



AGENDA OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
JUNE 5, 1996

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Report of the Mayor

Mr. Milton C. Plummer, Author of The Rainbow's End
Recites The Poem Entitled Day's End
3. Report of the Treasurer

Approval of Bills Approved (\$78,161.46)
4. Consideration of the Minutes of the April 29, 1996, Council Workshop Meeting

Approval of Minutes Approved

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 1, 1996, Council Meeting

Approval of Minutes Approved

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 9, 1996, Special Council Workshop Meeting

Approval of Minutes Approved

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 13, 1996, Council Workshop Meeting

Approval of Minutes Approved

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 15, 1996, Council Meeting

Approval of Minutes Approved
5. Reports of the Council
6. Additions to the Agenda by the Council
7. Public Hearing - Proposed 1997 Current Expense Budget
8. Suspension of the rules in order to hear from citizens - 10-min. limit
 - A. Audience Participation
 - B. Telephone Participation

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Item No.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Action

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

Approved

NEW BUSINESS

Item No.

Council Action

0696-01 Letter To Prince George's County
Regarding No Objection To The
Issuance Of A Dance License To
Best Western Hotel, 5910 Princess
Garden Parkway

Approved

0696-02 Proposed Confirmation Of City
Appointees By The City Council

Administrative Officer - Lawrence Pierce
Public Works Director - Richard Robbins
City Attorney - Robert Manzi, Esq.

Approved

Approved

Approved

City Treasurer
City Engineer

- Knight, Manzi, Brennan and Ham

Approved

- Lee Botts

Approved

AB Consultants, Inc.

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

A. Audience Participation

B. Telephone Participation

11. Adjournment

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Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council
June 5, 1996

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwoman Hurdle.

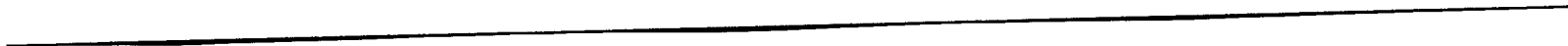
2. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Hanko introduced Mr. Milton Plummer, a resident of New Carrollton who will recite two of his poems. Mr. Plummer recited both Days End and Unfathomable Nature. Mayor Hanko and the City Council thanked Mr. Plummer for attending. Mr. Plummer introduced members of his family in the audience.

Mayor Hanko also noted that both he and the Administrative Officer met last week with Mr. Bassily, General Manager of WMATA and Mr. Monte Monteith, General Superintendent for Bus Transportation to review the possibility of implementing smaller buses for our community because of problems associated with the shaking and rattling of houses. Also, the larger buses are having a hard time navigating on our streets. They will respond to our request and evaluate an alternative we presented in approximately two weeks. He also noted that volunteers for City committees are needed. Call City Hall and leave a message for the Mayor. The police will be stopping by at the summer camps at the schools, particularly the officer on bike patrol.

The City has been notified that a gentleman has been seen going door to door representing himself as a phone company serviceman attempting to get into homes. Mayor Hanko urged residents not to allow service representatives to enter their homes if they are not expected. Next Friday is Flag Day. All Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are invited to join the Mayor and City Council on Friday, June 24, 1996 at exactly 7:00 p.m. at Weinbach Park to recite the pledge of allegiance. All residents are invited.

A Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at the Municipal Center this Saturday morning. A contract officer and a community officer will be in attendance. A spaghetti dinner will also be held this Saturday to benefit the Weinbach Scholarship Fund from 6-9 p.m.



The Administrative Officer had no report.

The Public Works Director had no report.

Councilwoman Potter spoke of the police rebate monies from the County which was recently received. She asked the Administrative officer the amount of the FEMA reimbursement for the Blizzard of 1996. He stated the amount was approximately \$6,000.

Councilman Garvey asked about the status of the street light retrofit project. The Administrative Officer stated that on tonight's list of bills is the first bill from Pepco. The area covers that parcel just west of the Municipal Center. Until three weeks ago, they were working diligently. Since then, they have stopped work. He is attempting to contact Pepco to determine why they have stopped and when they will return to complete the job. Brief discussion followed.

Councilman Schaffer congratulated Public Works Director Robbins on his recent election to the position of President of the Public Works Department of the Maryland Municipal League. He also thanked Mayor Hanko for meeting with Metro officials in regards to the Council's concerns with buses. He also noted that he gave a chart to the Mayor on accounting for the officer's time. He noted that the officers do have to leave the City from time to time.

