

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as a virtual meeting. Attending was Chairperson Cynthia DB Mills; Councilmember Katrina R. Dodro; Councilmember Allyne Hooks; Councilmember Sarah Potter-Robbins; and Briana Urbina; Mayor Phelecia Nembhard; City Administrative Officer Latasha Gatling; City Clerk Robinson Brown; Assistant City Administrative Officer Michael McMahan; Major William Everts; Director of Public Works Andre Triplett; Information Technology Administrator Andrew Facey; and Administrative Assistant Araceli Guzman.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Mills welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION**

Director of Public Works Triplett was called on to give his report and began with a report on the recent storm that occurred over the weekend. The streets were not pre-treated due to the ground temperature. There was some freezing overnight and those areas were treated early on Saturday evening. The pothole on Lamont Drive was reported again to WSSC. They then came out to fill the pothole. The bridge on Carrollton Parkway failed inspection. The city will place signs there until the bridge is in compliance.

City Administrative Officer Gatling was asked to give the Administration report. She referred the Council to the agenda packet for her written report. She then stated that her report hasn't changed since the last meeting. City Administrative Officer Gatling reminded everyone of the COVID Test Kits and N95 Masks giveaway on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the same time and location. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Spring Festival Event on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Major Everts reported he has no official report but added that the police department is working on improving their social media contact with our citizens. They are adding more "Protect Yourself" information as the number of carjackings and robberies are increasing. The police department is also raising awareness about "Fraud" so that our citizens will know how to protect themselves against identity theft etc.

Mayor Nembhard began her report highlighting "Women's History Month". Mayor Nembhard also made mention of the "Women's Mayor Salute" for the first time in history, saluting all female mayors in Prince George's County on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mayor Nembhard also emphasized to everyone "If you see something, say something!" as there have been complaints of trespassing and littering throughout the city.

Mayor Nembhard reminded everyone that COVID is still active, so please take the necessary precautions to stay safe and protect those around you.

**3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Mills then asked the Council if they have questions or comments.

Councilmember Potter-Robbins provided a health update and stated that she enjoys the council meetings and misses everyone.

Councilmember Hooks wished Chief David Rice well and thanked Public Works Director Andre Triplett for resolving the bridge mishap. Councilmember Hooks also reminded the Administration to proofread documents before printing and posting them.

Councilmember Dodro asked for an update on the tree removal. Mr. Triplett replied that Pepco did a lot of tree trimming in the area and Public Works were back on track with their tree trimming as well. Lastly, Councilmember Dodro thanked the Police department for updating their social media.

Councilmember Urbina wished Councilmember Potter-Robbins well on her recovery and introduced a new edition to her family. Councilmember Urbina asked if the sidewalk repair will continue as the weather is changing? Mr. Triplett responded: Yes, the sidewalk repairs will continue.

Chairperson Mills asked Ms. Gatling if the Administration needed help with the Masks and COVID Test kit distribution on March 17<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>? Ms. Gatling replied, "Yes, she can always use more help." Ms. Gatling then proceeded to announce if any students need volunteer hours, please contact Araceli Guzman for the Spring Festival Event taking place on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Chairperson Mills asked each Councilmember if they have been to City Hall to see the current state of the Audio Visual Room? If not, please make time to see it.

**4. Census 2020 Presentation**

Presentation given by: James Cannistra (Prince George's County Planning Department)  
Charles Wade  
Kui Zhao

**5. NEW TRASH CAN/TOTERS FOR THE CITY**

Chairperson Mills stated that in the last meeting, everyone agreed that the trash cans would stay in the yard and the city would purchase toters. All were in favor of 64-Gallon Trash Toters.

**6. ARPA CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

Mr. McMahon discussed the ARPA Consultant Contract and answered questions following his presentation. The council agreed to further discuss this matter in the workshop meeting, scheduled for April 6, 2022.

**7. BUILDING/RESTROOM UPGRADE CONTRACT REVIEW PRICE**

Chairperson Mills asked if there was a contract and start date?

Mr. McMahon responded that there is a memo and agreement in the packet. After providing the update, Mr. McMahon answered questions asked by the council.

**8. LETTER OF ANNEXATION**

The council agreed that the letter can be sent out.

**9. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

Chairperson Mills asked Councilmember Hooks to read the Arbor Day Proclamation on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

**10. 600 HARLAND STREET AS COMMUNITY CENTER REVIEW**

Chairperson asked all councilmembers if they could have someone come in with plans and estimates for the Harland Street Community Center

**11. MEETING MINUTES**

- a.) Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting Minutes (February 2, 2022)
- b.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (February 14, 2022)
- c.) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (February 16, 2022)

No discussion.

**12. REVIEW OF BILLS**

Batch #1 (February 11, 2022); Batch #2 (February 18, 2022); Batch # 3 (February 25, 2022); and Batch #4 (March 7, 2022)

No discussion

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT - RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND TELEPHONE CALLS**

No discussion.

**14. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No discussion.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilmember Hooks moved to adjourn the Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, March 14, 2022. Seconded by Councilmember Potter-Robbins. The motion was approved (3-0-0).

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robinson Brown  
City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on April 20, 2022.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, March 14, 2022, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.