

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP/SPECIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021**

The Special Council Workshop/Special Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 7, 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, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, City Attorney Gabriel Christian, Director of Finance Lorna Grant-Charles, and City Clerk Doug Barber.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mills welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**2. COMMENTS FROM CHAIR MILLS**

Chair Mills addressed the City Council with comments and concerns she had received regarding the way the City Council is being perceived by the residents and other elected municipal officials. Ms. Mills advised the City Council that they were there to represent the residents of the City of New Carrollton. Ms. Mills requested that the City Councilmembers respect the elected officials and the City Staff. Ms. Mills closed by reminding all City Councilmembers to make her aware if they would be unable to attend a scheduled meeting.

**3. DISCUSSION OF 2021 MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUES' CONFERENCE**

The City Council discussed and shared their thoughts and experiences attending the 2021 Maryland Municipal League Conference in Ocean City, Maryland.

**4. RESOLUTION 22-01 ADDITION OF A PERSONNEL POSITION – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR (GRADE 125)**

**Motion:** Ms. Robbins moved that the City Council adopt Resolution 22-01, a resolution of the City Council of New Carrollton amending City Personnel Policies to establish a new personnel position – Information Technology Administrator (Grade 125). Ms. Urbina seconded the motion. Ms. Dodro requested that the job description include cyber security. Ms. Gatling advised that the job announcement would include cyber security. Ms. Mills called for the vote. The motion was approved 5-0-0.

**5. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 22-01 BUDGET AMENDMENT RECONCILIATION NO. ONE: TO AMEND ORDINANCE 21-10 CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET FOR FY 2022, AS AMENDED**

**Motion:** Ms. Hooks moved that the City Council adopt Ordinance 22-01, an emergency ordinance of the City Council of New Carrollton amending the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as embodied in ordinance 21-10, as amended, to create an IT Administrator Position, and to eliminate Health Insurance from the Mayor and Council. Ms. Robbins seconded the motion. The Council discussed the issue at length. Ms. Urbina noted her reasoning for abstaining on the motion. Ms. Dodro requested the proposed budget amendment be made into two separate amendments. City Attorney Christian addressed Council regarding the legal issue regarding the proposed budget amendment. Ms. Robbins moved to call the question. Ms. Hooks second the motion. A roll call vote was taken on calling the questions. The motion on calling questions was approved

5-0-0. The motion was restated by Ms. Hooks. The motion failed 3-1-1. Note for the Record Ms. Dodro voted no and Ms. Urbina abstained. Ms. Urbina stated her reasons for abstaining from the vote.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Urbina moved to adjourn the Special Council Workshop/Special Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, July 7, 2021, seconded by Ms. Hooks. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting ended at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC

City Clerk

Adopted by the Council on August 18, 2021.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Special Council Workshop/Special Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, July 7, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.