

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:07 p.m., on Monday, April 18th, 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 McMahon; Chief David Rice; 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, wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Chief David Rice briefly discussed the laws that have changed in the last two years. He explained the county and state's new process for issuing an arrest. Chief Rice asked that if anyone had questions or concerns, please call or email him directly.

March 2022 Statistics: 911 Disconnects: 105; 30 Accidents; 1 Assault; 4 Burglaries; 48 Disorderly; 31 Domestic; 14 Family Disputes; 18 Hit and Runs; 1 Citizen Robbery; 1 TA Robbery; 31 Thefts, 11 thefts from Auto, 8 Controlled Dangerous Substance Calls; 7 Suspicious Persons; 27 Suspicious Vehicles; 91 Traffic Stops; 63 Quality of Life Interventions; 41 Parking Citations; 187 State Citations; 55 Safety Equipment Repair Orders; 106 Warning Citations; 4 Criminal Citations.

City Administrative Officer Gatling thanked everyone who attended the Spring Festival. She informed everyone that she, Mayor Nembhard, and Assistant CAO, Michael McMahon attended Prince George's County Public Hearing for the CDBG Action Plan. The city is slated to receive the grant that she had mentioned in the previous meeting. The contractors began the renovations in the bathrooms at the Municipal Center. Lastly, Ms. Gatling announced/introduced our new HR/Special Projects Assistant.

Director of Public Works Triplett was called on to give his report and began with a report on the Clean Water Partnership and Pedestrian Bridge, stating that the corrections are now complete and they are just waiting for the date of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be announced. Pepco will be doing High Powerline tearing beginning this Spring. Eight trees will be removed and re-planted by Pepco. The Community Gardens are now opened and will be serviced weekly. Mr. Triplett invited everyone to attend the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony at Sports Park on April 29th at 10 a.m.

Mayor Nembhard began her report by informing everyone of the calls she's been receiving regarding the cleanliness of the City of New Carrollton and the beautification of the flowers planted throughout the city. She thanked the Department Public Works for their hard work

and dedication. Mayor Nembhard stated that the Community Gardens is completely sold out. She also reminded everyone that the Green Team Community Cleanup was taking place on Saturday, April 23rd. Mayor Nembhard thanked everyone who helped and participated in the Spring Festival.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairperson Mills addressed the council requesting that no one respond to emails from residents unless it is shared with everyone. Chairperson Mills also requested that the council choose a time to be in attendance at the city's next public function so that they can speak to residents and take pictures together as a unit.

Councilmember Urbina recommended that the city create an account on the NEXTDOOR social media app. to broaden communication with residents. Councilmember Urbina informed everyone that she learned of some pressing concerns of a resident. She immediately relayed them to Chief Rice, who provided her with the information she needed. She then asked Chief a question pertaining to a misdemeanor and the 911 disconnect.

Councilmember Dodro asked if there was a date for the general department discussion in the budget. She requested that we add it for the future meeting.

Councilmember Hooks asked Mr. Triplett if he knew when the wording on the signs at the bridge would be changed? Mr. Triplett replied, that they are currently working on the verbiage to be added to sign.

4. ARPA Consultant Contract

All are in favor

Councilmember Urbina will read the proposal at the next meeting for the council to vote on.

5. 4- CITIES COALITION MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

No one had anything to add.

6. PROCLAMATION – MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK (MAY 1 - MAY 7, 2022)

All are in favor

7. PROCLAMATION – MUNICIPAL POLICE WEEK (MAY 8 - MAY 14, 2022)

All are in favor

8. PROCLAMATION – MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK (MAY 15 – MAY 21, 2022)

All are in favor

9. BUDGET FY 2023: PUBLIC WORKS

The council agreed that the letter can be sent out.

10. MEETING MINUTES

a.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (March 2, 2022)

b.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (March 14, 2022)

c.) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (March 16, 2022)

No discussion.

11. REVIEW OF BILLS

Batch #1 (March 11, 2022); Batch #2 (March 18, 2022); Batch #3

(March 25, 2022); Batch #4 (March 31, 2022); and Batch #5 (April 11, 2022)

No discussion

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

Councilmember Dodro asked if the city could assist Parkdale High School' baseball team? She explained that all their baseball equipment was lost due to a fire.

13. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No discussion.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Hooks moved to adjourn the Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, April 18, 2022. Seconded by Councilmember Urbina. The motion was approved (3-0-0).

The meeting ended at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robinson Brown

City Clerk

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Adopted by the City Council on May 18, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, April 18, 2022, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.