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**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON  
February 5, 1996**

The meeting of the 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 Rose M. Hurdle, Stephen L. Keleti, Administrative Officer Lawrence E. Pierce, Assistant Administrative Officer Carol A. Vitale and Public Works Director Richard E. Robbins.

Council Members Raymond J. Garvey and Sarah C. Potter were excused.

**Topics of Discussion**

1. Discussion with Lt. Robeshaw, Officer In Charge of the Community Oriented Police Program, Prince George's County Police Department

Chairman Schaffer initiated the discussion by informing Lt. Robeshaw that the Council invited Officers Cordone and Scarlatta to the January 16, 1996 City Council Workshop Meeting to discuss the City establishing a police outpost station and the concerns raised by the residents over the open air drug market at the New Carrollton Shopping Center and Heritage Square.

Mayor Hanko reported that he and Lt. Robeshaw toured the City last Wednesday for the purpose of establishing a police outpost station. Mayor Hanko suggested the following locations: vacant store next to Ames department store and Blockbusters, vacant store next to Shoppers Foodwarehouse, Old City Hall Building, and the vacant store next to Staples. Lt. Robeshaw continued the discussion by explaining the goals and objectives of the Community Oriented Police Program. Lt. Robeshaw stated that the location of the police station will be determined by public accessibility and the geographical area. In addition, Lt. Robeshaw will establish outpost stations in College Park, Cheverly and Riverdale. Lt. Robeshaw stated that once the site has been determined, two police officers will be patrolling the City and surrounding areas.

Questions asked by the Council:

Council Member Hurdle asked Lt. Robeshaw if the City has gangs. Lt. Robeshaw replied that New Carrollton does not have a gang problem and the crew known as the 450 Crew was originated in the Landover Hills area. In reference to the County's curfew policy, the police department does not view this issue as top priority.

Council Member Keleti asked if the police officers would be sharing the same office. Lt. Robeshaw replied that the officers would share the same office but one officer would patrol the single family homes and the other officer would patrol the apartment complexes.

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Chairman Schaffer stated that Mr. Roland Craig, Resident Manager of Heritage Square, was invited to the meeting tonight to discuss the open air drug market. Mr. Schaffer noted that the drug problem at Heritage Square is out of control and the owner of the apartment complex, Management, and City Council will be meeting this Friday to discuss the problem. Mr. Schaffer invited Lt. Robeshaw to the meeting. Lt. Robeshaw stated that the drug problem at this complex has been a continuous historic problem. Council Member Hurdle asked if the drug dealers live within the premises of the complex. Lt. Robeshaw concurred.

Lt. Robeshaw was excused from the meeting and thanked for attending.

2. Discussion with Mr. Richard Abraham of Georgetown Paper Stock Company, Inc.

At the request of Chairman Schaffer, Mr. Abraham was invited to the meeting to discuss the company's proposal to the City's curbside recycling program. Mr. Schaffer distributed his analysis which is attached. Mr. Schaffer noted that 32 lbs of newspaper is collected per week per household with a total of 40 tons per month collected from single family homes and 5 tons per month from the apartment complexes. **His research shows that newspapers bring about five times the money of mixed paper.**

At this point, Mr. Abraham lead the discussion by presenting Georgetown Paper Stock Company's proposal. Mr. Abraham stated that his proposal is based on 10 lbs of mixed paper collected per household and that newspaper has a better resale value than mixed paper. Mixed paper is one grade above trash. Georgetown Paper Stock Company Inc. determines their prices from the Official Board Market Journal. After reviewing the proposal, Public Works Director Robbins stated that the City also recycles aluminum and plastic and asked the resale value of these items. Mr. Abraham replied that at this time both items have a low resale value.

The discussion came to a closing with Council Member Hurdle stating that she would pursue the option of the City opting out of the County's Recycling Program so that the residents would not be subjected to pay for recycling fees. **College Park does not charge their residents for recycling.**

Mr. Abraham was excused from the meeting and thanked for attending.

3. Discussion with Mr. Roland Craig, Resident Manager of Heritage Square Apartment

Mr. Craig was unable to attend the meeting.

