



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

NO. 96-14

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1996,
IN CONFERENCE ROOM #230 AT THE NEW CARROLLTON MUNICIPAL CENTER.

Topics of Discussion

- * 1. Chapter CE-97 Proposed Current Expense Budget For The City of New Carrollton For Fiscal Year 1997 With Council Amendments
- * 2. 1997 MML Legislative Action Request
- * 3. Notice Of Dance License Renewal Application By Best Western Hotel
- * 4. Proposed Recommendations For Appointments By Mayor Hanko For Administrative Officer, Public Works Director, City Treasurer, City Attorney and City Engineer.
- * 5. Speed Hump Guidelines, Procedures and Installation Requirements
- 6. Proposed City Tour Dates June 10 Or June 11, 5:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.
- * 7. Police Liaison Designation
- * 8. First Draft - Police Services Agreement
- 9. Review Of Council Meeting Minutes:
 - .April 29, 1996, Council Workshop
 - .May 1, 1996, Council Meeting
 - .May 9, 1996, Special Council Workshop
 - .May 13, 1996, Council Workshop
 - .May 15, 1996, Council Meeting
- *10. Review Of List Of Bills
- 11. Report Of The Mayor and Council
- 12. Adjournment

Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council
June 3, 1996

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

Topics of Discussion

Discussion with Officer Easter of the Prince George's County Police Department

Council Chairman Hurdle welcomed Officer Easter to the meeting. She stated she sees him all over town. Officer Easter stated he recently assisted on an apprehension while on bike patrol at Heritage Square. He also helped some of the other County officers on some missing children cases. She thanked him for taking care of the gentleman who was going door to door on behalf of the West Lanham Hills VFD. Councilwoman Potter noted she had heard of a gentleman in town stating he was with the telephone company. He had an I.D. around his neck. However, no truck was around when he knocked on doors. Brief discussion followed with the officer.

Councilman Keleti asked whether there is a criteria for when a ticket is issued in lieu of a warning. Officer Easter stated that some discretion is used by the officer. Councilwoman Potter gave the officer some information on an unlicensed vehicle. Councilwoman Hurdle asked about people appealing stop sign tickets. Brief discussion followed. Councilman Schaffer asked how many people a day does he talk to while on the bike. Officer Easter stated about 20 persons stop him. Councilman Garvey asked why the officers don't issue traffic warnings each day. Officer Easter stated that when he is on the bike or doing something else, he can not give moving tickets. Officer Easter was thanked for attending the meeting.

2. Chapter CE-97 Proposed Current Expense Budget For The City of New Carrollton For Fiscal Year 1997 With Council Amendments

Discussion followed on the proposed amendment. The Council stated that it does not balance as proposed. There is a discrepancy of \$3,792. Council Chairman Hurdle stated she would meet with him tomorrow to review the numbers rather than hold up the meeting. Councilwoman Potter asked about the savings of five years versus ten years on the proposed debt service for the additional roads program for July 1, 1996. The Administrative Officer stated there was a difference of \$24,000 per year more on the debt service. This would be a cheaper interest rate and it would be paid back sooner.

Discussion followed on whether to reduce the roads program and increase this funding to meet this need. Councilman Keleti stated with pending police expenditures increasing this year, this may not be a wise move. Discussion followed on the payroll needed for the police. It appears that the cost will be \$88,500 with the waiver for the first year per officer. The Administrative Officer distributed a handout on his estimated costs for police in fiscal year 1997. Discussion followed on the impact of the use of leave and the amount of which each officer may use.

Councilwoman Hurdle asked why two officers won't work for us instead of three officers. Councilman Garvey said that his position was based on the response of the residents at the public meeting. They clearly stated they wanted the third officer. We heard from a lot of people we haven't heard from in the past. Councilman Keleti concurred that three officers were wanted by the public at the meeting. Councilwoman Potter asked when the sale of the State of Maryland Bonds was scheduled. The Administrative Officer stated that it would occur after the first of next year. Councilwoman Potter asked whether we could refinance the public works facility bond since interest rates are lower now and thereby reduce our debt service. The Administrative Officer stated he was not aware if the existing loan had a no call provision. He stated he would contact Mr. Hillman to determine this matter. Councilwoman Potter stated that the savings would be \$38,120 over a five year period. Councilman Keleti stated that given our revenue problems in the next few year, this does not look like a good time to pursue this approach.

