



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

NO. 96-18

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 1996,  
IN CONFERENCE ROOM #230 AT THE NEW CARROLLTON MUNICIPAL CENTER.

Topics of Discussion

- \* 1. Review Of Dates To Meet With Mr. Gary Berman, MetroView Developer. 7:00 P.M.
- \* 2. Review Of Pending Prince George's County Legislation Requiring Pit Bull and Rottweiler Registration. 7:05 P.M.
- \* 3. Request For Extension Until August 26, 1996, To Complete Painting and Repairs To 7416 Leahy Road By Mr. C. Sullivan. 7:20 P.M.
- \* 4. Request For An Extension Of Time To Store An Unregistered Vehicle On Private Property Until August 8, 1996.
- 5. Review Of Final Draft Of Prince George's County Police Services Contract As Amended. 7:25 P.M.
- \* 6. Review Of Need For Speed Humps and/or Additional Stop Signs In The City. 7:35 P.M.
- \* 7. Discussion With Ms. Susan Champion, Champion Realty Regarding 6004 Westbrook Drive. 7:45 P.M.
- \* 8. Neighborhood Design Application (2). 8:00 P.M.
- \* 9. Review Of Council Meeting Minutes: 8:10 P.M.  
April 1, 1996, Council Workshop  
July 5, 1996, Special Council Workshop
- 10. Review Of List Of Bills. 8:15 P.M.
- 11. Report Of The Mayor and Council 8:20 P.M.
- 12. Adjournment 9:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON  
JULY 15, 1996

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The regularly scheduled Council Workshop meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Rose Marie Hurdle, Chairman of the Council. Present were Council Members Raymond J. Garvey, Stephen L. Keleti, and Sarah C. Potter; Administrative Officer Lawrence E. Pierce; Assistant Administrative Officer Carol A. Vitale and Public Works Director Richard L. Robbins.

Chairman Hurdle stated that Councilman Schaffer was excused. Mayor Hanko was also not present.

Chairman Hurdle stated that, at the request of the Public Works Director, Topic #6 would be moved to #1 for his report.

**Topics of Discussion**

1. **Review Of Need For Speed Humps and/or Additional Stop Signs In The City**

**The Public Works Director** stated that he was not certain exactly what the Council wished to do on this particular item this evening.

**Councilman Keleti** stated that he had several suggestions and proceeded to distribute literature which he brought from a seminar on traffic control devices which he attended in Ocean City during the Maryland Municipal League's Convention. He stated that at the seminar it was suggested not to use Stop Signs for traffic control which is what the County Police had stated many years ago. Another suggestion from the seminar was to use the lower-cost methods first and work up to the more expensive ones as needed. Some of their suggestions were not applicable to New Carrollton. Councilman Keleti made up his own list of suggestions for the Council to review: (1) rumble strips, (2) police enforcement, (3) chokers and (4) raised crosswalks or speed humps. Rumble strips may work to slow people down, if not, then go to police enforcement. In this case, we should have a meeting with the Mayor to establish guidelines. If this does not work, then go to chokers which narrow the streets down to one lane in some areas and make it more difficult to speed, and if this does not work, then go to raised crosswalks or speed humps. Another question Councilman Keleti brought up for discussion was how would effectiveness be measured other than by visual observation. He suggests inviting Bruce Dodgson from the Maryland Transportation Tech Center to a future Workshop, inviting County Police and the Fire Department and make sure that whatever the City does will not interfere with their operation.

Councilman Keleti also attended a Workshop on using surveys to communicate with the community. Several suggestions were to use questionnaires published in the Newsletter or make random telephone calls. A discussion followed on the various suggestions. Chairman Hurdle inquired whether the Council would like to invite Mr. Dodgson to a Council Workshop to hear his suggestions. Council Members Garvey and Potter felt that it was a good idea. Councilman Garvey liked the idea of a decorative crosswalk to serve two purposes. Mr. Robbins stated that it is very difficult to apply asphalt to the height needed, it can also be quite costly. A discussion followed on the various possibilities. Councilman Garvey stated that the Mayor, having heard the complaints of the community, was going to have the Contract Police Officers enforce the speed by issuing more warnings or tickets but Councilman Garvey has not seen any evidence of this being done. Councilman Keleti feels that it is necessary for the Council as a whole to create a list of locations and times where enforcement is most effective and present this to the Mayor. Councilwoman Potter would like to see police speed enforcement as number 1 and rumble strips as 2 on the list of speed controls. Chairman Hurdle asked Mr. Pierce to remind the Mayor to have the Police Officers attend either the Workshops or the regular Council meetings. The Council suggested the following locations for the Contract Police Officers to position themselves with radar for speeders and also ignored stop signs:

1. Westbrook and 85th Avenue or Westbrook and Nicholson Street
2. Westbrook Drive near crosswalk from pool
3. Lamont Drive near Quentin Street
4. Fremont St. and 85th Place
5. Carrollton Parkway and 85th Place
6. Westbrook Dr. and Madison St. and any other location the officers deem necessary.

Discussion followed on the hours and days the police should work. Councilman Garvey questioned why the officers do not work on Sundays and late Saturday evenings. Councilman Keleti would like to see the police work two hours of each shift on traffic control. Councilwoman Potter would like to see the Contract Police Officers use an unmarked car occasionally to do radar. Chairman Hurdle pointed out a good feature of the present police contract which is that their supervisor will check on them.

Chairman Hurdle asked whether there were any other questions for the Public Works Director before he is excused for this evening. Councilwoman Potter inquired whether the new recycling contractor is going to be picking up cardboard.

Mr. Robbins stated that the Administration is going to have a meeting with the contractor this coming Wednesday to discuss all the problems which have been reported to either Public Works or the City Hall offices during the last two weeks. A discussion followed on how complaints regarding recycling should be handled and whether the City should be contacting the contractor on behalf of residents or should the individual residents be requested to call the vendor directly.

Mr. Pierce stated that the City Attorney has been advised that there is the possibility that the City may have to go to the next lowest bidder for recycling, based on the vendor's performance the past two weeks. The problem is two-fold. One, the cost would be higher by \$2.00 per household and two, there would be a time lapse of at least three weeks during which time the City would have to pay landfill fees for the recyclables. Since the additional cost and possible litigation expenses involved could be considerable, it is advisable to give the present contractor a chance.

Mr. Robbins left the meeting at this point.

Chairman Hurdle added 8B to the Agenda, stating that it has to do with the International Convention which is going to be held in Washington, D.C.

2. Review Of Dates To Meet With Mr. Gary Berman, MetroView Developer

Chairman Hurdle stated that she has recently found out that Mr. Berman has increased rather than lowered the density of the MetroView project and she asked Mr. Pierce to look up the density numbers agreed to some years back. The Administrative Officer explained the difficulty he has had in coming up with a date on which Mr. Berman could meet with the Council. Councilwoman Potter stated that Mr. Berman is making excuses and that he really does not want to meet with the Council. A discussion followed on various approaches. Councilman Garvey asked that Park and Planning be invited to attend. It was the consensus of the Council to ask Mr. Berman for any night which he is able to attend and invite Mr. Derro of Park and Planning to come the same night.

3. Review Of Pending Prince George's County Legislation Requiring Pit Bull and Rottweiler Registration

The Administrative Officer distributed legislation on the registration of Pit Bulls and Rottweilers and asked the Council to review it, discuss it and let him know if there are any questions. He stated that the legislation is being deferred until the County Council Members return from their summer recess.

Councilman Keleti stated that the legislation still needs to clear the legal department of the County before it can be acted upon.

4. Request For Extension Until August 26, 1996, To Complete Painting and Repairs To 7416 Leahy Road By Mr. C. Sullivan

The Administrative Officer gave a brief description of this request. The Council had objection and the item was place on the Agenda for Wednesday's meeting.

5. Request For An Extension Of Time To Store An Unregistered Vehicle On Private Property Until August 8, 1996

The Administrative Officer explained the reasons for this request. The Council had no objection and the item was place on the Agenda for Wednesday's meeting.

6. Review Of Final Draft Of Prince George's County Police Services Contract As Amended

The Administrative Officer distributed the latest copy of the police contract. He stated that all of the City's requested changes had been incorporated with the exception of the reimbursement for car washes. Mr. Pierce will have Sgt. Magaw change the contract to remove this item. The City Attorney has reviewed the contract and has no objections with the contents of the contract. He agrees with the Council's comments and recommendations for amendments. Mr. Pierce asked the Council Members to review the contract again before it is signed. A brief discussion followed on the annual and sick leave days and for what the City is liable at the end of the year. Since the City is being committed to an expense, Council Members felt that they should approve the contract during their regular meeting before the Mayor signs it. Mr. Pierce was asked to contact the City Attorney regarding this point.

