



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

No. 96-07

The City Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 1996 in Conference Room #230 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center.

Topics of Discussion

- * 1. Review of ROSP SE 2169, Shell Oil Co., 8309 Annapolis Rd. with Mr. Ron Lipford of Arel Architects and Mr. Umar, station owner.
- * 2. Review of Special Exception 4217, Lanham Station Inc., 8905 Annapolis Rd. with Ms. Katherine Adelaide, Esq. and Charles J. Ryan, attorney of record.
- * 3. Review of State of Maryland Resident Trooper Program with a State Representative to be announced.
- 4. Review of Recycling Proposal for Fiscal Year 1997 for a Joint Bid with the City of Greenbelt.
- * 5. Proposed Budget Amendment No. 15 Fiscal Year 1996 Current Expense Budget (To Establish An Employee Assistance Program)-Second Reading.
- 6. Overview of Proposed Fiscal Year Budget for 1997 to be Issued at Council Meeting.
- * 7. Review of Council Meeting Minutes
 - March 4, 1996
 - March 18, 1996
- 8. Review of List of Bills
- 9. Report of the Mayor and Council
- 10. Adjournment

At this point, the referendum questions were reviewed. The Administrative Officer read the questions which have been amended by the City Attorney. The questions were further amended by the Council. They will be resubmitted to the City Attorney. Chairman Schaffer stated that a public hearing will be held to further familiarize our residents with the proposed questions.

7. Review of the Minutes

The Administrative Officer asked that corrections be given to him on the minutes.

8. Review of the List of Bills

A brief discussion on the list of bills followed. Matter deferred until the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 1996.

9. Report of the Mayor and Council

Mayor Hanko reported that the City shall hold a public hearing on April 17, 1996 in regards to speed humps and their possible application in the City. Both the police and fire departments have been invited. This notice is in the newsletter and the public is cordially invited. On April 13, 1996, Chief of Police Farrell from Prince George's County shall be the speaker at our Neighborhood Watch meeting here at the Municipal Center. The COPS officer trailer has been delivered to the Carrollton Mall grounds and will be set up near the Citizens Bank location. It is being paid for by Carrollton Enterprises and will be fully operational by April 15, 1996.

Councilwoman Hurdle handed out an information sheet regarding the upcoming public hearing being held by the City of College Park in regards to the various alternatives being studied by their City for police protection. She will be attending and encouraged her colleagues also to attend. She also stated that Governor Glendening would sign the local zoning bills endorsed by the PGCMA and currently being reviewed by our Maryland State Legislature. She also stated her interest in zero based budgeting and its possible application to our City which was also endorsed by Councilman Keleti.

Councilwoman Hurdle also stated she had recently visited the County Administration Building and reviewed the current application by the Metroview developer and was told that what is being done is a validation and recordation of what had originally been agreed upon for the site. Brief discussion followed. She also stated that HB 925-Unfunded Mandates, needed a letter of support from all municipalities and Mayor Hanko said he would send one tomorrow.

Councilman Garvey stated that the public hearing sign for Metroview indicated tht 2400 housing units would be allowed. He said that maybe the City does not want this number of units and we should get the developer back to discuss this matter further. He also asked that the aerial photogrph of the City be moved to the new workshop room. He also asked that a sign in the right of way on Auburn

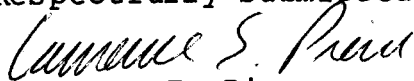
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Councilwoman Potter stated that the City's entrances are looking better than ever.

Councilman Keleti stated he had seen Officer Easter on his police bike in the evening, and noted that two long time residents, Ms. June Daley and Mr. Trott had recently passed away.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence E. Pierce
Acting Recording Secretary



NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

NO. 96-07

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1996,
IN CONFERENCE ROOM #230 AT THE NEW CARROLLTON MUNICIPAL CENTER.

Topics of Discussion

1. Review Of Possible General Election Advisory Referendum and Referendum Questions Dealing With Contractual Police Services, Recycling Services and General Debt Service For Possible Road Improvement, and Cost Of Living Adjustments For Fiscal Year 1997.
3. Review Of Other Budgetary Priorities.

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
March 27, 1996**

The meeting of the Special City Council Workshop Meeting was called to order by Chairman John A. Schaffer at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Andrew C. Hanko, Council Members Raymond J. Garvey, Rose M. Hurdle, Stephen L. Keleti, Sarah C. Potter, and Administrative Officer Lawrence E. Pierce.

Public Works Director Richard E. Robbins was excused from the meeting.

Topics of Discussion

1. Review of Possible General Election Advisory Referendum and Referendum Questions Dealing with Contractual Police Services, Recycling Services and General Debt Service For Possible Road Improvement

Discussion regarding the City's Contract Police Program:

Chairman Schaffer initiated the discussion by reviewing and discussing the cost savings proposal submitted by Council Member Hurdle which compares the County's Contract Police Program to the Maryland State Police Program. At this point Council Member Hurdle stated that if the City was to hire three State Policemen for a five year period, there would be a substantive cost savings as shown in the proposal, and that the State Police responding to a service call would physically knock on the residents door.

