

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:06 p.m., on Monday, June 14, 2021, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chair Cynthia DB Mills, Councilmembers, Allyne Hooks, Sarah Potter Robbins, Katrina R. Dodro, and Briana Urbina, Mayor Phelecia Nembhard, City Administrative Officer Latasha Gatling, Chief of Police David G. Rice, Human Resources Administrator Randi Barclay, and City Clerk Doug Barber. Director of Public Works Triplett was absent.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mills welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION**

Chief Rice provided the City Council with the May 2021 police stats. Chief Rice closed his report by reminding the City Council of the 2021 Annual National Night Out event scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

City Administrative Officer Gatling provided the City Council with an official written report. Ms. Gatling noted that Mayor Nembhard had signed Executive Order 21-08 closing the City of New Carrollton on Monday, June 21, 2021 in observance of Juneteenth 2021 and signed an official proclamation proclaiming observance of Juneteenth 2021. Ms. Gatling noted the upcoming Community Distribution Event scheduled for Friday, June 18, 2021, at the City Municipal Center from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., she hoped all would attend.

Mayor Nembhard thanked the City Department Directors for their work and the wonderful staff that supports each of the Directors. Mayor Nembhard noted that she signed proclamations for Jane Fippin and Pauline Booker on their recent birthday celebrations. Mayor Nembhard closed by noting that Department of Public Works Director Triplett was absent from the meeting; his monthly report was provided in the Council's agenda packet.

Note for the Record: City Administrative Officer Gatling and Chief of Police Rice left the meeting at this time.

**3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Dodro advised she had questions for Chief Rice regarding his May 2021 Monthly Report. Ms. Mills requested that Ms. Dodro email Chief Rice her questions. Ms. Dodro requested that the Council receive a debriefing regarding COVID-19 response from the City. Ms. Dodro was impressed with stats provided regarding social media presence. Ms. Dodro noted that the City Council would like to consider looking at litter concerns as it is also an issue being addressed by Prince George's County. Ms. Dodro closed by requesting clarification and an update on the FY 2021 Budget Amendments. Ms. Mills requested Ms. Dodro submit her request by email to her.

Ms. Urbina requested clarification on stolen vehicles in the City of New Carrollton from Chief Rice's report. Ms. Urbina noted concerns of a party house on 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue, she will address with the police department. Ms. Urbina closed by announcing she and her wife are expecting. The City Council congratulated her on the announcement.

Ms. Robbins had no questions or announcements but thanked all for their many thoughts and prayers for Mr. Robbins.

Ms. Hooks had no questions or announcements.

**4. COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER DANIELLE GLAROS – COUNTY UPDATES**

County Councilmember Glaros provided the City Council with updates on projects and initiatives being discussed by the County Council. Councilmember Glaros thanked the City Council for inviting her to address the City Council and thanked Mayor Nembhard for the collaboration of food distributions at the City Municipal Center. Councilmember Glaros closed by responding to questions given by the City Council.

**5. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – ETHICS COMMISSION**

City Clerk Barber presented Mayor Nembhard's appointment of Ms. Raneda L. King to the City of New Carrollton's Ethic Commission. There was no discussion. Ms. Mills requested that Ms. Hooks read the official motions at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

**6. 6000 HARLAND STREET PROPERTY**

Ms. Mills requested that the City Council provide input into what they would like to be done with the 6000 Harland Street property. The Council discussed the issue at length and noted what they would like to see done with the property. Ms. Urbina offered to do some research on the zoning of the property. Ms. Dodro provided a brief history of the City's purchase of the property.

**7. CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS CONTINUE AS VIRTUAL**

Ms. Mills advised the City Council that the City Council Meetings would remain virtual at this time. Ms. Mills advised she would continue to update the Council on the status of returning to in person meetings

**8. NEW CARROLLTON POOL**

Ms. Mills advised the City Council she will be sending a letter to the New Carrollton Pool (Recreation Club) to schedule a meeting with a representative from the New Carrollton Pool.

**9. RESOLUTION 21-10 JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY FOR 2022**

City Clerk Barber presented proposed Resolution 21-10, a resolution recognizing Juneteenth as a paid holiday starting in the FY 2022 Budget Year. There was no discussion. Ms. Mills

requested that Ms. Robbins read the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021

**10. CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECESS (AUGUST 2021)**

Ms. Mill proposed that the City Council discuss taking a Council Recess in August, and not hold any meetings. The Council discussed at length. The City Council provided comments and concerns on taking a Council Recess at this time. Ms. Mills noted that the issue can come back to the City Council at a later time to be considered in the future.

**11. MEETING MINUTES**

- a) Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (May 5, 2021)
- b) Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (May 17, 2021)
- c) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (May 19, 2021)

City Clerk Barber informed the City Council that the minutes from May 2021 have been prepared and provided to the City Council for their review and comments.

**12. REVIEW OF BILLS**

Batch # 1 (May 14, 2021); Batch # 2 (May 21, 2021); and Batch # 3 (May 28, 2021)

There were no questions by the City Council on the bills. Ms. Mills advised the City Council if they had any questions on the bills to email them to City Administrative Officer Gatling.

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

Ms. Laura Urbina, 8001 Legation Road, addressed the City Council regarding funds available to the City Council to attend the Maryland Municipal League Conference.

Mr. Jim Wildoner, 6122 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue, addressed the City Council and congratulated Mayor Nembhard for using the constant yield tax rate for FY 2022.

Mr. Lincoln Lashley, 8503 Powhatan Street, addressed the City Council regarding City Councilmembers wishing to attend the Maryland Municipal League Conference. He stated that they should be allowed to attend, as he found the experience very rewarding and a valuable experience.

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

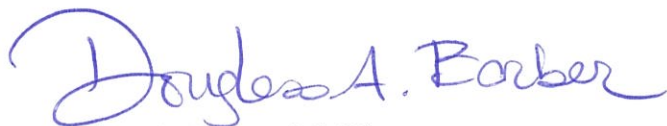
Ms. Dodro requested that the City Council be provided with an update to the City's response to COVID-19.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Hooks moved to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, June 14, 2021, seconded by Ms. Robbins. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on July 21, 2021.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, June 14, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.