2. 1997 MML Legislative Action Request

Council Chairman Hurdle stated that items for action must be sent to MML by June 28, 1996. This matter will be deferred to the next worksession.

3. Notice of Dance License Renewal Application by Best Western Hotel

The Administrative Officer stated that the City is eligible to comment on all dance licenses within one mile of our boundaries. The City has commented on this license in the past. Unless there is an objection, it is recommended that the item be placed on the agenda for Wednesday evening for action with the letter stating no objection to the granting of the license. Matter deferred to the Wednesday agenda.

4. Proposed Recommendations for Appointments by Mayor Hanko for Administrative Officer, Public Works Director, City Treasurer, City Attorney and City Engineer

Mayor Hanko offered candidates for the above positions. Matter deferred for the Wednesday Agenda for confirmation by the City Council.

5. Speed Hump Guidelines, Procedures and Installation Requirements

Council Chairman Hurdle stated she would prefer to hold this matter until we have discussed agenda item 7 or wait until the next workshop. The Council decided to hold off a discussion on this matter until the next workshop. Public Works Director Robbins stated the guidelines were from Hyattsville and were just a starting point to begin the discussion on this matter.

6. Proposed City Tour Dates

The Council discussed possible dates. Council Chairman Hurdle stated that she would like to start the tour with the single family homes and hold off on the commercial/condos and apartment areas until these homes are completed. Brief discussion followed. It was determined that the best time would be 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 1996. The tour will begin at Beckett Field.

7. Police Liaison Designation

Council Chairman Hurdle stated she has presented a paper on her concerns on this matter. After reading the new police agreement, she stated that most of her concerns have been addressed. Councilman Keleti stated he reviewed the Charter and it indicates the Mayor is the chief operating officer and he should be held responsible for the actions of the police. Councilman Schaffer stated that the problem is that we feel there is a lack of visibility. The Council should provide recommendations to the Council where they see fit. Council Chairman Hurdle stated that in the other communities, the liaison is not the responsibility of a politician.

Council Chairman Hurdle stated she would like to see placed on a computer the projects we are involved in rather than asking for a status report over and over again. Councilman Keleti stated he would like to see a list, A-Z, with an action date on the items, bi-weekly. They could then review them regularly. Councilwoman

Potter stated that this would be helpful.

Councilman Garvey stated that the Mayor should be responsible for the police. However, it is incumbent on the City Council to address problems that they see, i.e. visibility issues, marked cars, tickets. You get rid of the B+E's through visibility. He thinks the Mayor has made a change and the police issue has improved. Councilwoman Potter stated that she felt it has come to the point where the Council almost had to take over the police issue. Reports that the mayor gets are after the fact. She feels that reports should be then distributed to the Council except for confidential matters. Council Chairman Hurdle stated perhaps a log could be maintained rather than distributing them to the Council.

Councilman Keleti stated what we are missing is supervision of the officers. There is no one out here supervising the officers. We should be contacting Sgt. Magaw at the precinct. Council Chairman Hurdle asked about radar. Mayor Hanko stated that the City only has two radar units for three officers. She stated she wants to see more radar. He has informed them that speeders and radar are top priorities.

Council Chairman Hurdle stated it is the consensus of the Council that radar will increased. At the next workshop, the issue of speed humps will be placed on the agenda and a policy will be developed.

Council Chairman Hurdle at this point opened up the meeting. City resident, Mr. Art Miller asked what information will be made available to him as a resident. In the past he has been able to see monthly summaries. The Administrative Officer stated that there appears to be a misunderstanding on what information is on the daily sheets. Confidential information is not found on the daily sheet. These type of reports involve only the officer and the persons involved. They are not distributed to any other parties. Administrative Officer Pierce stated perhaps if we distributed a blank copy of the daily, the Council could critique the sheet and we could improve upon the information recorded.

8. First Draft-Police Services Agreement

Council Chairman Hurdle stated that she had reviewed the document and there are several good items in this document that were not in the last one. Discussion followed on the language of the document in order to clarify some items. These areas included the elimination of the costs for new cruisers, the waiver of the 22% for the first six months, supervision of officers, and the responsibilities for scheduling the officers. At this point, the Administrative Officer stated that these concerns will be forwarded to the County for comment, review and hopefully inclusion in the

agreement. A new agreement will then be resubmitted for review.

