Ailsworth presented the City of New Carrollton with the 2020 Health Claims Reimbursement. Mr. Ailsworth addressed the City Council with an update and overview of LGIT Health.

3. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – FRENCHMAN’S CREEK - LANDSCAPING AND PLAYGROUND RENOVATION STATUS UPDATE ON THE PROJECT

Ms. Grace Fielder with G.E. Fielder & Associates, Chartered addressed the City Council with a status update on the Frenchman’s Creek Landscape and Playground Project. Ms. Fielder advised the City Council that the contract required for the projects would be presented to the City Council at a future meeting. Interim City Administrative Officer Nagro and Director of Public Works Triplett provided the City Council an update on the contractors and costs to complete the project.

4. PLANNING ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES – DRAFT ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON – MS. ABIGAIL FERRETTI

Ms. Abigail Ferretti and Ms. Anita Morris with Partners for Economic Solutions (PES) presented to the City Council a draft economic strategy for the City of New Carrollton.

5. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Chief Rice had no official report. Chief Rice advised the residents that tax season has started and to be aware of potential scams regarding taxes. Chief Rice provided the City Council with an update on issues being addressed by the City of New Carrollton Police Department.

Interim City Administrative Officer Nagro provided the Council with an official written report. Mr. Nagro advised and provided an update to the City Council on issues he has been addressing since his appointment started in the City of New Carrollton. Mr. Nagro noted his main focus would be working with Mayor Nembhard and the other departments to prepare the FY 2022 Budget.

Director of Public Works Triplett provided an official written report to the City Council. Mr. Triplett provided the City Council with a status update on the Clean Water Partnership project in the City. Mr. Triplett closed his report by providing the stats for January 2021.

Mayor Nembhard reported on the numerous food bank distributions taking place in and around the City of New Carrollton. Mayor Nembhard thanked all the City departments for their work in the City. Mayor Nembhard closed by encouraging residents to get involved in a City Committee and information on how to apply.

6. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Mills requested clarification on food distribution dates and times. Mayor Nembhard advised Ms. Mills of the dates and times.

Ms. Hooks had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Robbins requested clarification on the current funds in the Weinbach Scholarship. The City Administration advised that they will look into the addressed concern.

Mr. Lashley requested clarification on the City of New Carrollton's Home Owner's Assistance Program. Mr. Nagro advised that he is reviewing applications that have been received at the City.

7. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 21-08: CHAPTER 50: ELECTIONS

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed Emergency Ordinance 21-08: Chapter 50 Elections that codifies the vote by mail process in the City's election code. There was a brief discussion on the item. Mr. Lashley requested that Ms. Hooks present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

8. RESOLUTION 21-08: APPROVING THE 2021 CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON ELECTION TO BE HELD AS A VOTE-BY-MAIL ELECTION

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed Resolution 21-08: Approving the 2021 City of New Carrollton Election be held as a vote-by-mail election. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested that Ms. Mills present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

9. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A FREIGHTLINER BOOM TRUCK – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works Triplett addressed the City Council with a proposal to obtain authorization to purchase a Freightliner Boom Truck for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Triplett provided the City Council with justification for the purchase. The City Council supported Mr. Triplett's recommendation to purchase a Freightliner Boom Truck. Mr. Lashley requested that Mr. John present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

10. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Barber advised that Mayor Nembhard has received a committee appointment from Ms. Gwen Chase to serve on the City's Board of Elections. There was no discussion.

Mr. Lashley requested that an official motion be prepared and presented at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

11. MEETING MINUTES

- a) Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 6, 2021)
- b) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 19, 2021)
- c) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 20, 2021)

City Clerk Barber informed the City Council that the minutes from January 2021 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.

12. REVIEW OF BILLS

Batch # 1 (January 11, 2021); Batch # 2 (January 15, 2021); Batch # 3 (January 22, 2021); and Batch # 4 (February 8, 2021)

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

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

Ms. June Garrett, 6109 87th Avenue, addressed the City Council with concerns and requested a status update on the property located behind her property line that needs to be cleaned up.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The City Council did not have any future agenda items

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Robbins moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting of Tuesday, February 16, 2021, seconded by Ms. Mills. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting ended at 9:06 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 Tuesday, February 16, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.