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4. Consideration to Mr. Thomas Keely, Principal of Charles Carroll Middle School to Attend the February 7, 1996 City Council Meeting

At the request of Mayor Hanko, Mr. Keely was invited to attend the Wednesday City Council Meeting to discuss the students of Charles Carroll Middle School recent test scores and his goals for the school.

The item was placed on the Wednesday Agenda.

5. Consideration to Proposed Bid 96-09 (Independent Audit) Specifications For Distribution To Bidders

Administrative Officer Pierce initiated the discussion by stating that the bid was advertised and the specification has been revised to include recommendations from the former auditor. The proposal was also reviewed by the City's independent accounting firm and comments were also incorporated.

Council Member Keleti asked if the **present contract contained a 2 year contract**. Administrative Officer Pierce said it **did not** and stated that based on the auditors recommendation, the Administration felt it necessary to extend the contract to 5 years instead of 3 years. Mr. Pierce also stated that the CAFR is prepared by the independent auditor and noted that the bids will be higher due to the block grant. Since the City received additional funds from the block grant, a separate audit will be conducted. Mr. Pierce also discussed changes to the Management Letter.

6. Consideration to the Reappointments to City Committees as follows:

Reappointment of Ms. Marilyn P. Kauffman to the Board of Elections Committee. The item was placed on the Wednesday Agenda for action.

Reappointment of Mr. Robert L. MacKinnon to the Ethics of Commission Committee. The item was placed on the Wednesday Agenda for action.

Reappointment of Mr. Jack E. Conroy of the Housing Review Board Committee. The item was placed on the Wednesday Agenda for action.

7. Review of Revenue Resources Decrease in Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Resulting From Changes at the Carrollton Mall Shopping Center

Administrative Officer Pierce initiated the discussion by stating that 56% of the free standing or 149,496 square footage of the mall will be demolished. The total square footage of the mall at its present state is 269,329 feet. **Because the six theaters will be demolished**, the City will loose about \$100,000 in **annual amusement tax** revenues. In 1997, 56% of the mall will be demolished and Target will be open for business in 1998. The City will loose a substantial amount of revenue the months of January through June in calendar year 1997. Personal Property Tax from **BEST** is \$24,000. Admission and Amusement tax will not be collected during this time period with the City loosing \$50,000 in revenue. Chairman Schaffer noted that the Target Department **reportedly** will donate 5% of their profit to community projects in New Carrollton.

**Council Member Keleti asked the Chairman to schedule special sessions dealing with the loss of revenue sometime in the near future. Administrative Officer Pierce thought it would be prudent to wait a few months until revenue figures firmed up a bit.**

8. Consideration and Discussion of the following Proposed Senate Bills:

Video Rental Taxes - Administrative Officer initiated the discussion by stating that this bill was introduced in 1992 and not well supported by county and state officials. Mayor Hanko stated that this bill will create hardship to small businesses. The Council decided not to take a position at this time.

Unregistered Motor Vehicles (Senate Bill 463) - Council Member Hurdle initiated the discussion by stating that this bill is well supported by Senator Madden and that Delegate Joanne Benson will support the bill as well. If the bill is passed, the State will collect approximately \$500,000 in revenue. The mechanics of this bill were discussed at the request of Council Member Keleti.

Senate Bill 3 Elections - The Council decided not to take a position at this time.

9. Consideration to City's Intent to Apply For Maryland Route 450 Sidewalk Funding From State Highway Administration

Administrative Officer Pierce initiated the discussion by stating that the Governor has allocated \$239,000 for state highway facilities. To install sidewalks on Route 450, the City would have to pay half of the cost. The engineers estimate totalled to \$129,000 which does not include any retaining walls in front of Shopping Center 30. The City has several options:

Plan A - The City install sidewalks on both sides of Route 450 totalling \$69,000

Plan B - Only install sidewalks at certain sections on Route 450

Administrative Officer Pierce also recommended that a sidewalk be installed in front of the 7 Eleven.

After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided to delay pursuing this project at this time due to financial concerns to the City's sidewalk program.

