



Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting,
April 4, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Schaffer, Chairman of the Council at 8:00 p.m. In attendance were Councilmembers Garvey, Hurdle, Keleti, and Potter. Also in attendance were Mayor Hanko and Administrative Officer Pierce.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council was led in the pledge of allegiance by Councilmember Keleti.

Chairman Schaffer stated that residents had by this time heard about the plane crash in Bosnia which had claimed the life of U.S. Commerce Secretary Brown and several CEO's of major national corporations who lost their lives on a mission of peace. The Chairman then read a brief statement recognizing these individuals and stated that the Campbell family on 89th Avenue is related to the Browns. A brief moment of silence was observed in their honor.

2. Additions to the Agenda by the Council

There were no additions to the agenda by the Council.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item No.

0496-03 "In light of tax revenue reductions, the City may not be able to provide current services without a tax rate increase in the future. Currently, the City has a tax cap in its Charter of \$1.00 per hundred dollars of assessed value. Do you support an increase in the tax cap, if necessary, from \$1.00 to \$1.25 in order to continue the present level of services?"

Councilmember Potter made a motion that this item be removed from the table. Councilman Garvey made a second to the motion and it was unanimously agreed upon.

Councilmember Potter then read the question and made a motion to approve the question. Councilman Garvey made a second to the motion that this item be placed on the ballot. Brief discussion followed in which Councilman Garvey stated that this issue is not related to the current tax rate which is determined annually. The City Council can raise the tax cap legislatively. This time, the Council is taking the initiative in determining whether our community feels this should be initiated. This is only an advisory question. Councilman Schaffer stated that the current tax rate is \$0.87 cents and the Mayor's budget as presented to the Council earlier this week is \$0.98. The motion was unanimously adopted and the question shall be placed on the ballot.

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Councilman Garvey made a motion to remove this item from the table. Councilmember Potter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously removed from the table.

Councilman Garvey summarized our existing roads program funding. This past winter, several roads deteriorated at a greater pace than expected. He stated it was important to augment already existing funds dedicated on an annual basis for the program. The \$250,000 needed is not available within our budget. He read the question into the record and made a motion to include this as a referendum question for the May 6, 1996 election. Councilman Keleti made a second to the motion.

Brief discussion followed. Councilwoman Hurdle stated only \$181,000 remains in the current year's budget and will vote for the question. Councilman Schaffer stated about a dozen roads have areas turning into rubble and they need to be done now. The council unanimously agreed to include the question on the ballot.

Item No.

0496-05 Prince George's County has increased the cost to the City of New Carrollton to continue its three County Contract Police Officers nearly \$100,000 per annum effective July 1, 1996.

- A. "Do you support a 5.5 cent tax rate increase, at an average single family residence cost of \$28.60 annually to continue with three contract officers?"
- B. "Do you support a 3.5 cent tax rate increase, if needed, at an average single family cost of \$18.20 annually to continue with only two officers?"
- C. "If you do not support either A or B above, do you support eliminating contractual police services?"

Councilman Keleti summarized the question and made a motion to remove it from the table. Councilmember Hurdle made a second and it was unanimously adopted. Councilman Keleti stated information has been received from the County in regards to pending contract negotiations clarifying some of the points requested by the City. Councilman Keleti made a motion to place this item on the ballot. Councilwoman Hurdle made a second and the item was unanimously removed from the table.

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At this point, Councilmember Potter asked for a clarification on the question from Administrative Officer which was completed.

Councilmember Garvey stated he is uncomfortable with these questions. He state we are unsure of the question and the figures. He urged that the City hold a public hearing and highlight the questions in the City Newsletter. He stated that the way in which the questions are worded, he is not sure what we will receive from the residents. Councilwoman Hurdle stated the question should be placed on the ballot and supports the question. Councilman Keleti stated savings is not the only issue. We must focus also on the operational side. Since we haven't heard from the County yet, in regards to whether the beat officer will stay and whether we will lose support, i.e. Special Operations Division, it is difficult to agree with the question. Councilwoman Hurdle stated that College Park had negotiated even better figures than Lt. Bowman presented earlier this week. She urged that the City do a fact sheet and distribute it prior to a public hearing.