Councilman Keleti stated that Mr. Harrison of the Carrollton Mall stated that the market survey would be complete within a month back on April 19, 1996. He asked the Mayor to contact Mr. Harrison to determine the status of the survey.

Councilwoman Hurdle stated that she had visited the City's three tot lots. They need some attention to include mulch, and edging.

3. Report of the Treasurer

City Treasurer Rosenberg reported that there were 86 bills totaling \$78,161.46 which were reviewed; certified them and recommended payment.

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



4. Consideration of the Minutes of the April 29, 1996 Council Workshop Meeting

Councilman Schaffer moved that the minutes of the April 29, 1996 City Council meeting be approved.

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

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 1, 1996 Council Meeting

Councilman Keleti moved that the minutes of the May 1, 1996 City Council meeting be approved.

Councilman Schaffer seconded the motion, and without objection, the item was passed unanimously.

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 9, 1996 Council Meeting

Councilwoman Potter moved that the minutes of the May 9, 1996 City Council meeting be approved.

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

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 13, 1996 Council Meeting

Councilman Garvey moved that the minutes of the May 13, 1996 Council Meeting be approved.

Councilman Schaffer seconded the motion, and without objection, the item was passed unanimously.

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 15, 1996 Council Meeting

Councilman Schaffer moved that the minutes of the May 15, 1996 Council Meeting be approved.

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

5. Reports of the Council

Councilman Keleti stated that the IRS Welcoming Committee met recently on May 22, 1996. Twenty two residents participated. The Committee has four subcommittees; videos, home page, print material and a welcome wagon. The IRS will be sponsoring a Family Day on



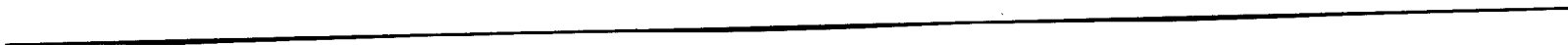
September 22, 1996 and will be inviting their employees to tour the building. The video would be shown continuously to their employees on the housing stock, businesses and public facilities like the New Carrollton Library. The home page will feature our government, City organizations, etc. The print material committee will put together what New Carrollton has to offer for distribution. The welcome wagon committee will come up with samples and coupons from local businesses. The next meeting of the committee is June 12, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

He also noted that the Mens' Club is again raffling off two sets of tickets for the Redskins. Contact any member of the Club. The Fire Department is going through town asking for a \$30.00 donation. They have identification and a letter. The fund drive is for new equipment.

Councilman Schaffer congratulated all the students of New Carrollton who recently graduated from school. He also stated he went to the School Board meeting to see the discussion over inviting Supreme Court Judge Clarence Thomas to the Pullen School Awards ceremony. All visitors to the meeting were told to leave. The vote was to invite him, 6-4 to the event. He asked that Mr. Hendershot, our representative on the School Board, if he was listening to the meeting to call in and tell the Council why he voted against inviting him to speak. He feels that Judge Thomas should have been invited and is a great role model for our children. He is glad he has been invited. He also noted that he was interviewed by the media on his position.

Councilman Garvey mentioned that the Mayor and Council attended the dedication of the Fontainebleau Drive Park Tot Lot. He thanked our County Councilwoman Anne MacKinnon who was instrumental in stopping the proposed construction of an apartment building, helped us buy the property and was instrumental in getting the City a grant to build the park. It was a pleasure to see the end result. He also mentioned the Vita Course. He asked the Mayor to again spruce the park up as it gets quite a lot of work.

Councilwoman Potter stated that our Assistant Administrative Officer has worked hard on the Fontainebleau Drive Park Tot Lot and she was pleased with the end product. She also offered her sympathies to the Botts family on the recent passing of Wanda Botts, a long time resident. She also noted that the Prince George's Little Theater will present "You Can't Take It With You" at the Publick Playhouse on June 7 for two weekends. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 18 and under.



Councilwoman Hurdle stated she saw Mr. Schaffer on television last night leaving the meeting of the School Board last night. She then presented a proclamation on behalf of the City Council to Councilman Schaffer, the former chairman of the council recognizing his year as chairman. Brief discussion followed in which Mr. Schaffer thanked his Council colleagues for the plaque and their support over the past year.

