# CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES COUNCIL WORKSHOP/SPECIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, 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. MARK VOGEL COMPANIES – DEVELOPMENT OF 6000 HARLAND STREET

Mr. Mark Vogel presented his proposal for the development of the 6000 Harland Street property. Mr. Vogel responded to questions given by the Council on the proposed project.

# 3. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Chief Rice had no official report. Chief Rice provided the City Council with the police stats for February 2021. Chief Rice closed his report with updates 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 that Clear Water Partnership is completing the construction portion of the project along Carrollton Parkway. Mr. Triplett provided a status update on special projects being completed by the Department of Public Works.

Interim City Administrative Officer Nagro noted that his main focus has been the preparation of the FY 2022 Budget.

Mayor Nembhard thanked all the departments in the City for their work. Mayor Nembhard noted she appreciates residents addressing their concerns and works with City staff to provide initial responses within twenty-four hours. Ms. Nembhard thanked all of the volunteers that are working with City and appreciates their dedication and time.

#### 4. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Robbins had no questions or announcements.

Mr. John had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Mills requested clarification on the duration of the food distributions in the City. Mayor Nembhard advised that they will continue through the month of April 2021.

Ms. Hooks had no questions or announcements.

Mr. Lashley had no questions or announcements.

# 5. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 21-09: BUDGET AMENDMENT RECONCILIATION NO. FOUR, TO AMEND ORDINANCE 20-14 CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET FOR FY 2021, AS AMENDED

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the City Council adopt Ordinance 21-09, an Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, as embodied in Ordinance 20-14, as amended by Ordinance 21-02, 21-04, and 21-07, to adjust various expenditures. Ms. Hooks seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 6. APPROVAL OF PLAYGROUND PROJECT CONTRACT AT FRENCHMAN'S CREEK

**Motion:** Mr. John moved that the City Council approve the contract with Younger Services, LLC (5242 Ferry Branch Lane, Lothian, Maryland 20711) for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for the project at Frenchman's Creek Playground in the amount of \$49,727. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 7. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION (APRIL 30, 2021)

City Clerk Barber addressed the City Council on the proposed Arbor Day proclamation. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested Ms. Hooks present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

# 8. EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION (APRIL 22, 2021)

City Clerk Barber addressed the City Council on the proposed Earth Day proclamation. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested Ms. Mills present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

# 9. DISCUSSION OF 2021 MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SUMMER CONFERENCE

City Clerk Barber addressed the City Council regarding the upcoming 2021 Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference in June 2021. Mr. Barber provided an overview of the proposed conference due to COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Barber noted that the conference will have the option to attend in person (limited capacity) and virtually (later in the summer). Mr. Barber advised that he will keep the City Council informed as the Maryland Municipal League releases updates on the conference.

# 10. <u>DISCUSSION OF THE PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT</u>

Chief Rice addressed the City Council on the justification and proposed purchase of an electric vehicle for the Department of Code Enforcement. The City Council supported the proposed purchase of an electric vehicle. City Clerk Barber advised an official motion will be presented to the City Council at the next Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

#### 11. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – UNAPPOINTMENT OF SANDRA DAWSON

**Motion:** Ms. Hooks moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's unappointment of Ms. Sandra Dawson as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Board of Elections, as she is unable to serve. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 12. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF LEATHY H. McLaughlin

**Motion:** Ms. Mills moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Leathy H. McLaughlin as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Board of Elections to serve a term ending on June 22, 2022. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 13. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF G. PATRICK BUNDY

**Motion:** Ms. Mills moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. G. Patrick Bundy to serve as an alternate member of the City of New Carrollton's Ethics Commission to serve a three year term ending on March 3, 2024. Ms. Hooks seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 14. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF JUWAN BLOCKER

**Motion:** Mr. John moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Juwan Blocker, as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Vera Cope Weinbach Scholarship Committee to serve a term ending on March 3, 2022. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

#### 15. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF MARLENE RIVERA

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Marlene Rivera, as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Vera Cope Weinbach Scholarship Committee to serve a term ending on March 3, 2022. Mr. John seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 16. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF TYRONE GENERAL

**Motion:** Ms. Hooks moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Tyrone General, as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Veterans Memorial Citizens Advisory Committee to serve a term ending on March 3, 2023. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 17. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF NENE BUNDU

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Nene Bundu, as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Community Relations Committee to serve a term ending on March 3, 2023. Ms. Hooks seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 18. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF BILLIE WILSON

**Motion:** Mr. John moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Billie Wilson, as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Community Relations Committee to serve a term ending on March 3, 2023. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 19. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - APPOINTMENT OF CARMEN SMITH

**Motion:** Ms. Mills moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Carmen Smith, as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Community Relations Committee to serve a term ending on March 3, 2023. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

#### 20. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – APPOINTMENT OF PAULINE MOUKOURI

**Motion:** Ms. Hooks moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Pauline Moukouri, as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Community Relations Committee to serve a term ending on March 3, 2023. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

#### 21. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – APPOINTMENT OF NICOLE THOMPSON

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Nicole Thompson, as a member of the City of New Carrollton's Community Relations Committee to serve a term ending on March 3, 2023. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

# 22. MEETING MINUTES

- a) Council Workshop Minutes (February 3, 2021)
- b) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (February 16, 2021)
- c) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (February 17, 2021)

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

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

No one wished to address the City Council.

### 24. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items addressed.

# 25. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Mills moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, March 3, 2021, seconded by Ms. Robbins. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting ended at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglass A. Barber, MMC

City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on April 21, 2021.

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