Councilwoman Potter stated her concern over this proposal. During the past week the figures have changed several times. She can not vote for the question tonight and would prefer public hearings at various sites, if needed, within the City to discuss the matter fully with residents.

Councilman Schaffer stated the figures were only fine tuned in the session earlier this evening. He believes we have sufficient information on this matter. He stated his primary concerns when he ran for office were public safety and holding down taxes. These two items are about to collide. He stated the County's increased costs are unreasonable. The budget, if it holds, may be a watershed year. He is in favor of putting it on the ballot to gauge public opinion.

Councilwoman Hurdle stated she is supportive of a public hearing in the heart of the City. When will we receive the specific information from the County? She stated the exact figures are still not available but we need the citizens input. Councilman Garvey stated that perhaps a paper questionnaire rather than a ballot question might be better.

Councilman Schaffer stated tonight is critical because it is 30 days prior to the election. He does not favor a paper exercise. Councilman Keleti stated he is not hiding anything on this item. He won't go to referendum without the whole story. He favors a fact sheet and a public hearing. Councilman Schaffer stated operational matters will be addressed at a future meeting with Major Chambers. Councilman Keleti stated these are still unresolved and critical items.

Councilman Schaffer stated all the points have been made and asked for a vote. The motion to place the question on the ballot was defeated with Councilmembers Hurdle and Schaffer in favor and Councilmembers Garvey, Keleti and Potter against. The question will not be placed on the ballot.

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Item No.

0496-06 "Do you support a two cent tax rate increase at an average single family home cost of \$10.40 to contract with the Maryland State Police for three resident troopers?"

Councilmember Hurdle made a motion to remove this item from the table. Councilmember Potter made a second to the motion. The motion was voted on unanimously and removed from the table.

Councilmember Hurdle made a motion to approve the question as presented for the upcoming ballot. Councilman Keleti made a second to the motion. The matter was unanimously defeated.

The question was revised and the question was then again read into the record by Councilmember Hurdle as follows:

"The Maryland State Police have a contractual program with municipalities. Do you support a 3.5 cent tax rate increase, if needed, at an average single family residence cost of \$18.20 for a half year of service for the fiscal year 1997 City budget to substitute three Maryland State Troopers for the existing County Officers, beginning approximately in early 1997. Choice of this alternative will necessitate no Contract Police Officers covering the City after July 1, 1996 until Maryland State Police Officers are available?"

Councilmember Schaffer made a second to the motion that the question be placed on the ballot. Councilmember Keleti said this is a good question yet it is tied in with the prior question on Prince George's County Police and he will vote against it. Councilmember Hurdle stated she would vote for it as the residents have a right to vote on this matter.

Councilmember Potter said that three set of figures have been submitted to the City Council in the last 24 hours and she cannot allow a situation to exist where we lose contract officers for six months while we wait for state troopers. Without such coverage, she would be terrified and such action would be inappropriate.

Councilman Garvey stated the Maryland State Police option is viable, however, to allow a period of six months without coverage would be derelict in the performance of the Council's duties. The information on this matter is still too vague.

Councilmember Hurdle stated that in her mind, we would not be in a position where there was no police coverage during this waiting period. We pay taxes for the beat officers and detectives. Councilmember Keleti stated he was very concerned about the response

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time of officers under such a state trooper plan. Councilmember Garvey stated that our contract officers are currently doing too much of the beat officer's job and he is concerned about this problem.

Councilman Schaffer stated 57 contract officers are involved in this program state wide. This is a great program and he thanked Councilmember Hurdle for bringing this matter to his attention. He further stated at least this item has received considerable attention.

The motion to place the question on the ballot was defeated, with Councilmembers Hurdle and Schaffer in favor, and Councilmembers Garvey, Keleti and Potter opposed.