10. Discussion Regarding Metro Bus Rerouting on Carrollton Parkway

Administrative Officer Pierce initiated the discussion by stating that due to complaints from residents living on the south side of Carrollton Parkway, WMATA has rerouted the bus route to the north side and requested that no parking areas be assigned. Public Works Director Robbins noted that funds have been allocated to repair Carrollton Parkway or delay the work until the following year. Mr. Robbins stated that the condition of the sidewalk is adequate but is not equipped to handle an overflow of water. Council Member Keleti requested that the Council receive an assessment of the conditions of the streets scheduled for repair in Fiscal Year 1997 in order to determine if the work on Carrollton Parkway could be postponed for another year. The City currently has \$185,000 in the roads program budget.

The Council decided to base their decision on the residents suggestions and input.

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11. Consideration to the City Council Minutes

**January 16, 1996** - Corrections to the Minutes of the City Council Workshop Meeting were submitted to the recording secretary.

The item was placed on the Wednesday Agenda for approval.

**January 17, 1996** - Corrections to the Minutes of the City Council Meeting were submitted to the recording secretary.

The item was placed on the Wednesday Agenda for approval.

12. Review of the List of Bills

The List of Bills were reviewed and placed on the Wednesday Agenda for approval.

13 Report of the Mayor and Council

Mayor Hanko reported the following issues:

- Mayor Hanko reported that Corporal Drummond will be replacing Corporal Sobolewski as the City's third Contract Police Officer.
- Mayor Hanko reported that the New Carrollton Library will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary the week of March 4th.
- Mayor Hanko reported that the New Carrollton RECouncil is co-sponsoring the youth group called Colours musical concert on February 23 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at Charles Carroll Middle School.
- Mayor Hanko reported that Mr. Thomas Keely, Principal of Charles Carroll Middle School, will be attending the Wednesday City Council Meeting as previously stated.
- Mayor Hanko reported that he and Council Member Hurdle attended a Four Cities Meeting on January 23, 1996 and discussed police aid protection and group homes.
- Mayor Hanko reported that Victor Konsavage of the Public Information Solution Company in New Jersey is updating the City map which will be free of charge and distributed to the residents.



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Assistant Administrative Officer Vitale reported the following issues:

- Assistant Administrative Officer Vitale reported that a Comedy Show will be held at the Ramada Hotel in the Exhibition Center.
- Assistant Administrative Officer Vitale reported that the City will be offering an Employee Assistance Program for drug and alcohol addiction.

Administrative Officer Pierce reported the following issues:

- Administrative Officer Pierce reported that Ms. Diane Mock will be attending the next City Council Workshop Meeting to distribute the City's Financial Reports.
- Administrative Officer Pierce reported that the New Carrollton Swimming Pool continues to loose membership and is considering closing after this summer.

Public Works Director Robbins reported the following items:

- Public Works Director Robbins reported that the City's snow budget is depleted.

Council Member Keleti reported the following issues:

- Council Member Keleti asked if Mr. Turner will be attending a future City Council Workshop Meeting.
- Council Member Keleti asked if the NCCI has been audited. Mr. Pierce replied that the cable corporation has been audited. Copy of the report will be forthcoming.
- Council Member Keleti asked the status of the monthly police reports.
- Council Member Keleti asked the status to the City's Codification. Mr. Pierce replied that this packet is at the printing stage.
- Council Member Keleti asked if the City's Budget Reports for August and September are available. Mr. Pierce replied that these reports will also be forthcoming.