Councilwoman Potter stated her concern over the number of sets of minutes that were included in the packet this past weekend. She asked if perhaps they could be distributed to the Council's boxes as they are prepared so that they may be reviewed faster. Administrative Officer Pierce stated he would distribute them as they were prepared. He also stated that he had discussed including the code enforcement pilot program with Mr. Fred Thomas, Director of Public Safety with Prince George's County and reminded him that this was originally suppose to become a part of the College Park contract that is now defunct. He concurred that this could be done and would review this with Major Chambers. The Council concurred that some select ordinances could be included for enforcement under this agreement. He also stated that the annual and sick leave matters need clarification and language will be submitted.

9. Review of Council Meeting Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes. Corrections were given to the Administrative Officer.

10. Review of the List of Bills

The City Council reviewed the list of bills.

11. Report of the Mayor and Council

Mayor Hanko reported that both he and the Administrative Officer met with Mr. Basily and Mr. Monteith of WMATA regarding the bus problems in town. They will be responding in writing to us as soon as possible. They will review the existing routes and ridership. Their findings will be submitted to the Council when received for review at a later workshop. The Administrative Officer stated that the Acting General Manager indicated that smaller buses have been ordered, however, they will not arrive for another year.

Administrative Officer Pierce stated a year end budget amendment will be prepared and submitted for the next workshop.

Public Works Director had no report.

Councilwoman Potter stated she liked the nice garden that our City Horticulturist is putting in at the front entrance.

Councilman Garvey asked for an update on annexation efforts. The Administrative Officer stated he needs to know what types of things the Council wants to offer. He will be going to the land records and preparing lists of ownership. Councilman Garvey stated that as

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much commercial property as possible that abuts the City should be pursued. Brief discussion followed on these parameters. The Administrative Officer indicated that prior efforts have been greeted coldly by Dresden Green, Hub, Darcars and others. Councilman Garvey stated that these property owners should be invited to meet and discuss this matter with the Council. Councilman Keleti stated that the City needs a strategy first prior to starting this project. Councilman Garvey asked about a proposal to go to once a week trash collection. Mr. Robbins stated that the proposal was previously distributed. Brief discussion followed.

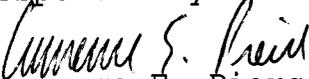
Councilman Garvey asked about a sign in the front yard of a house on Auburn Avenue and asked about a real estate sign in the right of way. The Litter Patrol Man will remove the real estate sign. The Administrative Officer said he would look into the other sign.

Councilman Schaffer asked about the liens the City is receiving. The Administrative Officer stated that he put a copy of the reimbursements on liens for the Council's review. Last Fall, he noted there was concern noted by the Council over the number and cost of the cleanups. He stated he wanted the Council to know that these bills are being collected. Councilman Keleti asked whether there was a line item in the budget for this item. The Administrative Officer stated no and that this remains a miscellaneous receivable at June 30, each year. The bills are sent out by the County for us directly. The monies must be paid prior to the transfer of ownership.

Councilman Keleti asked about getting a status report. Mayor Hanko asked the Council to identify the projects for this list. Councilman Keleti stated that a status report would eliminate a lot of questions. The Administrative Officer stated that he used to do one but did not get any feedback on the product. The Council stated they liked it and would like to have the summary back again.

Councilwoman Hurdle stated that the house at Oliver St. and Westbrook Drive put out a mattress and other materials in the right of way. She wanted to know when the code enforcement officer position closed. The Administrative Officer stated the closing date was today. A recommendation will be made for the next workshop meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lawrence E. Pierce
Acting Recording Secretary



AGENDA OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MAY 15, 1996

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the May 2, 1996, Town Meeting
Acceptance of Minutes Accepted
3. Presentation of the Results and Validation of the Municipal General Election and Ballot Questions of May 6, 1996
Acceptance Accepted
4. Sine Die Adjournment of the Council
5. Administration of Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect
ANDREW C. HANKO
6. Administration of Oath of Office to Council Members-Elect
ROSE MARIE HURDLE
STEPHEN L. KELETI
7. Call to Order of Council
8. Report of the Mayor
9. Reports of the Council
10. Additions to the Agenda by the Council
11. Suspension of the rules in order to hear from citizens - 10-min. limit
 - A. Audience Participation
 - B. Telephone Participation
12. Public Hearing - Proposed 1997 Current Expense Budget (Second Public Hearing)

