

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:10 p.m., on Monday, March 15, 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, Lt. Vincent Lyew, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett and City Clerk Doug Barber. Chief of Police David G. Rice was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lashley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. PRESENTATION - WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – DEPUTY CHIEF SCOTT VASQUEZ

Deputy Chief Scott Vasquez provided an update to the Council on the West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department. Deputy Chief Vasquez responded to questions given by the Mayor and Council on the financial state of the department. Mayor Nembhard and the entire City Council thanked Deputy Chief Vasquez and his department for their dedicated service to the residents of the City of New Carrollton.

3. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

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, as it is nearing completion. Mr. Triplett closed his report by providing the stats for February 2021.

Interim City Administrative Officer Nagro provided the Council with an official written report. Mr. Nagro provided an update on the Frenchman's Creek Playground Project and he thanked City Clerk Barber for all his work in getting the project submitted to the State of Maryland Board of Public Works. Mr. Nagro closed his report by noting that his main focus would be working with Mayor Nembhard and the other departments to prepare the FY 2022 Budget.

Lt. Lyew had no official report. Lt. Lyew advised that the department was working on reviewing and finalizing the FY 2022 Budget for the department.

Mayor Nembhard extended prayers for Councilmember Mills. Mayor Nembhard took a moment to read an extensive list of accomplishments completed by the City of New Carrollton since she was elected in June 2020.

4. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Hooks had no announcement. Ms. Hooks addressed her concerns with children playing in the creeks in the City. Mr. Triplett advised that signs will be placed in and around the creeks to deter children from playing in the creeks.

Ms. Robbins had no questions or announcements.

Mr. John requested clarification from Director of Public Works Triplett regarding the completion of the Clean Water Partnership Project in the City of New Carrollton. Mr. Triplett responded to Mr. John's comments and concerns on the project.

Ms. Mills thanked the Department of Public Works on their great job in completing the leaf collection in the City.

Mr. Lashley requested clarification on when the approval would come from the State of Maryland Board of Public Works on Frenchman's Creek Playground. Mr. Nagro and Mr. Barber advised that they have requested information on the review process and will update the Council once received.

5. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS**

City Clerk Barber advised that Mayor Nembhard has received three committee appointments from Amina Ajay, Bibi Satar-Wilson, and Doreen Lambert to serve on the City's Board of Zoning and Appeals. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested that official motions be prepared and presented at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

6. **MEETING MINUTES**

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

City Clerk Barber informed the City Council that the minutes from February 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.

7. **REVIEW OF BILLS**

Batch # 1 (February 12, 2021); Batch # 2 (February 26, 2021); and Batch # 3 (March 5, 2021)

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

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

No one wished to address the City Council.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The City Council did not have any future agenda items.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Hooks moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, March 15, 2021, seconded by Ms. Robbins. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting ended at 8:32 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 Meeting of Monday, March 15, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.