5. Suspension of the rules in order to hear from citizens - 10 minute limit

A. Audience Participation

Mr. Art Miller, 6308 Westbrook Drive, stated that he has attended the past three City Council meetings and that it was clear that several people want to stay with the County police. He stated that it is possible to obscure the truth by ignoring all other options, by telling a bunch of lies or just by frightening people. We pay taxes to the County for the beat officers. He hopes that the representatives of the City will do what is best for the residents. He stated that the City should go to the County and insist on a meeting. We need the best price and service. When you compare, you save \$60,000 with the State Police in a three year agreement. Let's get the facts.

Ms. Jo Oliver, 8310 Nicholson St., stated that City services are lacking, crosswalks are not being painted and our streets are dirty. We have a maintenance yard with 5 computers and 5 full time people. She stated she attended the College Park public hearing and it was clear they are not getting their monies worth. She also left Shoppers earlier today and saw our two contract officers with bags in their hands and asked why they were shopping?

B. Telephone Participation

Mr. Ed Bachtell, 6407 Fairbanks Street, stated that all discussion is positive, however it isn't when it is conducted in an unfriendly manner. There is no great loss if these matters are not on the ballot. Both sides of the issue should be reviewed and it should not be taken personally.

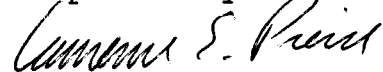
Councilman Schaffer then stated a word of appreciation to the City's Administrative Officer for his time and effort on these matters during the past weeks.

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6. Adjournment

Councilman Keleti made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Potter made a second and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence E. Pierce
Acting Recording Secretary



NOTICE OF MEETING

NO. 96-08

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1996
IN COFERENCE ROOM #230 AT THE NEW CARROLLTON MUNICIPAL CENTER.

Topics of Discussion

1. Open Administrative Meeting to Discuss Proposed Advisory Referendum Questions for the May 6, 1996 Ballot.



Minutes of the Special City Council Workshop
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The special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Councilman Schaffer, Chairman of the Council at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Councilmembers Garvey, Hurdle, Keleti and Potter. Also in attendance was Administrative Officer Pierce.

1. Open Administrative Meeting to Discuss Proposed Advisory Referendum Questions for the May 6, 1996 Ballot.

Chairman Schaffer opened the meeting with a brief discussion on the focus of tonight's meeting. The Council proceeded to review the questions which had been tabled at last night's meeting. It was agreed that the content of the questions for docket items 0496-03, 04 and 05 were agreeable. Discussion followed on the fourth item.

Chairman Schaffer stated it was important to review the budget in the next few meetings. He asked the Council members to review it and share a list, page by page of cuts they would like to review. Councilman Keleti stated he would prefer to ask questions of the administration first before engaging in creating such a list.

Discussion followed on the specifics of the question relating to the possibility of utilizing Maryland State Troopers in lieu of contract county officers.

Chairman Schaffer then reviewed via a flip chart costs for the next fiscal year under such a program. He stated that \$96,379 was the annual figure offered by Lt. Bowman of the State Police for the first year costs as indicated in his outline distributed earlier this week. Chairman Schaffer stated he attempted to contact Councilwoman Hurdle earlier today regarding her advisory question but she was not home. He amended the question and had it submitted to the city attorney for review via the administrative officer. He reduced the costs by one-half since the Maryland State Troopers are not available until after January 1, 1997. Councilman Keleti stated it would likely take even longer than the first of the year since these officers from the academy receive field training prior to these officers being permanently assigned. Councilman Schaffer stated may be a watershed year when taxes are considerably raised.

Councilman Keleti stated that he is uncomfortable with the question on State Police without hearing to date from a County Police representative. Councilwoman Hurdle handed out a sheet on the College Park situation which indicated that they had negotiated a better price for the five years than what Lt. Bowman had earlier distributed. She urged the City to contact the State and negotiate an agreement.

Councilman Keleti asked whether we have enough facts from the various police entities to ask these advisory questions. Discussion followed on the need for more information on operational activities of the County Police.