Council Chairman Hurdle recognized Mr. Thomas Hendershot who had entered the room. He noted that he was watching the meeting and felt he should come to the City Council meeting to respond. He stated the meeting was closed at the request of the PTA members who filed the appeal. This is their right as a matter of law. He stated his vote was in support our superintendent. Dr. Clark noted that he had received 25 phone calls from persons indicating that they would disrupt the proceedings if Justice Thomas was invited. Dr. Clark contacted Justice Thomas's office to discuss this problem who indicated he did not desire to cause a disruption and would withdraw if necessary. Those who have spoken on this item have had an adult agenda of some kind. Only the superintendent had the children's needs in mind. He would vote the same way again.

Brief discussion followed with members of the Council. Mr. Hendershot stated that on June 10, he will be at another awards ceremony for graduates of Prince George's Schools and its teachers. He thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak.

Councilwoman Hurdle continued her report. She also noted that she attended the Fontainebleau Drive Park Lot Dedication. On June 10, the City Council will be taking a City Tour of our community. She also noted a property who put out some bulky trash and did not call for a pickup. She noted future Council workshop items; strategies for speed humps, state legislation for 1997 and police services for 1998, and annexation matters. She also encouraged the community to attend the workshops.

Councilman Schaffer commended Mr. Stephen John for his first Neighborhood Watch newsletter. Councilwoman Potter noted that there will be a Four Cities Meeting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow evening.

6. Additions to the Agenda by the Council

There were no additions to the agenda by the Council.



7. Public Hearing- Proposed 1997 Current Expense Budget

Mr. Art Miller, 6308 Westbrook Drive, noted that when Mr. Schaffer was chairman, he recalled that he said the four cent increase was for police and recycling. Councilman Schaffer noted that the City increase equals the decrease on the County tax bill. Mr. Miller questioned the separate revenue line item for recycling. Discussion followed on this item. He stated it appeared that there is a six cent tax increase in lieu of four cents. He stated that the City has embarked on smoking mirrors. Councilwoman Potter stated that last year, the tax rate was .87 and July 1 it will be .91, which represents a four cent increase. He questioned the utilization of fees in lieu of tax increases to raise money. Councilman Garvey stated that the Council has reduced the proposed tax rate from .11 cents to four and reduced the recycling bill from \$40.00 to \$17.00.

Mr. Miller stated that he recommended that we eliminate one of the police officers. This was not discussed to his knowledge. Councilman Schaffer stated this matter was discussed by the Council. Council Chairman Hurdle indicated that this was proposed by her at the workshop meeting this past Monday evening.

Mr. Jo Oliver, 8310 Nicholson St., spoke on the police issue and asked whether we have seen any other City's contract. Councilman Garvey stated that the Council had received a copy of Bowie's. They are increasing their police to six shortly. Mayor Hanko noted that their existing contract is identical to our current contract. She also asked when we are going to sign the contract which has no figures. Mayor Hanko stated that the last contract did not have costs included. He stated that these costs are not included in any of the municipal contracts.

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

A. Audience Participation

Mr. Tom Hendershot, 7202 Longbranch Drive, stated that he is privileged to represent many municipalities in Prince George's County. He stated there is not a Mayor or Council that is more supportive of the schools in their community. On behalf of the teachers and administrators of the school system, he thanked them for their continued support.

Mr. Art. Miller, 6308 Westbrook Drive, asked what information was going to be made available to him in regards to monthly police reports. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Miller stated this



information has been made available. He stated that the sheets show the residents are not getting their monies worth. Discussion followed on the information on the daily form.

Ms. Jo Oliver, 8310 Nicholson St., stated that she has come to City hall in the past. She has received the sheets from Mr. Pierce. The form needs to be revised and cut down.

B. Telephone Participation

Ms. Mary Miller, 6308 Westbrook Drive, asked about the recycling fee and the 1997 budget. She stated she is not aware of any other service that the City provides which is done by a fee. She asked if someone could explain this matter. This is a dangerous precedent. Councilman Schaffer stated her point is well taken. Discussion followed by the Council. She said this is a six cent tax rate increase. Councilwoman Potter asked the Administrative Officer to explain this matter. He noted this is a fee for a service provided only to a specific portion of the City, i.e. only to single family homes. If this service was part of the tax rate, we would have to provide this to the businesses and apartments. Proceeds from the recycled materials will be booked separately and posted against the cost of the service so that in future years the fee should go down. She thanked Mr. Pierce for his answer.