7. Discussion With Ms. Susan Champion, Champion Realty Regarding 6004 Westbrook Drive

Chairman Hurdle introduced Ms. Champion to all the Council Members present. Ms. Champion stated that first of all, she wanted to clear up an apparent misunderstanding that she is associated with the Champion Realty. She just happens to have the same last name. Ms. Champion addressed the Council regarding the City's rental housing inspection process. She stated that her tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Katz, of 6004 Westbrook Drive view the process as an intrusion into their lives and a judgment of how they live. They feel as though

they are being regarded as second class citizens. Ms. Champion has owned the house for about 20 years. She lived in it for the first ten years and has been renting it for the last ten years. She stated that Mr. and Mrs. Katz are the best tenants she has had but that Mr. Katz simply refuses to allow another inspection to take place and she does not want to lose them. Ms. Champion said that she understands the City's desire to maintain a certain level of standards but she, too, feels that the inspection process, as implemented, is too picky. She proceeded to list the various violations for which she was written up and which, she feels, were not serious enough and too picky. She suggested to the Council that the City abolish the internal inspections. Instead, she suggests that the inspectors do a drive-by inspection of the outside as they do for owner-occupied homes and then perhaps once a year contact the tenant to inquire if all the major appliances were working and if they wanted an inspection done of the inside. Also, the City should contact the landlord and inquire if he/she wanted an inspection of their property.

Councilman Garvey gave Ms. Champion some background information on why the City felt compelled to adopt the ordinance dealing with rental properties. He stated that she and her tenants are at one end of the spectrum but how does the City deal with landlords and tenants whose houses are kept in substandard conditions and which endanger not only the tenants but the neighbors as well. Councilman Keleti stated the City follows the Prince George's County Code and if the landlord feels that the inspection was too stringent, they can appeal the violations to the City Housing Review Board which was created for just this purpose. He feels that perhaps some of the standards are too stringent but the inspector should not be placed in the position of having to make judgment calls. Councilwoman Potter stated that she reviewed the various violations written up on Ms. Champion's property and feels that they were beneficial ones to both her and the tenants. For example, a smoke detector missing from the second floor is a safety feature and protection of the property as well. The leaking faucet could result in a high water bill. Councilwoman Potter gages the City's rental housing standards by those of other properties in the City which are owned by real estate agents who make certain that their houses are maintained in the best possible conditions where anyone could move in at any time and not need to make any repairs. If the City's requirements were unfair, these owners would be the first ones to complain. A discussion followed on the frequency of inspections and perhaps possibly inspecting every two years and when the tenant changes. Ms. Champion, however, maintained that this would not solve her problem because Mr. Katz simply will not agree to any inspections. The Assistant Administrative Officer addressed

several issues on behalf of the City's Code Enforcement Officers. She stated that the intent of code enforcement is not just to protect the tenant but also to protect the landlords from possible law suits. The inspection is done on an annual basis to keep in touch with both the tenant and the landlord. She stated that it is a good idea, as Ms. Champion had suggested, to mail all new codes which are adopted to the landlords and tenants. She stated that the City Newsletter keeps all residents informed about code enforcement and what is expected. She feels that perhaps the landlords' names should be added to the mailing list. She also suggested that a meeting be held periodically with the landlords and tenants where they would have an opportunity to bring up some of the problems and complaints. Ms. Vitale stated that the City, along with other county and municipal governments, follows the BOCA Code which does not address minor violations such as door latches, etc. and these violations are left up to the judgment of the inspectors which may vary. If the landlord feels that these are unreasonable, he or she can take the matter up with the Housing Review Board.