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Council Action</u>
0496-08	Chapter CE-97 Proposed Current Expense Budget For The City Of New Carrollton For Fiscal Year 1997	<u>Tabled</u>
0596-02	Proposed Budget Amendment No. 17 (F.Y. 1996 Current Expense Budget) To Remit Final Codification Payment & Upgrade The Municipal Center Alarm As ADA Accessible	<u>Approved</u>

14. Report of the Treasurer

Approval of Bills Approved (\$64,888.24)

15. NEW BUSINESS

<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Council Action</u>
0596-03	Organization of the Council Election Of Chairman Election Of Vice Chairman Election Of Mayor Pro-Tem Election Of Alternate Treasurer	<u>ROSE MARIE HURDLE</u> <u>STEPHEN L. KELETI</u> <u>RAYMOND J. GARVEY</u> <u>JOHN A. SCHAFFER</u>
0596-04	Letter To Mr. Michael Doaks, Director Of The Department Of Housing and Community Development, Prince George's County, Renewing City Participation In The Urban County's CDBG and HOME Programs For The Period July 1, 1997 Through June 30, 2000	<u>Approved</u>
0596-05	Letter To Ms. Tracey Davis, 8312 Oglethorpe Street, Extending The Time Allowed To Park An Unregistered Vehicle On Private Property Until June 3, 1996	<u>Approved</u>
0596-06	Letter To Mr. John Onda, 5713 85th Avenue Regarding Bus Traffic Concerns	<u>Approved</u>
0596-07	Award Of City Bid 96-12 (Recycling Services) For A Single Family Residential Curb Side Recycling Program Effective July 1, 1997	<u>Bid was awarded to AB Consolidated</u>
17.	Suspension of the rules in order to hear from citizens - 10-min. limit A. Audience Participation B. Telephone Participation	
18.	Adjournment	



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The meeting of the City Council was called to order by Councilman Schaffer, Chairman of the Council at 8:15 p.m. In attendance were Councilmembers Garvey, Hurdle, Keleti and Potter. Also in attendance were Mayor Hanko, Public Works Director Robbins and Administrative Officer Pierce. City Treasurer Rosenberg was excused.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by the Parkdale High School ROTC Honor Guard. Master Sgt. Smith proceeded to introduce the members of the honor guard and thanked the City Council for the opportunity to open the meeting.

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the May 2, 1996, Town Meeting

Councilmember Potter made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting as presented. Councilmember Hurdle made a second to the motion and without objection, they were accepted.

3. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Hanko reported that Saturday, September 7 has been scheduled as Community Day. On Friday, May 31, 1996, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Fontainebleau Dr. Park at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the Mayor and City Council for a short dedication and official opening of the City's newest playground. He also complimented the Election Board and the residents that worked the polls in the recent City election.

On June 14, 1996 a short ceremony will be held at Weinbach Park in recognition of Flag Day. At precisely 7:00 p.m., we will join other cities across the nation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that he hopes to have both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts participate and invited all residents to this event.

Mayor Hanko also stated that both he and the City's Administrative Officer will be meeting with Mr. Bassily, General Manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to discuss the problems that the large buses are causing the residents and the City of New Carrollton and will have a report for the next meeting. Mr. Fred Thomas, Director of Public Safety for Prince George's County returned his phone call and he asked him to proceed in preparing the contract between the City and the County for three contract police officers. When it is received, copies will be distributed to the Council.

The Administration is working on the property known to the City as 6419 85th Place and to HUD as Robert Frost Elementary. We hope to have some answers to the problem soon. The Administration hopes to have some recommendations for legislation concerning code violations and will present them shortly to the Council.

The IRS Welcoming Committee will meet at City Hall on Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. If you did not receive a notice please consider this as your invitation. If you are interested in helping with National Nite Out, please come to the first meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 1996.

Councilmember Hurdle thanked Mr. Robbins for fixing the pothole problem on Lamont Place. Councilman Garvey stated that he is receiving many complaints on tall grass in the City and asked the Administrative Officer to review this matter. The Administrative Officer stated that this year our Code Enforcement Division has experienced an increase in the number of notices of violations being issued for tall grass. Additionally, many of the violations are being sent to vacant homes which traditionally had few notices. With the unseasonably warm weather and our vendor being booked until May 19, 1996, several properties will have to be mowed later this month. All of the properties have been notified.

