



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

NO. 96-16

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 1, 1996,  
IN CONFERENCE ROOM #230 AT THE NEW CARROLLTON MUNICIPAL CENTER.

Topics of Discussion

- \* 1. Discussion With Mr. Michael J. McKenna, Right Of Way Representative, Metricom Regarding Ricochet Wireless Communication Network.
- \* 2. Proposed Letter To Charles M. Shyrock III Abating Personal Property Tax Interest To The Former Owner Of The New Carrollton Shell.
- \* 3. Proposed Confirmation Of Re-Appointment To The City's Election Board Of Mr. Orlando Marinaccio For The Period Ending June 30, 1998.
- \* 4. Comment On Dance License Application By LaFontaine Bleu, 7963 Annapolis Road.
- \* 5. Review Of Potential Additional Stop Sign Locations.
- \* 6. Recommendation For The Position Of Part Time Code Enforcement Officer.
- \* 7. Use Of Zip Code For Insurance Purposes.
- \* 8. Bulk Mail Distribution Material.
- \* 9. New Recycling Program Effective July 5, 1996.
- 10. Police Services Agreement With Prince George's County.
- 11. Review Of List Of Bills.
- 12. Report Of The Mayor and Council
- 13. Adjournment

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Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council  
July 1, 1996

The workshop meeting of the City Council was called to order by Councilwoman Hurdle, Chairman of the Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Keleti and Schaffer. Also in attendance were Mayor Hanko, Administrative Officer Pierce, Assistant Administrative Officer Vitale and Public Works Director Robbins. Councilmembers Garvey and Potter were excused.

Topics of Discussion

1. Discussion with Mr. Michael J. McKenna, Right of Way Representative, Metricom, Regarding Ricochet Wireless Communication Network

Mr. McKenna stated he represented the above firm, which produces a wireless modem. It offers true portability. It plugs in on a computer of desk top and is a secure and fast system. They are deployed on the mast arm of the street light pole. They have an agreement with Pepco to use their electricity. The units are powered by the photocell. It takes 10 minutes to hang and four or five are hung per square mile. It uses \$4.00 of energy a year. Subscribers pay a monthly fee of \$29.95. The company has fully deployed several areas in California. Their goal is to cover the entire Washington Metro area. They have right of way agreements with several other area municipalities and county governments.

He has met with County representatives. County legislation is pending before the County Council which will update existing telecommunications language. It takes 90 days to hang and test the units prior to turning them on. Some jurisdictions have a franchise agreement with Metricom at 3%. The rental rate is approximately \$30.00 per month, at 3% this is \$1.00 per month so with a 1% penetration rate of the City's population will yield about \$1,500 in revenue. Wherever the bill goes, that is where the franchise fee is computed. Brief discussion followed on the use of zip codes for mailing purposes. Assistant Administrative Officer Vitale stated the City would offer them a list of City streets for this purpose so that the zip code would not be a problem. Mr. McKenna left a copy of Microtimes which has a nice article on the company and product. Mayor Hanko asked whether this product would interfere with ham radios, cellular phones, etc. He stated that it would not effect these items. They are operating on an unlicensed band by the FCC. If they interfere with other broadcasters, they would have to stop their business. Their technology is geared to individuals and not businesses. He has sent packages to area municipalities on this product. They have stated they want to wait on the County's legislation on this matter before they act. In their agreement, they will pay up to \$2,000 towards a municipality's legal costs to

County's legislation on this matter before they act. In their agreement, they will pay up to \$2,000 towards a municipality's legal costs to finalize an agreement. This agreement will allow them to come into the right of way and hang the modems on the poles. The new Telecommunications Bill states that governments cannot unreasonably withhold a right of way request. Council Chairman Hurdle thanked Mr. McKenna for attending and stated that the City would be in touch with him regarding this matter. Councilman Keleti stated that the City should go slow and see what type of percentage the County gets before acting on this matter.

2. Proposed Letter to Charles M. Shyrock III Abating Personal Property Tax Interest to the Former Owner of the New Carrollton Shell

The Administrative Officer stated that the former owner of the New Carrollton Shell owes personal property taxes to the City. Our bills have been returned to sender. He stated that he asked the new owner if he had a new address for Gas 1 Up, Inc. A letter was sent last month to the attorney who Mr. Umar bought the station from which received no response. Last week, Mr. Pierce stated that he contacted the attorney regarding this matter. Apparently, the former owner owes a considerable amount of money to both Shell and to the federal government. The attorney asked that the City review the penalty fee. The Administrative Officer stated he would ask the City Council for a waiver. Discussion followed. It was decided that the Council would waive the interest fee and a tax clearance certificate would subsequently be issued once the check from the attorney was received and cleared the bank.