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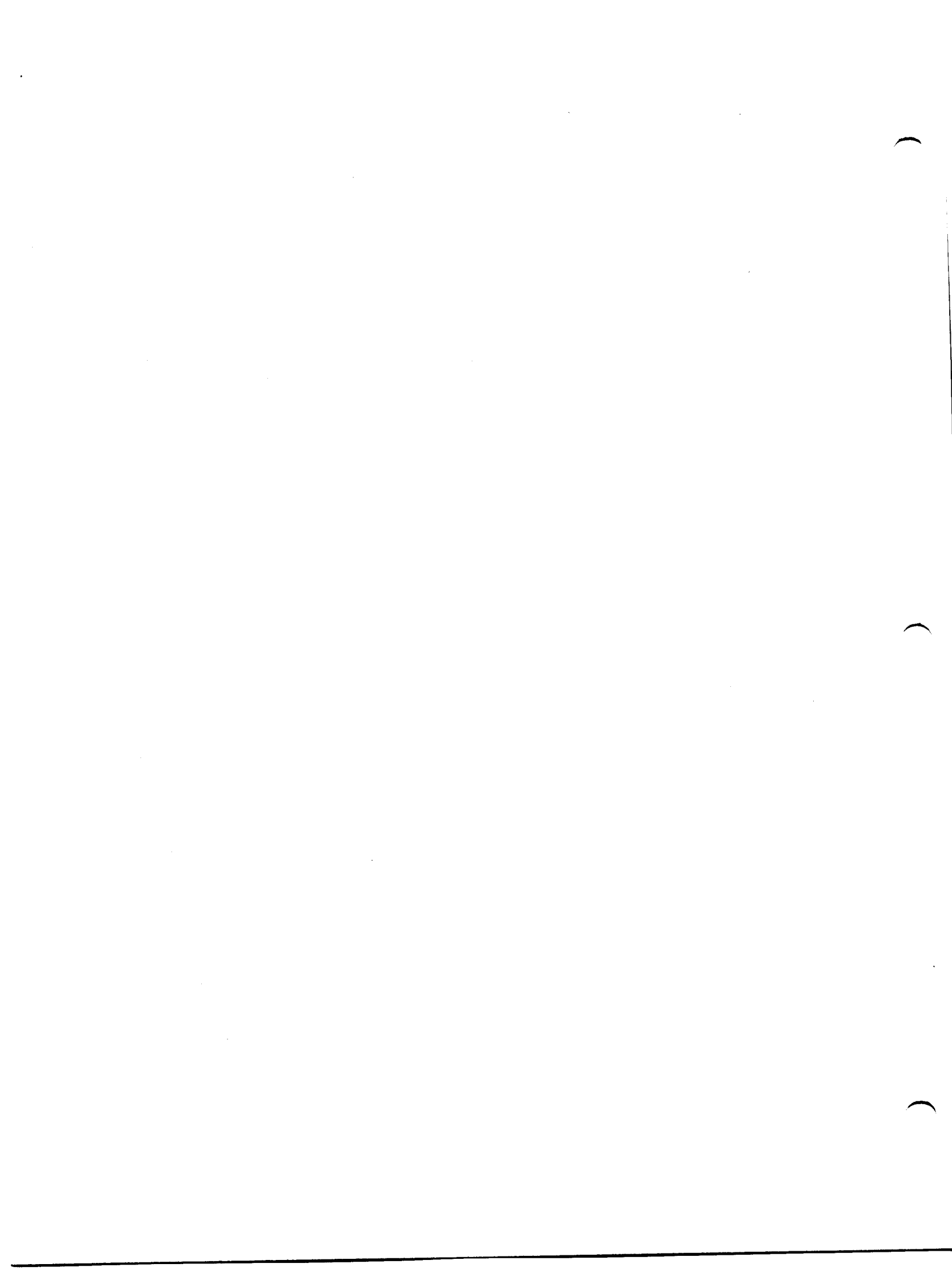
- Council Member Keleti stated that he would like the Neighborhood Watch Program to be nominated for the MML's award for excellence program.

Council Member Hurdle reported the following issues:

- Council Member Hurdle asked if it is mandated that sumpumps pipes be channeled to the sewer. Mr. Pierce explained the details in length.
- Council Member Hurdle requested that a path be placed between Longbranch Drive and Auburn Avenue.
- Council Member Hurdle asked that the Council tour the City this spring.
- Council Member Hurdle discussed Zoning Bill PG/MC 15.
- Council Member Hurdle reported that she will be attending a MML meeting tomorrow.
- **On behalf of Mrs. Hurdle's column in the Sentinel, the paper will donate \$500 to the Weinbach Scholarship Fund in January 1997.**

Chairman Schaffer reported the following issues:

- Chairman Schaffer expressed his concern to the **proposed increase in costs to the City for Community Contract Police Officers** and requested that Mayor Hanko pursue this matter with County Executive Wayne K. Curry. **Mayor Hanko said he is continually meeting with Major Chambers and other high level polices officers to negotiate a reasonable increase.**



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14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Claudia M. Jones  
Recording Secretary