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City resident, Mr. Art Miller, stated Councilman Schaffer's figures on the flip chart are incorrect. Chairman Schaffer stated he was only addressing actual 1997 figures from the State Police. Discussion followed on various start up costs. Councilwoman Hurdle stated she feels it is important to offer a choice for our residents regarding police protection on the ballot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence E. Pierce
Acting Recording Secretary



AGENDA OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
APRIL 3, 1996

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Report of the Mayor
3. Report of the Treasurer

Approval of Bills Approved (\$130,210.86)

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the March 20, 1996, Council Meeting

Approval of Minutes Approved

Consideration of the Minutes of the March 27, 1996, Special Council Meeting

Approval of Minutes Approved

5. Reports of the Council
6. Additions to the Agenda by the Council - See Page 3 (bottom)
7. Suspension of the rules in order to hear from citizens - 10-min. limit
 - A. Audience Participation
 - B. Telephone Participation

8.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>	<u>Council Action</u>
0396-10	Proposed Budget Amendment No. 15 (F.Y. 1996 Current Expense Budget) To Establish An Employee Assistance Program	

Second Reading & Adoption Approved

9.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	<u>Council Action</u>
0496-01	Letter To Zoning Hearing Examiner, Prince George's County Regarding Special Exception 4217, Lanham Station, Inc. Requesting A Fast Food Restaurant (Burger King) At The Maryland Route 450 Access Road To Lanham Shopping Center	

Approved

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Council Action</u>
0496-02	Letter To Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board Regarding Variances and Revisions To The Site Plan For The New Carrollton Shell Station, 8309 Annapolis Rd.	<u>Approved</u>
	Proposed Referendum Questions For The May 6, 1996, General Election:	
0496-03	"In light of tax revenue reductions, the City may not be able to provide current services without a tax rate increase in the future. Currently, the City has a tax cap in its <u>Charter</u> of \$1.00 per hundred dollars of assessed value. Do you support an increase in the tax cap, if necessary, from \$1.00 to \$1.25 in order to continue the present level of services?"	<u>Tabled</u>
0496-04	"The winter of 1996 resulted in extensive damage to our City streets. Do you support a general debt obligation for street repairs in the amount of \$250,000 to augment our current roads program which could result in a maximum two cent tax rate increase in the City's tax rate?"	<u>Tabled</u>
0496-05	Prince George's County has increased the cost to the City of New Carrollton to continue its three County Contract Police Officers nearly \$100,000 per annum effective July 1, 1996.	
	A. "Do you support a 6 cent tax rate increase, if needed, at an average single family residence cost of \$31.20 annually to continue with three contract officers?"	
	B. "Do you support a 4 cent tax rate increase, if needed, at an average single family cost of \$20.80 annually to continue with only two contract officers?"	
	C. "If you do not support either A or B above, do you support eliminating contractual police services?"	
		<u>Tabled</u>

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10. Suspension of the rules in order to hear from citizens - 10-min.
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- A. Audience Participation
 - B. Telephone Participation
11. Adjournment

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Addition to Agenda

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Council Action</u>
0496-06	"Do you support a two cent tax rate increase, if needed, at an average single family cost of \$10.40 to contract with the Maryland State Police for three Resident Troopers?"	<u>Tabled</u>

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON****APRIL 3, 1996**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council Meeting of the City of New Carrollton was held in the New Carrollton Municipal Center on Wednesday, April 3, 1996.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman John A. Schaffer. Present were Mayor Andrew C. Hanko, Council Members Raymond J. Garvey, Rose M. Hurdle, Stephen L. Keleti, Sarah C. Potter, Public Works Director Richard E. Robbins, City Administrative Officer Lawrence E. Pierce and City Treasurer Duane H. Rosenberg.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by two members of the Boy Scout Troop 1022, Mr. Matt O'Neil and Mr. William Gibbs.