3. Proposed Confirmation Of Re-Appointment to the City's Election Board of Mr. Orlando Marinaccio for the Period Ending June 30, 1998.

Brief discussion followed. Matter deferred to the Wednesday agenda for action.

4. Comment on Dance License Application by LaFontaine Bleu, 7963 Annapolis Rd.

Brief discussion followed. No objection to granting of the license was made by the Council. Matter deferred to the Wednesday agenda.

5. Review of Potential Additional Stop Sign Locations

The Mayor stated that he traveled the City with the Public Works Director to review possible additional stop signs within the City. Councilman Keleti stated he attended a traffic management seminar at the MML Convention. They stated that stop signs are not the way to control traffic. You should use more cost effective approaches, including, rumble strips, striping, diverters, etc. which are cheaper to put in. Discussion followed on the need to enforce existing stop signs in the City.

6. Recommendation for the Position of Part Time Code Enforcement Officer

The Administrative Officer stated that Ms. Carla Keehn has been recommended for this position. Brief discussion followed. The Administrative Officer stated that she could start as soon as next week if confirmed. Matter deferred until the Wednesday agenda.

7. Use of Zip Code for Insurance Purposes

Council Chairman Hurdle stated that legislation to prevent using zip codes in determining insurance rates has been sent to Senator Pinsky. Brief discussion followed. This matter will return at a later time.

8. Bulk Mail Distribution Material

Council Chairman Hurdle stated a meeting on this matter will be held in the Fall. She stated that a savings can be had on bulk mail and other City mail. She will have more information on this at a later date.

9. New Recycling Program Effective July 5, 1996

Council Chairman Hurdle asked whether the Recycling Regulations had anything addressing handicapped residents. Mr. Robbins stated affirmatively. This item is on the rear page. Mr. Pierce stated the new vendor is ready to go and his certificate of insurance has been received. The vendor will bring the newspaper and mixed paper to Georgetown and the City will receive monies for this monthly. The County will pay the City for the commingled bucket at a base rate of \$5.00 per ton. Our vendor has agreed to bring the materials to both respective locations. The vehicles will be marked "New Carrollton Unit" so they can be identified as our unit at both locations. Mr. Robbins stated that the mixed paper bin will continue to be made available to residents during weekdays only.

Council Chairman Hurdle asked for a clarification on how the monies will be booked. Mr. Pierce stated that the revenues will be booked separately and placed toward the cost of the annual contract fee.

10. Police Services Agreement With Prince George's County

The Administrative Officer stated he spoke with Mr. Fred Thomas, Deputy County Administrative Officer regarding the possibility of including the Code Enforcement Pilot Program. This was to be included in the final document. The final copy has not been received as this date. Brief discussion followed on the items to be included under this program. The City desires to enforce several City ordinances, i.e. oversized trucks, vehicle repairs, commercial vehicles, out of state tags, and other items through the County police. The Administrative Officer asked that the Council come up with a list of items they want to see enforced under this program. Councilman Keleti asked whether a set cost for the police has been ascertained. The Administrative Officer stated that the costs have been estimated and that our budget amount is very close to the projected actual costs.

11. Review of the List of Bills

The list of bills was reviewed by the Council. Brief discussion followed on the list of bills.

12. Report of the Mayor and Council

Mayor Hanko stated that he was out of town last week. He had no report. Assistant Administrative Officer stated she had the pictures back from the Convention. Copies can be made available. She spoke about her handout on meetings she attended. Monies are available from Park and Planning for bus shelters. She is waiting to hear from them to make sure we are on the list. She attended a session on economic development and disaster management. Mr. Fred Thomas will be offering a seminar at the end of the summer on this and will be sending us information. Also, a session on attracting movie companies to your community for filming purposes was interesting. The area is currently being scouted for several movies. The Maryland Municipal League completed a fifteen minute video on why we go to the conference. She was asked to speak about what it means to go to the conference as a staff person from a member municipality.

Public Works Director Robbins stated he had been aware of numerous deficiencies at the Longbranch Tot Lot. A slide was ordered several weeks ago which will be installed next week. The swing set has been