

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING/SPECIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021**

The Council Workshop/Special Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:10 p.m., on Monday, May 17, 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, City Administrative Officer Latasha Gatling, 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. PUBLIC HEARING – CITY CODE CHAPTER 105 TAXATION

The City Council convened the Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2022 Current Expense Budget and the FY 2022 Fee Schedule at 7:12 p.m. Chair Lashley verified with City Clerk Barber that the Public Hearing had been advertised as follows: Public Notice on the City's Website (posted on April 30, 2021), Public Notice located at the City Municipal Center posted on April 29, 2021; Official Publication in the Prince George's Post Newspaper May 6, 2021 and May 13, 2021 editions; Announcements on Facebook and Twitter on April 30, 2021; and the City Newsletter May/June 2021 edition.

Mr. Lashley called for public input on the proposed FY 2022 Budget:

Ms. Katrina R. Dodro, 7316 Gavin Street, addressed the proposed FY 2022 Budget, and requested that the City Council not vote on the budget at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

City Clerk Barber advised that no written testimony had been received by the City.

Chair Lashley noted that no one else wanted to speak, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

3. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

City Administrative Officer Gatling provided the City Council with an official written report. Ms. Gatling noted she had hit the ground running since arriving on Monday, May 3, 2021. Ms. Gatling also noted that she has participated in the interview process for the Assistant City Administrative Officer position and the Director of Finance position.

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 noted the change in trash collection due to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday scheduled for Monday, May 31, 2021. Mr. Triplett reminded residents that yard debris must be placed in paper yard bags as plastic bags are not accepted. Mr. Triplett closed his report by providing the stats for April 2021.

Chief of Police Rice noted that the two new message sign boards had arrived and would be put into service in the City soon. Chief Rice closed his report by providing the City Council with the April 2021 police stats.

Mayor Nembhard noted that staff addresses concerns and comments coming in from residents within twenty-four hours, as much as possible. Ms. Nembhard reminded residents to be mindful of other people's property, and avoid trespassing. Mayor Nembhard closed by reminding residents to contact the City offices with their comments and concerns.

4. **COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Hooks had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Robbins had no questions or announcements.

Mr. John addressed an email sent to the Mayor and City Council urging the City Council to oppose the MAGLEV project.

Mr. John read a proposed resolution to censure Mayor Nembhard. **Motion:** Mr. John moved the resolution to censure Mayor Nembhard. Mr. Lashley seconded the motion. Ms. Mills noted her concerns with the issue. Ms. Hooks and Ms. Robbins had no comments. Mr. Lashley noted that this was not a personal attack on Mayor Nembhard and there are no ramifications or consequences with adopting the proposed resolution. Mr. Lashley call for the vote. The motion failed (2-3-0). Mr. Lashley and Mr. John voting for and Ms. Hook, Ms. Mills and Ms. Robbins voting against.

Ms. Mills requested an update on the preparations that the area schools are doing to welcome the students back to school. Chief Rice advised Ms. Mills that the City does not have oversight over the schools, but that during the food distributions Mayor Nembhard and he noted the protocols being put into place at the schools.

5. **RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ELECTION MEMBERS (DR. RONNIE FAIRLEY AND MS. PETAL SAMPSON)**

City Clerk Barber presented Mayor Nembhard's re-appointment of Board of Election Members Dr. Ronnie Fairley and Ms. Petal Sampson. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested that Mr. John and Ms. Robbins read the official motions at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

6. **APPROVAL OF STOP SIGN BEING PLACED AT CARROLLTON PARKWAY AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE (BOTH SIDES)**

Chief Rice requested that the City Council consider placing stops signs on Carrollton Parkway at the pedestrian bridge on both sides. Chief Rice advised that this is a safety issue, and placing the stop signs will hopefully slow down the traffic on Carrollton Parkway. There was no discussion. Mr. Lashley requested that Ms. Hooks read the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

7. **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) Special Council Workshop/Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (April 21, 2021)
- e) Closed Meeting Minutes (April 21, 2021)

City Clerk Barber informed the City Council that the minutes from April 2021 have been prepared and provided to the City Council for their review and comments. Mr. Lashley requested the Council provide any corrections on the prepared minutes to City Clerk Barber.

8. **REVIEW OF BILLS**

Batch # 1 (April 16, 2021); Batch # 2 (April 16, 2021); Batch # 3 (April 23, 2021); Batch # 4 (April 30, 2021); and Batch # 5 (May 7, 2021)

There were no questions by the City Council on the bills.

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

Mr. Jim Wildoner, 6122 85th Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding the proposed FY 2022 Budget.

Ms. Katrina R. Dodro, 7316 Gavin Street, addressed the City Council regarding the proposed FY 2022 Budget and the proposed MAGLEV project.

Ms. Clemmie Linville, Frenchman's Creek, addressed the City Council regarding the MAGLEV project.

Ms. Briana Urbina, 8001 Legation Road, addressed the City Council regarding the proposed FY 2022 Budget and with concerns regarding car thefts in the City of New Carrollton.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. John moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop/Special Council Legislative Meeting of Monday, May 17, 2021, seconded by Ms. Hooks. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting ended at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas 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/Special Council Legislative Meeting of Monday, May 17, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.