

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021**

The Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:11 p.m., on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chair Lincoln Lashley, Councilmembers, Stephen L. John, Sarah Potter Robbins, Allyne Hooks, Cynthia DB Mills, Mayor Phelecia Nembhard, City Administrative Officer Latasha Gatling, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, Chief of Police David Rice, and City Clerk Doug Barber.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lashley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. 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)

Motion: Ms. Robbins moved that the following Council Meeting Minutes be approved: Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 7, 2021), Special Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 12, 2021), Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 19, 2021), Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (April 21, 2021), and Closed Meeting Minutes (April 21, 2021). Ms. Mills seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John wished Mr. Lashley, City Directors, and City Staff the best. Mr. John requested that the letter sent by Mayor Nembhard regarding MAGLEV be copied to the City Council.

Ms. Mills had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Hooks had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Robbins addressed Mr. Lashley and noted she would miss him and thanked him for all he did for the City of New Carrollton. Ms. Robbins closed her comments by noting the encouragement to run in the 2021 election came from former Mayor Jordan Harding prior to his passing, and she would continue to carry on his legacy.

Mr. Lashley thanked the residents for allowing him to serve them with such a rewarding lifetime experience that he so enjoyed. Mr. Lashley wished the Mayor and City Council and the City Staff all the best. Mr. Lashley closed by thanking his family for their support during his time on the City Council.

4. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA BY THE COUNCIL**

There were no additions made to the agenda.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

6. **Ordinance 21-10 Operating and Capital Budget for the City of New Carrollton, Maryland Fiscal Year 2022 Budget (Second Reading)**

Motion: Ms. Robbins move that the City Council adopt 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 (Second Reading). Ms. Mills 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 (3-2-0). Chair Lashey and Councilmember John voted against the adoption of Ordinance 21-10.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **RESOLUTION 20-09 FY 2022 FEE SCHEDULE**

Motion: Ms. Mills moved that the City Council adopt Resolution 21-09, a resolution adopting a schedule of fees for FY 2022. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

9. **RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ELECTION MEMBER – DR. RONNIE FAIRLEY**

Motion: Mr. John moved that the City Council approve Mayor Nembhard's re-appointment of Dr. Ronnie Fairley to the City of New Carrollton's Board of Elections for a two-year term that will end on June 22, 2023, as stated in the City of New Carrollton Charter Section C-5 Board of Elections. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

10. **RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ELECTION MEMBER – PETAL SAMPSON**

Motion: Ms. Robbins moved that the City Council approve Mayor Nembhard's re-appointment of Petal Sampson to the City of New Carrollton's Board of Elections for a two-year term that will end on June 22, 2023, as stated in the City of New Carrollton Charter

Section C-5 Board of Elections. Ms. Hooks seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

11. APPROVAL OF STOP SIGNS BEING PLACED AT CARROLLTON PARKWAY AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Motion: Ms. Hooks moved that the City Council authorize the approval of stop signs being placed at Carrollton Parkway and the pedestrian bridge (both sides). Mr. John seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (4-1-0). Councilmember Robbins voted against the motion.

12. ELECTION RESULTS – MAY 3, 2021

Motion: Ms. Mills moved that the City Council receive the results of the City of New Carrollton Municipal General (Vote by Mail) Election held on Monday, May 3, 2021. Ms. Hooks seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chair Lashley called for the vote. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

13. SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2020 – 2021 CITY COUNCIL

Motion: Mr. John moved that the City Council adjourn sine die. Ms. Hooks seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

1. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Nembhard issued the oath of office to the following:

Ms. Sarah Potter Robbins

Ms. Katrina R. Dodro

Ms. Briana Urbina

2. CALL TO ORDER OF THE 2021 – 2023 CITY COUNCIL

The 2021 – 2023 New Carrollton City Council was seated (virtually).

3. NEW BUSINESS

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL 2021-2023

The Council discussed the organization of the Council at length. Ms. Dodro and Ms. Mills requested to be Chair of the Council. Ms. Urbina requested to be Vice Chair or Mayor Pro Tem. Ms. Hooks requested to be Vice Chair. Ms. Robbins requested to be Mayor Pro Tem. The Council voted on Councilmember Mills being Chair. The vote was (3-2-0). Councilmember Mill was voted in as Council Chair. The Council voted on Ms. Hooks being Vice Chair. The vote was (3-2-0). Councilmember Hooks was voted in as Council Vice Chair.

Ms. Robbins presented the 2021 – 2023 list of position for the City Council as follows:

Chair – Ms. Cynthia DB Mills

Vice Chair – Ms. Allyne Hooks

Mayor Pro Tem – Ms. Sarah Potter Robbins

Alternate Treasurer – Ms. Katrina R. Dodro

Councilmember – Briana Urbina

Ms. Urbina seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved (3-2-0).

Councilmember Dodro and Councilmember Urbina voting against.

5. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA BY THE COUNCIL**

Ms. Dodro requested adding to the agenda Council's attendance at the 2021 Maryland Municipal League Conference in June.

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

Ms. Urbina had no additions to the agenda.

Ms. Hooks had no additions to the agenda, but would like to see the New Carrollton Pool Discussion on a future agenda.

Ms. Mills noted to the City Council that they were all there for one reason to get things done in the City of New Carrollton.

The Council discussed at length the Council's attendance at the 2021 Maryland Municipal League conference. **Motion: Councilmember Urbina moved to allow for Councilmember to attend the upcoming Maryland Municipal League conference if funds are available in the FY 2021 Budget. Councilmember Dodro amended the motion to state for any Councilmember wishing to attend pending the remaining funds be evenly distributed between the Councilmember wishing to attend the conference. Ms. Urbina seconded.** Ms. Gatling addressed the concerns of funds available in the FY 2021 Council's Training and Travel Budget. The motion was restated by Ms. Urbina and seconded by Ms. Dodro. The motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Hooks moved to adjourn the Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, May 19, 2021, seconded by Ms. Robbins. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 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 Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, May 19, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.