Mr. Dick Bechtold, 6462 Fairborn Terrace, stated he listened to the discussion on police and stated that it sounds like our officers can only issue warnings. Mayor Hanko stated they can issue tickets. Tickets issued by municipalities with their own officers go to the town except for speeding tickets. He thinks this should be changed and encouraged the Council to discuss this with the County. He stated he does not see the police and encouraged the City to put their statistics in the newsletter. He also noticed some hedges were high. He encouraged the City to have its employees talk to one another. Councilwoman Potter stated that the Council will be having a tour and the code enforcement officer will be in attendance. These items will be brought to his attention as needed. Councilman Keleti encouraged the mayor to send a copy of the code enforcement officer's report which show in greater detail what the officer is involved in on a daily basis.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chapter CE-97 Proposed Current Expense Budget For The City Of New Carrollton For Fiscal Year 1997

Councilman Garvey made a motion to remove Chapter CE-97 Current Expense Budget and the Council amendments which were read into the record off the table. Councilwoman Potter seconded the motion and

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without objection, it was so ordered.

Councilman Garvey read the amendments to the budget proposed by the City Council. There were a total of eight revenue amendments and twenty three expenditure line items. He also gave an explanation of each of these items. Councilman Garvey made a motion that the amendments to the budget as presented be approved. Councilman Keleti seconded the motion and without objection, the amendments were unanimously approved.

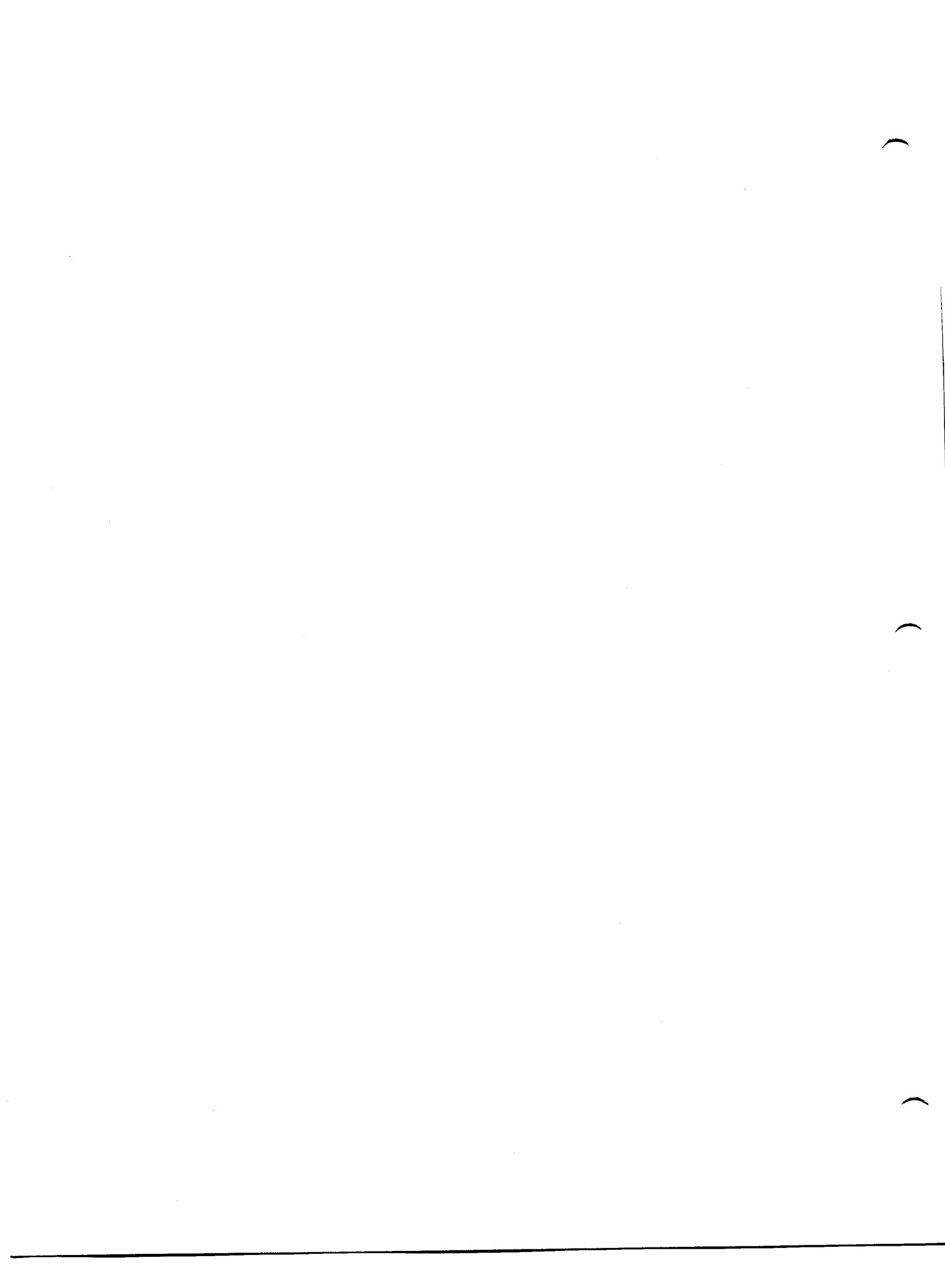
Councilman Garvey then read the ordinance. He made a motion to adopt the budget with the amendments. Councilwoman Potter seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Councilman Schaffer congratulated Councilman Garvey on reading this long ordinance. Councilman Keleti stated that his views on the budget changed during this process. He originally leaned towards two police officers. At the election, all the residents he spoke with wanted the three officers. He also noted the salaries of the Administrative Officer and Public Works Director. He noted that the Mayor wanted an eight percent increase as he thought this was high. He asked him to justify these salaries, and he did so by providing a comparable schedule of salaries in other municipalities and clearly our two top persons are way behind in their salaries. We are in financial straights, so he couldn't support this increase yet voted for the six percent increase for both persons. He stated that he thinks they are worth every penny of their salary. He hoped that we could bring them up to the average salaries of their contemporaries. He noted finally, with disappointment that the management audit did not make it again for the fourth year. He understands why it did not get funded this year and perhaps next year we could include it.