2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Hanko presented former Council Member Mr. Bill Boisvert a Proclamation in recognition for establishing the City's Neighborhood Watch Program. Under Mr. Boisvert's leadership, crime has decreased dramatically within the City and resident participation has increased over the last three years. Mr. Boisvert has asked Mr. Stephen John to oversee the Program as the Program Coordinator. Mayor Hanko invited Mr. Boisvert to the podium. The Council Members complimented and personally thanked Mr. Boisvert for his hard work and devotion as Program Coordinator of the City's Neighborhood Watch Program and to the community. Chairman Schaffer reminded the residents that the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held at the City Municipal Building on Saturday, April 13, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Boisvert thanked the Council and residents for their support and cooperation, respectively. At this time, Mr. Stephen John announced that the Chief of Police, Captain Farrell, will be the guest speaker at the April 13 Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Mayor Hanko announced that the City will hold a Public Hearing on April 18, 1996 at the City Municipal Building to acquire resident input on the speed hump issue. Mayor Hanko has invited Mr. Fernando Prol, Section Chief of Transportation Services for Prince George's County, as well as a representative from the West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department and Prince George's County Police Department to answer questions the residents may have. Written testimony addressed to the Mayor and City Council will be read into the record.

Mayor Hanko commended resident, Mr. Jeremy Fromel for receiving the Eagle Scout Award.

Mayor Hanko announced that the City will hold a Blood Drive at the City Municipal Building on April 25, 1996 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Residents may call 459-6100 to schedule an appointment.

Mayor Hanko announced that the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held at the City Municipal Building on Saturday, April 13, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. with Chief Farrell as guest speaker.

Mayor Hanko announced that the American Heart Association is sponsoring three Adult CPR training classes at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Saturday, April 20, 1996. Pre-registration is not required and the classes will start every half hour beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Hanko apprised the residents, on behalf of Maryland Cable, that a man posing as a Maryland Cable representative has been entering homes at Heritage Square and taking TV boxes off the premises. Mayor Hanko asked the residents to use good judgement and call the Police.

Mayor Hanko announced that two Public Works employees, Mr. Gregory Wills will be celebrating his twentieth year as a City employee and Mr. Leonard J. Stratford will be celebrating his fifth year.

Mayor Hanko read a letter addressed to Mr. Basily, Deputy General Manager for WMATA Operations, in regard to residents' complaints of the continuous vibrations and excessive speeding of Metro buses on City streets.

Mayor Hanko announced that he has submitted the City's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 1997 to the City Council at the Monday night City Council Workshop Meeting. Mayor Hanko stated that the Budget requires an 11 cent increase on our tax rate to 98 cents per \$100 assessed value. This budget reflects the increased cost to maintain three Prince George's Contract Police Officers by \$100,000 over the current year as well as decreased business revenue at the Carrollton Mall Shopping Center. Mayor Hanko explained the budget through visual graphs. At the request of Mayor Hanko, Administrative Officer Pierce explained the proposed budget increase tax rate.

Administrative Officer Pierce had no report.

Public Works Director Robbins reminded the residents to bag their leaves and place the debris next to their trash cans.

Council Member Potter commended the Mayor and City Staff for presenting the City Budget in a format which is easier to read and comprehend.

Council Member Hurdle asked if the City Budget will be available to the residents. Mayor Hanko replied that copies will be available at the New Carrollton Library and the City Municipal Building. Mrs. Hurdle asked the status of the City's Street Light Conversion project. Mayor Hanko replied that the project will be completed by May 1, 1996. Lastly, Mrs. Hurdle asked the status of the ongoing tree stump removal service. Mr. Robbins replied that the requests for tree stump removal are near its completion.

Council Member Keleti discussed the \$1.6 million dollar figure of Real Property on Page 1 of the F.Y. 1997 City Budget. Mr. Keleti stated that he supports the City submitting a letter to WMATA in regard to the request of smaller Metro buses. Mr. Keleti stated that he has noticed excessive speeding on Westbrook Drive.

Chairman Schaffer suggested, in regard to Metro buses speeding on City streets, that the bus schedule be rerouted.

3. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

City Treasurer Rosenberg reported 123 invoices totaling \$130,210.86; certified them and recommended payment.

Council Member Keleti moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented; with a copy attached to the Minutes.