Councilman Schafer stated that he had an idea on recycling. Our participation is way down. We were the best in the state at 90% some two years ago. He said that perhaps we could get a sound truck out on the streets with a recycling song. Brief discussion followed.

4. Presentation of the Results and Validation of the Municipal General Election and Ballot Questions of May 6, 1996

Councilmember Potter read the election results. The total number of registered voters was 4,482. The number of machine voters was 486. The number of absentee voters was seventeen. The total number of voters was 503. For the position of Mayor, Andrew C. Hanko received 360 votes, Mary Pouler received 4, Josephine Oliver 3, Rose Marie Hurdle received 1, Raymond Garvey received 1, MCS received 1, and Bob Potter received 1.

Councilmember Potter proceeded to read the names and votes for Councilmembers. Rose Marie Hurdle received 380 votes, Mary Pouler received 1, MCS received 1, Stephen L. Keleti received 372, Mary Pouler received 2, and MCS 1. Councilmember Potter stated that the candidate for Mayor with the most votes was Andrew C. Hanko and the candidates for the two Councilmember seats were Rose Marie Hurdle and Stephen L. Keleti. She also read the two ballot questions which addressed the tax cap issue which failed 187 to 255 and the roads program borrowing issue which passed 235 to 214. She made a motion to accept the results of the May 6, 1996 General Election. Councilman Garvey seconded the motion and without objection it was passed unanimously.

5. Sine Die Adjournment of the Council

Chairman Schaffer declared the Council adjourned Sine Die.

6. Administration of Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect

At this time, Ms. Vivian Jenkins, Clerk of the Court administered the oath of office to Mayor Hanko.

7. Administration of Oath of Office to Council Members-Elect

At this time, Mayor Hanko administered the oath of office to Councilmember Rose Marie Hurdle and Councilmember Keleti.

8. Call to Order of Council

Council Chairman Schaffer called the Council to order. He called upon Mayor Hanko who thanked the residents for voting for him and is deeply touched by your faith and confidence in him. He stated he would continue serving the City to the best of his ability and promised to correct and improve in some of his shortcomings. He stated that code violations, crime and vehicle violations are the top priorities. He also asked that more residents consider volunteering their time to serve our community. He also thanked his wife Irene for encouraging him to seek re-election, his family and many close friends and all the residents who voted.

Councilman Keleti thanked the 372 residents who voted for him and his treasurer, Ms. Diane Rubenstein. He stated that his goals during the next two years would be to upgrade the New Carrollton Mall and to seek a long range planning strategy by the City Council. He also desires to introduce performance measures in the City's budgeting in order to obtain fiscal accountability. He stated that the Town Meeting held on May 2 featured an excellent presentation by Mayor Hanko and the Administrative Officer. He thanked the many residents who attended and gave their views. He stated he also attended the Doctors Hospital Community Breakfast which featured Mr. Downs as the speaker. He stated that a subacute facility will be built and a birthing center will be instituted. He also recognized Mrs. Jordan, a city resident who has over 6,000 hours of volunteer work at the hospital.

Councilmember Hurdle thanked her husband Ted who made signs and handed out literature. She also thanked the Hammers, Mr. Miller and her campaign manager, Mrs. Miller. She stated she stayed at the polls all day and met a lot of residents. She stated she would continue to do her best and encouraged residents to participate. She also stated the Town Meeting was very productive. She also stated that yesterday she had the privilege of attending the signing ceremony by Governor Glendening of a PGCMA endorsed matter requiring a super majority of the County Council to override a zoning bill and another piece of legislation dealing with drunk drivers which will require jail time of offenders. Another piece of legislation allows 48 hours at a hospital in lieu of 24 for new mothers. She also extended her deepest condolences to Ms. Rosemary Backer on the passing of her mother, Helen Wheeler, a resident of 86th Avenue. She also encouraged residents to attend the Book Fair on June 1 from 11-4 at the New Carrollton Library.

Councilman Garvey congratulated his colleagues on their re-election and those who voted and expressed their views on the two questions. He also echoed Mayor Hanko's call for more residents to volunteer.