Chairman Hurdle stated that the Council collectively has accumulated several hundred years of experience in the City and that they are trying very hard to keep the City in the condition it was thirty-five or more years ago. She understands the problems Ms. Champion is encountering, however, she feels the ordinance is really necessary in order to keep the high standards that the City has had in the past. If Ms. Champion feels that she has been aggrieved, she should bring her complaint before the Housing Review Board. If the Council would vote on the ordinance again tomorrow, all of the Council Members stated they would support it. There are over 140 rental houses in the City and the number is growing all the time. It is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain high standards. Ms. Champion stated that she hears the Council telling her collectively that they understand but this is the way it is. She does not like the answer and she is sure that her tenant will not like the answer. She still feels that the City is invading his privacy by forcing an inspection on him. Councilman Garvey stated that the City is forcing the inspection on Ms. Champion as the owner. If she wishes to rent her house in the City, it is necessary for her to pay \$100 and be inspected once a year to receive her rental license. He continued that the Council knew when they were adopting this ordinance that there would be a few people like Mr. Katz who would object and feel that it was an intrusion on their lives, however, it was well worth it to accomplish what they are trying to accomplish. Chairman Hurdle thanked Ms. Champion for coming.

A brief discussion followed. Councilman Keleti would like the Administrative Officer to find out whether the County does grant waivers to residents who refuse to allow inspectors into their house, and he also would like the City Attorney apprised of this situation and that Mr. Katz had threatened the City with a possible law suit.

8. Neighborhood Design Application (2)

The Assistant Administrative Officer discussed the two applications which she had filled out. She stated that the Neighborhood Design Group prefers to work with non-profit groups and neighborhood associations because they do not have any money to hire private engineers. She stated that the first application is fairly complete and the City has a good chance of being approved not only for this application but also being able to get the money from the County and State because the Route 450 corridor is a high priority revitalization area, as Ms. Vitale found out in Ocean City from Michelle Wetton of the Neighborhood Design Group. There apparently is money available on the County level for bus shelters, sidewalks and general revitalization. Ms. Vitale stated that she needs a little guidance from Ms. Wetton on the second application for the old City Hall. A discussion followed on the various organizations, the kitchen being attached to the building, and whether the City should pursue the matter. Mr. Pierce felt that the Council needs to arrive at some sort of decision as to what they wish to do with the old City Hall building before an application is put in. He stated that the Boys' & Girls' Club just does not appear to be interested in assuming any responsibility, not even the kitchen. A discussion followed on possibly demolishing the present building, putting up a structure and leasing it to someone for a day care center. Ms. Vitale stated that Ms. Minick of the Heritage Square Day Care Center has expressed an interest in leasing the space. She will contact her again. It was decided not to put in the second application at this point.

8B. International City & County Managers' Association (ICMA)

Chairman Hurdle explained that two weeks ago, the three Council Members present decided to pull the bill from the List of Bills until more information was available. She realizes that it is a line item in the current budget for \$450.00 and Ms. Vitale would pay the \$21 difference herself. However, the Chairman continued that Mr. Pierce is always saying that he does not have enough help to get all the work done, the codification, annexation and a clean copy of the budget are not done. Mr. Pierce explained that he has always paid for himself and will do so this year. Councilman Garvey stated



that Mr. Pierce should not have to pay for himself if he is going on behalf of the City. Chairman Hurdle stated that in her opinion, attending these conferences is networking for new jobs and looks good on the resume. She does not think that both the Administrative Officer and the Assistant Administrative Officer should be out of the office at the same time. She stated that Councilman Schaffer asked her to relay to his colleagues that with the recent IRS fiasco, he does not think Ms. Vitale should be going to the conference. The Chairman asked the Council Members for their comments and discussion. Councilwoman Potter asked for clarification of the "IRS fiasco" reference from Councilman Schaffer. Chairman Hurdle explained that he was referring to the mistakes made on the W2 forms of 25 employees who now have to file amended tax returns. Councilman Garvey stated that money has been allotted in the budget for one person to go. He does not think that neither Mr. Pierce nor Ms. Vitale should have to pay for themselves. Training or conferences are deemed to be on behalf of the City and the City should pay for the expenses. Since the Mayor put into the budget a request for one person to go, it should be Mr. Pierce and Ms. Vitale should stay here. If the Mayor wants Ms. Vitale to go and he can spare her, then she should pay for herself and take annual leave. The Mayor runs this office and it is his decision. Councilman Keleti stated that he thinks it's up to the Mayor as to how many people should go but that the Council needs to honor the budget. Councilwoman Potter stated that the money was put into the budget for Ms. Vitale. Mr. Pierce has always paid for himself which, she and the Chairman think is wrong. However, if the Mayor wants both of them to go, he should put in a budget amendment which could be passed as an emergency. If the Council do not like the way the Mayor is doing his job in running the City, that is another matter which the Council needs to address at another time. Mr. Pierce stated that the line item is in the budget for Ms. Vitale to go to this conference and because the various functions were filling up quickly, he went ahead and paid for her registration with his Visa card and was planning to put in for reimbursement at another Council meeting. He feels very strongly that Ms. Vitale should go since the conference is being held right here and it was promised to her during the budget process. He stated that he planned to pay for himself, as always, but if the Council feel strongly that he should stay, he will do so. Chairman Hurdle stated that Mr. Pierce is the Administrator and should be attending both the conventions and conferences on behalf of the City. At the end of a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the decision of who goes to this conference is the Mayor's.