Chairman Schaffer asked the status to the continued negotiations between the City and County for police services. Administrative Officer Pierce replied that the Administration met with Mr. Thomas, Director of Public Safety, and it appeared that the City and County were in agreement to five issues which will be committed in writing subsequent to the next meeting. Mr. Pierce stated that each County contract police officer base pay will be between \$86,000 to \$89,000 for the first year which includes annual leave up to June 30th. The City is unable, at this time, to determine the salary of each contract police officer for the 3rd, 4th and 5th year. If the City was to sign a contract with the State, the City Council would need to define the duties of the State and County police and furthermore would have an impact on the City's relationship with the County which may not be prudent for the residents of New Carrollton. Chairman Schaffer noted that it is the County's obligation to respond to emergency calls. Council Member Keleti suggested that the Administration clarify the issues in question with the County. Discussion ensued with Council Member Hurdle stating that Carroll County, Mount Airy, Perryville, and Middletown participate in the Maryland State Police Trooper Program. Chairman Schaffer noted that Carroll County does not have County police and relies on the State to handle service calls.

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Consideration to the questions submitted by the Administrative Officer to be included in the City Ballot as requested by the City Council:

Consideration to Question 1 and 2:

Questions 1 and 2 pertain to the City/County's curbside recycling program. Administrative Officer Pierce stated that if the City opted out of the County's recycling program, it would not be beneficial for the City since the market for recycling products is low and that the City would be losing money. Council Member Garvey requested that question #2 be removed and not placed on the ballot. Administrative Officer Pierce noted that only the single family homes participate in the recycling program and are currently paying \$40 to recycle. If the City was to opt out of the County's recycling program and charge the residents \$18 to recycle, this fee would not be included in the County's tax bill and charged separately by the City. The Council requested that question #1 be added to the ballot and question #2 be omitted. Council Member Keleti stated that the City needs to hold a Public Forum.

Consideration to Question #3A; pertains to a 6 cent tax rate increase to continue three contract police officers. Council Member Keleti asked if the 6 cent tax rate increase is based on the assumption that the City will pay each County contract police officer \$89,000 for their services. Administrative Officer Pierce concurred. Mayor Hanko stated that the majority of the residents would prefer the City to have three contract police officers versus only two. The Council requested that question 3A be added to the ballot.

Consideration to Question #3B; pertains to a 4 cent tax increase to continue two contract police officers in place of three officers. Council Member Potter requested that the Mayor include in his budget funds for three contract police officers if the City decides this option in the event of an emergency. The Council requested that question 3B be added to the ballot.

Consideration to Question 3C; pertains to the residents support eliminating police contractual services. The Council requested that question 3C be added to the ballot.

Consideration to Question #4; pertains to a tax cap of \$1.00 per hundred dollars of assessed value. To increase the tax cap to \$1.25 per one hundred dollars of the assessed value. Council Member Potter stated that the City will be losing business revenue from the New Carrollton Shopping Center due to the owners reluctance to improve/upgrade the mall. Discussion ensued among the Council body as to the shopping center's present condition and lack of business. It should be noted that over

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50% of the shopping center is vacant space and not being utilized by merchants. Council Member Garvey noted that question #4 does not have to be a referendum question and needs a resolution from the City Council to change the City Charter. Administrative Officer Pierce stated that this is an advisory question which allows the residents an opportunity to vote on the \$1.25 tax cap increase. The final decision, however, is decided by the City Council based on the residents input. The Council body requested that question 4 be added to the ballot with the exception of Council Member Hurdle.

Consideration to Question #5; pertains to a tax increase in the City's tax rate to support a general debt bond obligation for street repairs in the amount of \$400,000 to augment for streets in need of immediate repair.

Administrative Officer Pierce initiated the discussion by stating that third of the City streets have been repaired since 1989 and Carrollton Parkway would cost the City \$114,000. In addition, it will cost the City approximately \$747,000 to repair the remainder streets. Mr. Pierce stated that there are two estimates presented to the Council for work to be performed. Chairman Schaffer stated that currently the street roads line item has \$240,000 in the budget and recommended the Council to drive on City streets to examine its condition. Mr. Pierce noted that there are varying levels of deterioration to City streets, curbs and gutters and \$182,000 remains in this line item. Chairman Schaffer suggested that the City repair two thirds of the streets this year and apply for a bond in the amount of \$200,000. Council Member Keleti asked if the Council should add Carrollton Parkway to the urgency list. Council Member Keleti stated that he is not in favor of adding Carrollton Parkway to the urgency list until WMATA agrees to use smaller buses for transporting purposes on City streets. Brief discussion followed on buses. Carrollton Parkway is to be deleted from the pending road improvement list until smaller buses are initiated in New Carrollton.

2. Consideration to the 2% Cost of Living Adjustment Increase (COLA) for Fiscal Year 1997 to City Employees

The Council decided to grant the 2% COLA increase for City employees.

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3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Claudia M. Jones
Recording Secretary