Councilmember Potter congratulated Mayor Hanko, Councilmember Hurdle and Councilmember Keleti on their re-election. She also congratulated the new Board of Directors at Frenchmans Creek Condominium. She attended the Doctors Community Hospital Breakfast. She stated they are one of the most caring hospitals in the area, large enough to service your needs but retain a personal touch. She also reminded residents of the Community Health Clinic to be held May 18 from 9-4 at the hospital. Some tests need appointments and can be made by calling 552-0044. She also urged residents to attend the Community Yard Sale this Saturday at Weinbach Park. The New Carrollton Men's Club is in charge this time. She thanked those persons who attended the Town Meeting and the voters.

Councilman Schaffer also congratulated Mayor Hanko and Councilmembers Hurdle and Keleti on their re-elections. He stated that he had some bad news to report in that his neighbor had her car stolen Saturday night. This is the second one in six months in his cluster. He urged Honda owners to buy a Club. He also stated he had picked up a young unmarried woman with a baby on Finns Lane and gave her a ride to the New Carrollton Metro. She is going to school at Strayer College and living with her parents. This happened the same day that President Clinton is cutting support for teenage mothers who do not live at home and do not attend school which he feels is sending the right message.

9. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

A. Audience Participation

Mr. Art Miller, 6308 Westbrook Drive, asked whether he could ask questions on the budget and what is the tax increase. Councilman Schaffer stated it looks like it will be a four cent increase. Mr. Miller stated it is a shame that residents don't come to the workshops. He stated he wished he had made a bet that the City would have kept the three contract officers. Criticisms of utilizing the state police instead of the County officers is a smoke screen. The agreement does not prohibit them from coming in and at the Neighborhood Watch meeting he asked about communications and all we had to do was buy additional radio frequencies. He stated he wants more done by the administration. At least one of the officers is useless and we are wasting money. Councilman Schaffer stated that it was the State Police's interpretation that they can't come in. Councilman Keleti stated that the State police are the ones who said they would have communications problems.

B. Telephone Participation

Ms. Jo Oliver, 8310 Nicholson St., called to voice objection that residents are not being allowed to vote on the issue of police. The newsletter confused everyone and said the dye was not cut as of the Town Meeting of May 2 regarding the unavailability of State Police in lieu of contract officers. She also mentioned that a lady was told to look at the newsletter for a copy of the budget, the city's computer system is still a problem and that never have we given so much for such little for police. Next year will be even worse. Councilman Schaffer stated that perception is important. Many residents are new and moved here because it was safer and they have stated that they want a police presence.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

0496-08 Chapter CE-97 Proposed Current Expense Budget For the City of New Carrollton For Fiscal Year 1997

Councilman Garvey made a motion to remove the ordinance from the table. Councilmember Potter made a second to the motion and without objection, it was unanimously approved and removed from the table.

Councilman Garvey stated that instead of the eleven cent increase, the following City Council amendments would result in a four cent increase. This will have no effect on the resident's bill since the recycling fee will be removed from the County bill. He proceeded to read the amendments into the record and explained the highlights. Councilman Garvey made a motion to table the ordinance as amended which received a second from Councilmember Potter and without objection it was unanimously tabled.

12. Public Hearing - Proposed 1997 Current Expense Budget (Second Public Hearing)

Mr. Art Miller, 6308 Westbrook Drive, offered two proposals to enable the City Council to pass the budget without a tax increase. First, he stated the City Council could increase the prior years receipts to \$250,000. He stated the City Auditor stated the City should never use prior years receipt for more than two years. The second method, involves what is more important since the Council has expressed concern over our housing stock; police or code enforcement? The budget should be amended to make the second code enforcement officer full time so we could focus on tall grass, chipping paint, etc. We should cut one cop and this would give us money for code enforcement. Councilman Garvey stated that this year the City has utilized a CPA firm to come up with the prior years receipts in lieu of staff so we believe we have a better figure.

At this time, Council Chairman Schafer declared the public hearing closed.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

0596-02 Proposed Budget Amendment No. 17 (F.Y. 1996 Current Expense Budget) To Remit Final Codification Payment and Upgrade the Municipal Center Alarm As ADA Accessible

Councilmember Potter made a motion that the amendment be removed from the table. Councilman Keleti seconded the motion and without objection, it was removed from the table.

Councilmember Potter moved that the amendment be approved as presented. Councilmember Hurdle seconded the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

14. Report of the Treasurer

Alternate Treasurer Keleti reported that the City Treasurer had reviewed all but the ten add ons which he has reviewed. There are 115 invoices totaling \$64,688.24.

