

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP/ SPECIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

The Council Workshop/Special Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:06 p.m., on Wednesday, May 5, 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, City Administrative Officer Latasha Gatling, Chief of Police David G. Rice, Major William Everts, 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. STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD – CLOSED MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

Mr. Lashley read the following: In accordance with the General Provisions Article, Section 3-306 (c)(2) of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, I move that the minutes of tonight’s meeting reflect that Council met in a virtual closed session on Wednesday April 21, 2021, at 6:45 p.m., pursuant to General Provisions Art., Section 3-307(b)(1) to discuss the appointments of officials/employees, over whom this public body has jurisdiction (City Administrative Officer).

Motion – John/Mills

Vote to Close Meeting:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. John	X			
Ms. Robbins	X			
Ms. Hooks	X			
Ms. Mills	X			
Mr. Lashley	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Human Resource Administrator Alayna Rowlett, and City Clerk Douglass Barber. Phelecia Nembhard, Mayor and Latasha Gatling were also in attendance. The Council took no action during this session. The Closed Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

3. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Director of Public Works Triplett addressed the City Council with an update on the Clear Water Partnership project. Mr. Triplett closed his report by noting that the Parks Division of Public Works were preparing the flower beds in the City for the summer plantings.

Chief Rice congratulated those elected in 2021 City Election held on Monday, May 3, 2021. Chief Rice requested that the City Council consider placing stop signs on Carrollton Parkway, as he has received several complaints of speeding vehicles on the street. Mr. Lashley requested that City Clerk Barber place the item on the next Council Workshop Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021.

Mayor Nembhard introduced Ms. Latasha Gatling, the new City Administrative Officer for the City of New Carrollton. Ms. Gatling noted she had only been in the City of New Carrollton for three days and would have more to report at the next meeting.

Mayor Nembhard thanked Mr. Lashley and Mr. John for their contributions to the City of New Carrollton. Mayor Nembhard welcomed Ms. Dodro and Ms. Urbina to the City Council.

4. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Hooks addressed her concerns with Mr. John during the election season.

Ms. Robbins thanked those who voted for her in the 2021 Election. Ms. Robbins noted she will work to do her best for all the people of New Carrollton.

Mr. John noted his on-going concerns with issues at the City Municipal Center.

Ms. Mills thanked Mr. Lashley and Mr. John for their contributions to the City of New Carrollton and welcomed Ms. Dodro and Ms. Urbina to the City Council.

Mr. Lashley congratulated the winners of the 2021 City of New Carrollton Election held on Monday, May 3, 2021. Mr. Lashley closed by welcoming Ms. Latasha Gatling as the City's new City Administrative Officer.

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA BY THE COUNCIL

Mr. John requested the City Council consider adopting a resolution to censor Mayor Nembhard at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Mr. John advised the City Council he had emailed the City Council earlier in the day on the issue. Mayor Nembhard responded to provided clarification to comments addressed by Mr. John.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be addressed by the City Council.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **ORDINANCE 21-10 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND FISCAL YEAR 2022 (FIRST READING)**

Motion: Ms. Robbins moved that the City Council introduce Ordinance 21-10, an Ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton adopting an annual operating and capital budget for the City of New Carrollton for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; Establishing the tax rate to be levied upon the taxable property within the City; Authorizing the collection of such taxes; Specifying a rate of interest to be charged upon overdue personal property taxes, liens and unpaid fees: Adopting annual budgets for the Commercial and/or Industrial Properties Special Public Safety Taxing District and the Multifamily Properties Special Public Safety Taxing District; Establishing the Annual Tax Rate to be levied upon the Special Public Safety Taxing Districts; and all things generally relating to the adoption of an annual budget for the City of New Carrollton (First Reading). Ms. Hooks seconded the motion. The Council discussed their comments and concerns on the proposed FY 2022 Budget. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (4-0-1). Mr. John abstained.

City Clerk Barber advised that the official public hearing on the proposed FY 2022 Budget was scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021.

9. **RESOLUTION 21-09 ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR FY 2022**

City Clerk presented the proposed Resolution 21-09, a resolution adopting a schedule of fees for FY 2022. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley advised that the official motion would be presented for City Council consideration at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

10. **DISCUSSION OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 6 BUDGET AND FINANCE (SECTION 6-14 NON-PROFIT SWIMMING POOL TAX CREDIT PROGRAM)**

The City Council discussed at length their comments and concerns with regards to City Code Chapter 6 Budget and Finance (Section 6-14 Non-Profit Swimming Pool Tax Credit Program). The City Council requested the issue be placed on a future agenda for additional discussion by the City Council. The City Council also discussed requesting a representative of the New Carrollton Pool be invited to a future meeting.

11. **MEETING MINUTES**

- a.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 7, 2021)
- b.) Special Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 12, 2021)
- c.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 19, 2021)
- d.) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (April 21, 2021)
- e.) Closed Meeting Minutes (April 21, 2021)

City Clerk Barber noted the April 2021 Meeting Minutes have been provided to the City Council for their review. Mr. Barber advised that the Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2021, have not been completed and would be forthcoming to the City Council.

Mr. Lashley requested that the City Council provided any comments or corrections on the meeting minutes to Mr. Barber.

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

Ms. Katrina R. Dodro, 7316 Gavin Street, addressed the City Council regarding the New Carrollton Pool.

Ms. Clemmie Linville, Frenchman's Creek Apartments, addressed the City Council regarding the New Carrollton Pool.

Ms. Briana Urbina, 8001 Legation Road, addressed the City Council regarding the New Carrollton Pool.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. John requested a resolution to censor Mayor Nembhard.

Ms. Mill requested a discussion on when to begin having City Council Meetings in person.

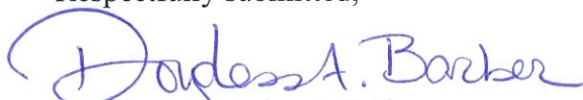
Mr. Lashley requested that the request for stops signs on Carrollton Parkway be placed on the next meeting agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Mills moved to adjourn the Council Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, May 5, 2021, seconded by Ms. Hooks. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglass A. Barber, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on June 16, 2021.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, May 5, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.