



AGENDA OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
JUNE 19, 1996

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Report of the Mayor

Senator Paul Pinsky's Report On The 1996 State Legislative Session

3. Report of the Treasurer

Approval of Bills Approved (\$87,577.53)

4. Reports of the Council
5. Additions to the Agenda by the Council
6. Suspension of the rules in order to hear from citizens - 10-min. limit
 - A. Audience Participation
 - B. Telephone Participation

7.

NEW BUSINESS

Item No.

Council Action

0696-03 Proposed Issuance Of A License To The West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department To Operate A Carnival At Carrollton Mall From July 8-13, 1996

Approved

0696-04 Proposed Letter To The Maryland Municipal League Requesting Legislation To Create A Video Rental Tax During The 1997 State Legislative Session

Approved

0696-05 Proposed Budget Amendment No. 18 (F.Y. 1996 Current Expense Budget) To Recognize Year End Revenues and Make Certain Expenditure Adjustments (Emergency)

Approved

0696-06 Proposed Designation Of City Fund Balance

- (1) To 8511 Legation Rd. Expenditures \$ 9,372
- (2) To Weinbach Scholarship Fund \$ 12,295
- (3) To Operating Reserve \$122,487

Approved

8. Suspension of the rules in order to hear from citizens - 10-min. limit
 - A. Audience Participation
 - B. Telephone Participation
9. Adjournment

Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council
June 19, 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. The City Treasurer was excused.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Report of the Mayor

Mayor Hanko introduced our Honorable State Senator Paul Pinsky to review legislation of the past session of the Maryland General Assembly. He thanked the Mayor and Council to discuss the issues that came before the General Assembly this year. He proceeded to review several of the key issues.

The first item involved the budget. This year it shall be 414.6 billion dollars. This is less than the 1995 budget. This is important because of the lagging recession. Some categories did grow, education was up over 5%. School construction was allocated \$137 million state wide, with \$6.0 million coming to Prince George's County. Counties are required to match dollar to dollar and Prince George's County does not have the funds to match. The greatest amount of discussion took place on the two stadiums. Both were eventually funded and work has begun on the Redskins stadium and some preliminary work has been done on the Ravens stadium. For the Redskins, \$70 million has bene allocated for infrastructure work. He voted against both stadiums. He feels that this is not the proper use of tax payer monies to build private facilities. He prefers the monies to be spent on infrastructure and job creation. The Baltimore Sun and Governor Glendening both supported them. The vote to fund them passed by two votes.

Another statewide issue dealt with gun control. The bill passed restricts the purchase of guns to one per month. It also requires that private resales of guns must be done with a waiting period and done legally. The third area covered allows for increased penalties for those who sell without a criminal check.

The third statewide area involves the Highway User Fees distribution. It has been revised which will eventually bring more funds to Prince George's County. However, for the next several years, the funds will be used to pay back the state for the Redskins stadium.

The final area involves the environment. He wants to push growth in areas in our older areas where the transportation is available and create jobs. The issue is known as "brown fields." These areas are industrial areas that may have been abandoned and the goal is to make them green again. Several versions of the bill were discussed however, there was no agreement and no bill. This could have a particularly positive impact for Baltimore City and the inner Beltway areas of Prince George's County.

The supplemental grants for State Aid for Police Protection were increased. It will now be based on a per capita basis and not a negotiated item with respective Counties. Also the per officer allocation will be increased from \$900 to \$1,200 per officer.

Legislation was introduced to change the dates for local elections statewide in order to make it coincide with the other elections held in November. The local elected officials agreed that this was not in our interests. He supported our position and no action was taken on the bill. Another area involved the use of super majority votes for zoning. This will make it easier to change the zoning maps for the County and communities.

Each year 1,800 bills are introduced for consideration. These represent a snapshot of the legislation effecting us this year. Discussion followed with Councilman Keleti indicating that Montgomery County will receive approximately 50% of the school construction funds. Senator Pinsky stated that school construction is separate from school aid. The direct aid for education is wealth based. The County which receives the least amount of direct educational aid is Montgomery County and the most Baltimore County. In Montgomery County, they are experiencing the greatest amount of growth state wide. They will be opening four schools per year for the next seven years. The upper Montgomery County area is experiencing phenomenal growth.

Councilman Schaffer asked about State Aid for Police. Senator Pinsky stated that both the formula will increase local revenues and clarify the formula utilized with each respective County. Senator Pinsky stated that moving the stadium from D.C. to Landover will only create traffic with 20,000 cars at the event.

Councilwoman Potter asked Senator Pinsky to cover the recreation center at the stadium. He stated that on paper, it will include a large swimming pool, an indoor and outdoor track, tennis courts, a gymnastics area and basketball courts. It shall include funding from Mr. Cooke, some Park and Planning funds and some County monies. It is estimated to cost 27 million dollars. The idea of building regional centers such as this is good.

Councilwoman Potter also spoke about the Railroad track problem in Bladensburg. Senator Pinsky stated a study to determine whether to raise or lower the tracks has not been completed as of yet. He is a strong advocate of the project. CSX owns the right of way. There are 26 crossings per day. Even more growth is expected. Federal funds will be necessary. A considerable amount of funds are being put into Bladensburg. The State Mass Transit Administration understands it is a problem and wants to resolve it. An ambulance getting caught behind a 150 car train could mean the difference between life and death. A MARC stop has been approved for Hyattsville at a new location, except CSX has not been willing to open the station. He will continue to work on this matter.

Councilwoman Hurdle thanked Senator Pinsky for attending.

Mayor Hanko stated that last Wednesday, Councilwoman Hurdle and the Mayor attended the funeral of the Honorable George Murphy of Easton. He was an excellent example of what an elected official should be and stated he would be missed. He also stated that the Community Oriented Police trailer at the Carrollton Mall is now in business. Residents are invited to drop in and talk to the officers. The phone number is 731-2837.

Mayor Hanko also stated that he regretfully has accepted the resignation of Mr. Harry Stup of the City's Election Board. He has accepted a job in Pennsylvania. He is accepting resumes for the position. Members of the Board of Elections conduct City elections, and should be available to help out all day on election day, the first Monday in May. They are compensated for the day and receive \$100 per year. Interested individuals should send their resume to the attention of the Mayor to City Hall. The City has written a letter to Mr. Stup thanking him for his time and expertise in serving on the Election Board. We wish him well in his new job.

Mayor Hanko stated that he is looking for volunteers to serve on many committees such as Public Safety and Health, Planning Advisory, the Welcoming Committee and others. These are volunteer and are rewarding. If interested, call 459-6100 and leave your name and number and he will get back to you.

Mayor hanko stated that the Legg Mason study has been completed and the final report should be available in one month. The linen store, Capital Stores, located next to Staples is now open. A Christian book store, Good News, has also opened up at the Mall. The R+D Pet Store has indicated that they are going to stay at the Mall. Best Products should remain until early August.