The Council Members brought up the issue of priorities as set by the Administration. Councilman Garvey feels that the Council's work and priorities are at the bottom of the list and he resents it. He feels that the staff is very capable but he is not sure from where they get their direction. Councilwoman Potter stated that with the form of government that the City has, all Mayors in a similar situation feel that the Council is worthless and until the Charter is changed, the attitude will not change. The Mayor sets the way things are done. Councilman Garvey stated that the Council sets the policy and controls the purse strings and nothing is more important. Chairman Hurdle said that perhaps they should sit down with the Mayor and discuss this. Councilman Keleti said that as he has proposed previously, the Council needs to draw up a plan which would establish priorities. He stated that it is not fair to say that the Council wants everything at once. Priorities need to be established. Mr. Pierce stated that because the chairmanship changes annually, it is difficult for him to judge what the priorities are. Each Chairman has his or her own agenda. A discussion followed on the various tasks in which the Administrator gets involved on a daily basis and why there is a need for that. The Council Members stated that they are not familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Administrative staff. Councilwoman Potter stated that it appears that the Mayor is delegating everything. Chairman Hurdle stated that the Council Members have volunteered before to come and help during the day with some of the projects. Mr. Pierce stated that he has learned from this discussion that there is a need for better communication between the Council and the Administration. He asked that the Council think of items which they feel are very important and to let him know what they are so that a list can be generated. Councilman Garvey stated that the update sheet which the Administrator used to do would work very well to keep the Council apprised of what is going on and to include an approximate completion date on various items. It was agreed to have a list for the next workshop.

9. Review Of Council Meeting Minutes

A discussion followed on why it has been necessary for the Administrative Officer to do the minutes of the Council meetings. Chairman Hurdle stated that she did not understand why the Mayor had to take the minutes several weeks ago. She was under the impression that if the Administrative Officer could not be at a meeting, the Assistant Administrative Officer would be present. Mr. Pierce stated that Jeannie Czumak has agreed to take the minutes for the Workshop meetings and he is still looking for someone to volunteer to do the Wednesday night meetings. He said that Jeannie would also do Wednesday nights if she did not have a regular commitment every Thursday. The ad is going into the

Newsletter for a recording secretary and Mr. Pierce hopes that someone will come forward.

Councilman Garvey asked why the meeting of July 5, 1996, was held in the early afternoon. He stated that in the 11 years he has been on the Council, this has never happened before. Councilwoman Potter explained that Chairman Hurdle called her and explained that the Mayor needed to have a special meeting that day to review the police contract and she asked if Mrs. Potter could attend a meeting on Friday night. Councilwoman Potter stated that she could not. She was not feeling well and also had company that evening. Mrs. Potter stated that she knew that Council Members Hurdle, Keleti and Schaffer were available during the day and therefore suggested that this one time the meeting be held during the day. She also thought that Councilman Garvey could also be available during the day if he came back early from his vacation. Councilman Garvey stated that he was not concerned that he was not able to be there. However, he felt that it was a disservice to the residents to hold a meeting during a time when they may not be able to attend. Chairman Hurdle stated that the meeting was posted and the signs were put up in the City early in the morning. She said that the Mayor did not want to wait until Monday or Tuesday and the Council did the best they could under these circumstances.