Council Member Potter seconded the motion, discussion ensued with Council Member Garvey asking if the invoice in the amount of \$5,000 payable to the New Carrollton Boys' and Girls' Club was included in the Report. Mr. Pierce replied that this expense was not included in the packet. Without objection, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented and passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 1996

Council Member Hurdle moved that the March 20, 1996 City Council Minutes be approved as presented.

Council Member Garvey seconded the motion, and without objection, the item was passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 1996

Council Member Potter moved that the March 27, 1996 Special City Council Workshop Minutes be approved as presented.

Council Member Keleti seconded the motion, and without objection, the item was passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL

Council Member Potter reported the following items:

- Council Member Potter reported that the City Business Meeting was very informative and thanked Ms. Carol Vitale for coordinating the meeting. Mrs. Potter discussed the frustration she observed from the merchants at the New Carrollton Shopping Center. Mayor Hanco announced that BEST will be closing in June.
- Council Member Potter announced that the City's Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the New Carrollton Men's Club will be held at Vera Cope Weinbach Park on April 6, 1996. The Easter Bunny will appear and the easter egg hunt will start at 11:00 a.m.
- Council Member Potter announced that the New Carrollton RECouncil will be sponsoring a Children's Fair at Charles Carroll Middle School on Saturday, April 13, 1996. Refreshments will be served and there will be a 25 cent charge on all games.
- Council Member Potter expressed her sympathy and condolences to the Daley and Trott families.
- Council Member Potter stated that a motorist speeding on Westbrook Drive was cited for speeding.

Council Member Garvey reported the following items:

- Council Member Garvey reminded the residents that the Vera Cope Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications from residents seeking scholarship assistance.
- Council Member Garvey asked the residents to turn their porch lights on during the night.

Council Member Hurdle reported the following items:

- Council Member Hurdle discussed WMATA using smaller buses on City streets.
- Council Member Hurdle reported that she attended the City Business Meeting and spoke with the owner of Shopping Plaza 30. Mrs. Hurdle expressed her dismay over the lack of support and cooperation displayed from the owner of the New Carrollton Shopping Center.
- Council Member Hurdle reported that she attended the funeral of former residents, Ms. June Daley and Mr. David Trott.
- Council Member Hurdle reported that she attended a luncheon with Governor Parris Glendening and discussed funding for cancer research.
- Council Member Hurdle reported that she attended College Park's Public Hearing and spoke with the New Carrollton resident on Quentin Street of the family's tragedy. Mrs. Hurdle stated that the Public Hearing was very informative and learned of six alternatives to the Community Contract Police Program.
- Council Member Hurdle reported that funding has been committed by the County Council for the County's Public Libraries. Mrs. Hurdle stated that the New Carrollton Library receives 40% of proceeds from book sales.

Council Member Keleti reported the following issues:

- Council Member Keleti reported that he also attended the City Business Meeting and expressed his dismay and frustration to the condition of the New Carrollton Shopping Center and lack of cooperation and support from the owner.
- Council Member Keleti reported that the City Administration has established a Welcoming Committee for the IRS employees.

Chairman Schaffer reported the following items:

- Chairman Schaffer stated that he also attended the City Business Meeting.
- Chairman Schaffer reported that the proposed telephone tax bill is tied up in Committee at the Senate and House level.

- Chairman Schaffer reported that the City Council will be recessing for 24 hours and continuing the City Council Meeting tomorrow evening at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be televised on Channel B-10.
- Chairman Schaffer discussed the County's Contract Police Program and the increased cost implemented by the County Executive.

6. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Council Member Hurdle requested an additional advisory question to the Estimated Cost Comparison of the New Carrollton Contract Police Service be added to tonight's Agenda and labeled as Item Number 0496-06. Without objection, the item was added to the Agenda.

7. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES IN ORDER TO HEAR FROM CITIZENS

A. Audience Participation

Mr. Gene Hammer of 6245 87th Avenue requested that the line be restriped at the intersection of Westbrook Drive and Powhatan Street. Mr. Hammer expressed his concern over the continued speeding on 85th Avenue. Lastly, Mr. Hammer expressed his dismay to the condition of the drainage ditch on Carrollton Parkway.

