

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:06 p.m., on Monday, April 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, Interim City Administrative Officer Joseph Nagro, Chief of Police David G. Rice, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, Human Resources Administrator Alayna Rowlett, 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**

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.

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 advised that the City of New Carrollton has been designated Tree City U.S.A. for fourteen consecutive years. Mr. Triplett closed his report by providing the stats for March 2021.

Chief of Police Rice briefed the Council on the calls for concerns posted on the department's Facebook page daily and provided clarification to the report. Chief Rice closed his report by providing the Council with the March 2021 police stats.

Mayor Nembhard addressed concerns with the City Council regarding recent events. Mayor Nembhard encouraged all to respect each other and that hatred towards others needed to stop. Mayor Nembhard closed by noting the many initiatives taking place in the City since her election as Mayor of New Carrollton.

**3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Robbins had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Mills addressed her concerns and was very disappointed with the comments made during the virtual 2021 Candidates Forum held on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Ms. Hooks addressed her concerns with comments being made about the City of New Carrollton during this election season.

Mr. John addressed an email sent to the Mayor and City Council regarding the MAGLEV Project.

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

Mr. Lashley requested a status update on the vacant positions in the City's Administration Department.

4. **BUDGET FY 2022: PUBLIC WORKS & STATISTICAL & SUPPORT INFORMATION**

The Council reviewed with staff the following: Public Works Department Line Item Budget for FY 2022 as well as the statistical and support information for the FY 2022 Budget. Director of Public Works Triplett responded to questions given by the Council on the proposed budget.

5. **PROCLAMATION – MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEKS (MAY 2 – MAY 8, 2021)**

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week to the City Council. There was no discussion. Council Chair Lashley requested Ms. Robbins read the official motion proclaiming Municipal Clerks Week (May 2, 2021 – May 8, 2021) in the City of New Carrollton at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

6. **PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK (MAY 9 – MAY 15, 2021)**

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed proclamation for National Police Week to the City Council. There was no discussion. Council Chair Lashley requested Ms. Mills read the official motion proclaiming National Police Week (May 9, 2021 – May 15, 2021) in the City of New Carrollton at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

7. **PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK (MAY 16 – MAY 22, 2021)**

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed proclamation for National Public Works Week to the Council. There was no discussion. Council Chair Lashley requested Ms. Robbins read the official motion proclaiming National Public Works Week (May 16 – May 22, 2021) in the City of New Carrollton at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

8. **MEETING MINUTES**

- a) Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 3, 2021)
- b) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (March 15, 2021)
- c) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes March 17, 2021)

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

9. **REVIEW OF BILLS**

Batch # 1 (March 12, 2021); Batch # 2 (March 19, 2021); and Batch # 3 (April 9, 2021)

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

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

Ms. Clemmie Linville, 5600 Karen Elaine Drive, Apt. # 908, addressed the Council with her thoughts and concerns of the City of New Carrollton. Ms. Linville thanked Mayor Nembhard and her staff on all the great things they are doing for the residents of New Carrollton.

11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Robbins requested that the discussion of the City Parks be placed on a future agenda.

Ms. Mills requested that the discussion of Parking in New Carrollton be placed on a future agenda.

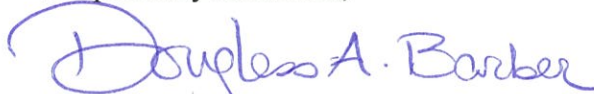
Ms. Hooks would like to have the discussion of the New Carrollton Pool placed on a future agenda.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting ended at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC

City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on May 19, 2021.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, April 19, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.