10. Review Of List Of Bills

The Administrative Officer explained various items on the List and answered the Council's questions. Councilman Garvey suggested that next year, during the budget process, it should be considered to give everyone who attends the Ocean City Convention a hundred dollars and not require an itemized expense sheet. The Administrative Officer stated that there are no established guideline for reimbursable expenses for elected officials. There is a good policy in effect for appointed and merit employees but not for elected official and this makes it difficult for him when he reviews expenses submitted for reimbursement. The Council proceeded to review the expenses submitted by Councilman Schaffer for the Convention. A lengthy discussion followed on what should or should not be allowed. It was decided that guidelines should be established for future use. The Administration was instructed to give the Council a copy of the established policy for the appointed and merit employees for their review. The List of Bills was placed on the Wednesday night Agenda.

11. Report Of The Mayor and Council

**The Administrative Officer** stated that he erroneously omitted

in the Council's packet the information he obtained in talking with Richard Hillman regarding the refinancing of the debt service. The applications will come out after the first of August, the bonds will not be sold until the week of the Super Bowl. On the refinancing, the Public Works Bond which is a twenty-year bond, has a ten-year no call provision and we are already five years into it. This means that the City cannot refinance it until ten years has passed. We are on the list for August 1 to receive the application for the \$250,000. Mr. Hillman will be very happy to meet with the Council at any time.

**Assistant Administrative Officer Vitale** reported that she has been in touch with American University regarding their internship program. She stated that the problem with their program is that their interns get paid between \$7.00-\$12.00 per hour. Councilwoman Potter inquired whether Ms. Vitale has been in touch with the University of Maryland. She stated that she has tried every campus but they don't have Public Administration or Public Policy. Councilwoman Potter suggested someone in Journalism to relieve Ms. Vitale from doing the monthly Newsletter.

Ms. Vitale stated that she spoke to a Mr. Clifford about doing a video for the IRS Welcoming Committee. Mr. Clifford quoted \$5,000 for the complete package. Ms. Vitale told him that the City did not have that kind of funds budgeted for this. Some funds may possibly be donated by the Chamber of Commerce or Park and Planning. Councilman Garvey suggested that Ms. Vitale speak directly to IRS, possibly their Public Affairs Officer and tell them that the City would be glad to help out by supplying whatever information they may need to do a video for their employees to ease the impact of their move. Councilman Garvey thinks that IRS will be spending considerable amount of money to ease the transition for their employees who will be moving here from the various locations.

Ms. Vitale reported that the National Night Out plans are coming along very well. Park and Planning is setting up the basketball competition at Carrollton Elementary. We are in need of volunteers, at least 10-15 people at the site that night. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night at 6:30 P.M. and she hopes that people will volunteer or the competition will have to be cancelled. Ms. Vitale asked the Council Members to let her know if they have any items for the Newsletter on which she is now working.

**The Administrative Officer** handed out copies of a packet the City received from the codifier. Mr. Pierce stated that this should be the final stage. He explained the various sections of the packet, the process the City needs to go through to

adopt the final version. He still needs to resolve several questions with the City Attorney and after that, we can proceed with the adoption process. The elected officials will receive a hard-cover binder, there will be 75 copies available for the public, if they wish to buy one and a copy will go to the library, County and to Annapolis. Councilman Keleti inquired whether there was a time frame for this process. Mr. Pierce replied that it will be brought up at the next workshop, then it will be read into the docket and then it will be posted for a public hearing. The process is the same as for adopting a Charter amendment.

**Councilwoman Potter** stated that most of the items she wanted to report have already been covered with the exception that Mr. Potter will be attending the Wednesday night Council meeting in order to personally thank everyone for attending the special dinner given in his honor by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission on the occasion of his retirement as Commissioner. She also wanted to express her personal appreciation to everyone who attended the function.

**Councilman Garvey** asked for clarification of the starting point for National Night Out and had no other questions or anything to report.

**Councilman Keleti** asked for an update on the status report. Specifically, when the meeting on the incubator plans is scheduled. Ms. Vitale replied that the meeting will be on August 16. Councilman Keleti asked whether someone from Code Enforcement has contacted BOCA to find out whether it has been installed in Maryland. Mr. Pierce replied that the City of Greenbelt has it and they will be contacted to set up a date when we can go over to see it. Councilman Keleti gave Mr. Pierce information he brought back from Ocean City on software for housing inspections.

Councilman Keleti stated that the Mayor was planning to meet with Metro the first week of July and then report to the Council. Mr. Pierce stated that to date, the Administration has not received a response from Mr. Montieth of Metro on the bus issue.