Mr. Art Miller of 6408 Westbrook Drive discussed the City's Contract Police Program and the comparison between the County Police Program and State Police Program.

Mr. Gene Hammer of 6245 87th Avenue stated that the residents cannot participate in the City Council Workshop Meetings.

B. Telephone Participation

Ms. Rhonda Seimah of 6116 84th Avenue stated that the Carrollton Elementary School is in dire need of a paint job.

Ms. Eileen Aukward of 8314 Oglethorpe Street voiced her support to the City installing speed humps on City streets.

Mr. Wilson Zambreny of 5718 83rd Place stated that due to unnecessary noise, it is hard to hear Mrs. Hurdle's Report.

Mr. Kevin Moore of 7811 Powhatan Street voiced his concern to school buses speeding on City streets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. **Item 0396-10** - Proposed Budget Amendment No. 15 to Establish An Employee Assistance Program to F.Y. 1996 Current Expense Budget

Council Member Potter moved that the Proposed Budget Amendment No. 15 be removed from the table.

Council Member Garvey seconded the motion, and without objection, it was so ordered.

Council Member Potter moved that the Proposed Budget Amendment No. 15 be adopted as presented.

Council Member Hurdle seconded the motion, and without objection, the Proposed Budget Amendment No. 15 was adopted and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

9. **Item 0496-01** - Proposed Letter to the Zoning Hearing Examiner of Prince George's County

(Proposed Letter voicing no objection to Special Exception 4217, Lanham Station, Inc. requesting a fast food restaurant (Burger King) at the Maryland Route 450 Access Road to Lanham Shopping Center)

Council Member Garvey moved that the proposed letter be forwarded to the County Examiner expressing no opposition to the request of a fast food restaurant (Burger King).

Council Member Keleti seconded the motion, and without objection, the item was passed unanimously.

Item 0496-02 - Proposed Letter to Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett, Chairman of Prince George's County Planning Board Regarding Variances and Revisions to the Site Plan for the New Carrollton Shell Station at 8309 Annapolis Road

Council Member Keleti moved that the proposed letter be forwarded to Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett expressing no objection to the request of variances and revisions to the New Carrollton Shell Station.

Council Member Hurdle seconded the motion, and without objection, the item was passed unanimously.

Item 0496-03 - Proposed Advisory Question: "In light of tax revenue reductions, the City may not be able to provide current services without a tax rate increase in the future. Do you support an increase in the tax cap, if necessary, from \$1.00 to \$1.25 in order to continue the present level of services?"

Council Member Hurdle moved that the Proposed Advisory Question be tabled.

Council Member Keleti seconded the motion, the motion was approved with four in favor and one opposition (Council Member Garvey).

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Council Member Hurdle moved that the Proposed Advisory Questions be tabled.

Council Member Keleti seconded the motion, and without objection, the proposed advisory questions were tabled unanimously.

Item 0496-06 - Proposed Advisory Questions: "A 2 cent tax rate increase, if needed, would cover the cost of contracting with the Maryland State Police for the second six months of Fiscal Year 1997 and at least the following two years. Do you support a 2 cent tax rate increase, if needed, at an average single family cost of \$10.40 to contract with the Maryland State Police for three Resident Troopers?"

Council Member Hurdle moved that the Proposed Advisory Question be tabled.

Council Member Potter seconded the motion, and without objection, the item was tabled.

10. **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES IN ORDER TO HEAR FROM CITIZENS**

A. **Audience Participation**

Mr. Art Miller of 6308 Westbrook Drive commented on school buses speeding on Westbrook Drive.

B. **Telephone Participation**

There was no telephone participation.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Keleti moved that the City Council Meeting be recessed for a 24 hour period and resume tomorrow evening at 8:00 p.m.

Council Member Potter seconded the motion, and without objection, the meeting was recessed and adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Claudia M. Jones
Recording Secretary