

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022**

The City Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 16, 2022, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chairperson Cynthia DB Mills; Councilmembers Allyne Hooks, Katrina Dodro, and Briana Urbina; Mayor Phelecia Nembhard; City Administrative Officer Latasha Gatling; Assistant City Administrative Officer Michael McMahon; Finance Director Lorna Grant-Charles; Chief of Police David G. Rice; Director of Public Works Andre Triplett; Information Technology Administrator Andrew Facey; and Office Manager Araceli Guzman.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mills welcomed everyone and called the Workshop meeting to called to order.

Chairperson Mills asked for two minutes of silence in honor of the passing of Councilmember Sarah Potter-Robbins.

Chairperson Mills announced that agenda items 4, 5, and 6 will not be discussed tonight and place back on a future meeting.

2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Nembhard referred to Andre Triplett for Public Works report.

Director of Public Works Triplett stated they the Cleanwater Partnership is having a ribbon-cutting on Monday the 23rd at 5:30 pm for the new pedestrian bridge. Curb tree planting is starting next week. Summer flower planting is wrapping up this week. He then went through Public Works statistics.

Chief Rice stated that the Bike Rodeo was well attended despite being postponed to the next day due to weather. He will have crime statistics at the next meeting.

Mayor Nembhard reported that last week she met with Senator Paul Pinsky about his scholarship awards. One of the top awards went to a New Carrollton student. She also attended a presentation last week by the Mexican Cultural Institute of DC to showcase area businesses. She reported she forwarded the Council the letter from Prince George's County Public School concerning the purchase of New Carrollton property. She attended a webinar on food scrap collection and the video is available to view.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Dodro sends her condolences to the family of Sarah Potter-Robbins.

Chairperson Mills reported that Sarah Potter-Robbins had over 27 years on the City Council and her memorial service will be on June 7. Mayor Nembhard stated she will be doing a proclamation and a remembrance.

Chairperson Mills reported that the Chief has found five police cars and will need some money to put down to hold the cars.

4. ARPA GRANT MANGER POSITION

Mr. McMahon stated the Administration prepared a job description that should be in your packet and we are looking for City Council approval to create the position.

5. **CONTRACT FOR AVC ROOM - \$58,680.00**

Mr. Facey stated that in the agenda packet is the proposal that Administration is recommending the Council approve. A discussion followed.

6. **PGC SCHOOL LETTER TO MAYOR**

Chairperson Mills reported the Mayor forwarded the City Council the letter she received from Prince George's County Public Schools regarding purchasing several plots of City property to expand two schools in New Carrollton. A discussion followed.

7. **COMMENTS ON BIKE RODEO**

Discussed during the Administration Report.

8. **MUNICIPAL CURBSIDE FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION**

Mr. McMahon reported on a recent webinar offered by the local Sierra Club on food scrape collection programs. He went on to say the PGC now allows food scraps at its composting facility so food scraps can be collected along with yard waste meaning there will be no additional costs to take food scrapes to PGC. A discussion followed.

9. **MEETING MINUTES**

- a.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 6, 2022)
- b.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (April 18, 2022)
- c.) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (April 20, 2022)

No Discussion

10. **REVIEW OF BILLS**

Batch #1 (April 15, 2022); Batch #2 (April 22, 2022); Batch #3 (May 2, 2022)

No Discussion

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT – (RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND PHONE CALLS)**

Patricia Jackman and Steven John at 5813 Lemont Dr. stated that on May 4th she emailed the Mayor and all the members of the Council a document asking for their input. The document was an action taken by elected officials in PGC asking MDOT and FHA to do additional analysis be done on the impacts of the Beltway expansion. She specifically asked why the City did not join the other ten mayors to sign the document. The Mayor stated she responds to all emails and that this topic was discussed at the next City Council meeting which Mr. Johns attended. A lengthy discussion followed.

Roy Peterson at 8406 Ravenswood Rd. and is concerned as to why the Mayor did not sign the letter with the other ten mayors.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilmember Dodro moved to adjourn the Council Legislative Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022. Councilmember Hooks seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahon

Assistant City Administrative
Officer

Adopted by the City Council on June 15, 2022

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Legislative Meeting of Monday, May 16, 2022, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.