Councilman Garvey made a motion that the bills be paid as presented. Councilmember Potter seconded the motion and requested that a copy of the bills be placed with the minutes of the meeting and without objection, it was so ordered.

15. NEW BUSINESS

0596-03 Organization of the Council

Councilmember Potter made a motion that Councilmember Hurdle be elected the new Chairman. Councilman Keleti seconded the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

Councilmember Potter made a motion that Councilman Keleti be elected Vice Chairman. Councilman Garvey seconded the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

Councilmember Potter made a motion that Councilman Garvey be elected Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Hurdle seconded the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

Councilmember Potter made a motion that Councilman Schaffer be elected Alternate Treasurer. Councilman Keleti seconded the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

At this point, Council Chairman Schaffer expressed that he had enjoyed working as the chair, that we had a good year and thanked each member of the Council and the Mayor for their assistance. Mayor Hanko thanked Councilman Schaffer for his work as chairman and congratulated Mrs. Hurdle on her appointment.

The new Council Chairman then took her new seat and stated that there are many things to do and she is looking forward to the new year. We had an outstanding year under Mr. Schaffer.

0596-04 Letter to Mr. Michael Doaks, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, Prince George's County, Renewing City Participation In The Urban County's CDBG and HOME Programs for the Period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 2000

Councilman Schaffer made a motion that the letter be sent to Mr. Doaks. Councilman Keleti made a second to the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

0596-05 Letter to Ms. Tracey Davis, 8312 Oglethorpe St., Extending the Time Allowed To Park an Unregistered Vehicle on Private Property Until June 3, 1996

Councilman Keleti made a motion to send a letter to Ms. Davis as presented. Councilmember Potter made a second to the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

0596-06 Letter to Mr John Onda, 5713 85th Ave. Regarding Bus Traffic Concerns

Councilman Garvey gave a brief history on the reason for this letter. Mr. Onda has been experiencing vibration problems from the heavy buses and the City is experiencing road deterioration in several areas. Our desire is to obtain smaller buses for New Carrollton routes. Mr. Onda would like to see the City ban large buses in the City. He also would like us to place some orange cones in the street in front of his house. The Council decided that this would not resolve the problem. Councilman Garvey made a motion to send the letter as presented. Councilman Schaffer seconded the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

0596-07 Award of City Bid 96-12 (Recycling Services) For A Single Family Residential Curb Side Recycling Program Effective July 1, 1996

Councilman Keleti reviewed the bids received for this service. The County wants to charge \$40.00 per each single family home next year. If the City contracts for the service, it will charge \$17.00 per home and include mixed paper at curbside in addition to the comingled bucket and newspaper currently being collected. Councilman Keleti made a motion to award the contract to AB Consolidated for \$1.30 per house per month for the next fiscal year with an option to extend the contract for another two successive years. Councilmember Potter seconded the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

16. Suspension of the rules in order to hear from citizens-10 min. limit

A. Audience Participation

Mr. John Shelton, 8306 Longfellow St., stated he would like the Council to reconsider the need for three contract officers as this is very expensive. Councilman Garvey stated that there seems to be a

lull in crime since the third officer was hired. It was a tough decision. We need a safe community and good code enforcement. Councilmember Potter stated that Chief Farrell and the State Troopers have both indicated that crime is on the rise. When the police are not here, the B+E's go up. She stated she had seen our contract officer actually arresting the man who got 15 years. She stated she honestly believes that the police are making a difference.

Councilman Schaffer stated he spoke with two of the contract officers and they are out there. If we go to two officers, we will not get the third back in the future. Also, the perception of newer residents is that they want the police. Mr. Shelton stated that few residents could effectively review the data to determine their effectiveness. Councilman Keleti stated that he was originally leaning towards two officers, however, on election day, all but one resident that approached him said keep the three even with a tax increase.

Councilwoman Hurdle stated one officer (Cpl. Easter) would be sufficient.

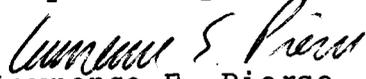
B. Telephone Participation

Mr. Dick Bechtold, 6462 Fairborn Terrace, congratulated the Mayor and Council members who were re-elected.

17. Adjournment

Councilman Schaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting which received a second from Councilman Keleti, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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Administrative Officer