Councilwoman Potter stated that this budget is as bare as possible with the exception of the police. She stated reducing the police would be a big mistake. When the offices are doing their job, it is hard to tell. When they are not, you see a massive increase in breaking and enterings. She credits our police for changing this in the past.

Councilman Schaffer stated why he voted for the budget. In regards to police, he stated he was impressed with the response at the Town Meeting where the residents asked that the police level not be reduced. In regards to the tax rate increase, he went for it because it is a wash with the reduction in the County bill and will net no increase in the overall tax bill to our residents.

Council Chairman Hurdle stated she would support the budget as



presented. It continues the excellent services our residents have come to enjoy. She stated she could not say enough about the dedicated employees of our community. She noted the fine job Officer Easter is doing on his bike patrol.

Council Chairman Hurdle then called for the vote which was unanimous in favor of the budget as amended.

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NEW BUSINESS

0691-01 Letter to Prince George's County Regarding No Objection To The Issuance Of A Dance License To Best Western Hotel, 5910 Princess Garden Pkwy.

Councilwoman Potter stated the applicant has requested a renewal of a dance license. There have been no complaints regarding this request. Councilwoman Potter then read a letter indicating no objection to the granting of this license and made a motion to approve the letter as presented. Councilman Keleti seconded the motion and without objection, it was so ordered.

0691-02 Proposed Confirmation Of City Appointees By The City Council

Councilman Schaffer stated that the following individuals have been recommended by the Mayor;

Administrative Officer
Public Works Director
City Attorney
City Treasurer
City Engineer

Lawrence Pierce
Richard Robbins
Robert Manzi, Esq.
Duane Rosenberg
Lee Botts

Councilman Schaffer stated that these persons have done an outstanding job during the past two years and moved that the appointments be confirmed. Councilman Keleti seconded the motion. Councilwoman Potter stated the Council appreciates the job that the Administrative Officer and Public Works Director do for the City. Without objection, the appointments were unanimously approved.

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

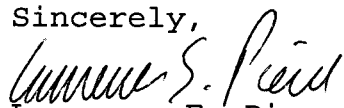
A. Audience Participation- There was no audience participation.

B. Telephone Participation- There was no telephone participation.

11. Adjournment

Councilman Schaffer moved that the City Council meeting be adjourned. Councilwoman Potter seconded the motion and without objection, it was so ordered. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Sincerely,



Lawrence E. Pierce
Acting Recording Secretary