Councilman Keleti reported that he found out from Mr. Harrison at a business meeting he recently attended that Target will not make a decision about New Carrollton until the end of September. Mr. Harrison did tell him that the Legg Mason study will be completed in draft today and will provide marketing alternatives to Target in case that falls through. Mr. Harrison will share the study with the City.

Councilman Keleti inquired whether Ms. Vitale has followed through on the disaster management session she had mentioned in a memo previously. She stated that Fred Thomas will contact the City when he does his own. She does have the application from Emmitsburg and needs to call for more information.

Councilman Keleti stated that it would be good to invite to a workshop or Council meeting whoever is going to be the police supervisor to get to know him.

**Chairman Hurdle** inquired about the status of street lights. Mr. Pierce stated that a letter has been sent to Ray Durant of Pepco to received a written commitment. No response has been received to date.

Chairman Hurdle stated that she has read that there is more money available through grants for police protection because of domestic violence and based on the totals that she has seen in our crime stats, she thought perhaps we, too, may be eligible. Chairman Hurdle stated that Seat Pleasant has received a grant and she suggested that Ms. Vitale contact them for more information.

Chairman Hurdle also reported about information she received about Madison Hill. A house was built by a builder two feet too close to Good Luck Road and subsequently validated by Park and Planning.

The Chairman distributed assignments for the Wednesday night meeting to the Council Members.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugenia V. Czumak  
Recording Secretary



Special Workshop of the City Council  
Friday, July 5, 1996

The special workshop meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Hurdle, Chairman of the Council at 1:00 p.m. in Room #230 of the Municipal Center. In attendance were Councilmembers Keleti, Potter and Schaffer. Also in attendance were Mayor Hanko and Administrative Officer Pierce. Councilman Garvey was excused.

Topics of Discussion

1. Review of the Proposed Police Services Agreement with the Prince George's County Government

Chairman Hurdle stated that the Council would review the proposed contract page by page. Councilman Schaffer proceeded to hand out a two page memo on his comments on the contract. On page 1, Councilman Schaffer asked for clarification on how the number of work days is calculated. Brief discussion followed. This will be included in a letter to the County on points which the City wishes to clarify.

On page 2, Councilman Schaffer asked about changing the language regarding the Chief of Police doing the scheduling when in reality the Mayor is in charge of this matter. Administrative Officer Pierce stated that this must remain since the police officers are County employees and are directly responsible to the Chief of Police for personnel reasons.

On page three there were no questions.

On page 4, discussion followed on section 7, Future Year Agreement Sum. The Council unanimously agreed that the wording was unclear and should be improved. Language to clarify so that there is one date in lieu of two will be included in the response to the County.

On page 5, the Council requested that the language found under the description of annual leave also be included under sick leave. This will be included in the letter to the County.

On page 6, item d will be recommended for deletion. This was included in the old contract. However, under the new contract, the City will not be billed for the cost of cruisers. The section following this item (e) clearly addresses the operating costs as included in the attachments A, B and C.

On page 7, item 8 Term, the Council requested that line 14 be amended to include the opportunity to alter the agreement annually so that if costs become prohibitive, the number of officers may be amended. This will also be included in the letter to the County.

On page 8, the header for the pilot code enforcement program will be amended to state City of New Carrollton Pilot Code Enforcement Program. Also, line 4 of this section will be amended to specify that selected ordinances will be enforced. This change will be included in the letter to the County.

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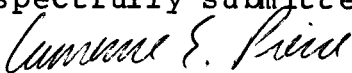
In the Attachments, the header for life insurance is identified as liability insurance. Discussion followed in which it was agreed that the response to the County would include a suggestion that this be relabeled to life insurance which is actually what it is.

Also, questions were asked about how the estimated annual leave number was ascertained. This will also be included in the letter to the County. Brief discussion followed on whether the 22% administrative fee was properly identified. The Administrative Officer stated that the fee as listed is the full fee. The invoice for the first six months will be waived on the invoice. Also, the attachments list car washes as chargeable. The Administrative Officer stated he would have them removed as they are no longer chargeable.

A letter for the Mayor's signature was to be prepared by the Administrative Officer on the above matters and forwarded to the County. A copy of the contract and comments will be forwarded to the City Attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence E. Pierce  
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