

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chair Cynthia DB Mills, Councilmembers, Allyne Hooks, Katrina R. Dodro and Briana Urbina, Mayor Phelecia Nembhard, City Administrative Officer Latasha Gatling, Assistant City Administrative Officer Michael McMahon, Human Resource Administrator Randi Barclay, Chief of Police David G. Rice, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, Director of Finance Lorna Grant-Charles, and City Clerk Doug Barber. Councilmember Sarah Potter Robbins was absent.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mills welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

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

Chief of Police Rice had no written report. Chief Rice provided clarification on the process for residents to request traffic calming devices being placed on City streets. Chief Rice reminded residents to be aware of trick-or-treaters out and about on Sunday, October 31, 2021, for Halloween. Chief Rice closed his report by providing the monthly stats for September 2021.

Director of Public Works Triplett provided an official written report to the City Council. Mr. Triplett noted the current projects the department has been handling and made the residents aware that PEPCO would be doing some power line trimming and the City would be doing some sidewalk repairs throughout the City.

City Administrative Officer Gatling provided an official written report to the City Council. Ms. Gatling noted the upcoming events: Halloween 10/31/21; Shredding Event 11/13/21; Veterans Day Ceremony 11/13/21; and Holiday Decorating Contest 12/6/21. Ms. Gatling also noted the upcoming 4-Cities Coalition Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. being hosted virtually by the City of New Carrollton.

Mayor Nembhard noted the upcoming 2021 Halloween event, and advised that an Executive Order has not been issued, so trick-or-treating in the City would be up to the residents to decide how they wanted to participate. Mayor Nembhard noted the City's policy on responding to complaints and urged residents to contact the City with their comments and concerns.

**3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Dodro requested the updated 2021 Halloween Flyer. City Clerk Barber advised he would send an updated flyer to all the City Councilmembers as it has been posted on the City's website and on all of the City's social media outlets.

Ms. Urbina requested clarification on vaccine mandates for City employees. City Administrative Officer Gatling responded to questions posed by Ms. Urbina on the issue.

Ms. Hooks addressed her concerns with the City Council being notified of the City's vaccine requirements. Ms. Hooks addressed her concerns with the City's 2021 Veterans Day Ceremony being held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, and not on the actual holiday. Mr. Barber and Ms. Gatling responded to questions posed by Ms. Hooks on the issue.

**4. COMMUNITY EVENTS – OCTOBER 2021, NOVEMBER 2021, AND DECEMBER 2021**

City Clerk Barber addressed City Councilmembers with update on the upcoming events scheduled for October, November, and December: Halloween "Goodie Bag Distribution" – Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Shredding Event – Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon at the Andrew C. Hanko Building (8511 Legation Road); Veterans Day Ceremony – Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. at Veterans Park; and Holiday Decorating Contest – Monday, December 6, 2021.

**5. 4-CITIES COALITION MEETING AGENDA ITEMS (THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021, HOSTED VIRTUALLY BY THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON)**

City Clerk Barber requested proposed agenda items for the upcoming 4-Cities Coalition Meeting Agenda being hosted virtually by the City of New Carrollton on Thursday, October 28, 2021. Mr. Barber advised that invitations were sent to the District 22 State Delegation, Prince George's County State's Attorney Office, and the Maryland Municipal League. Mr. Barber will provide a final agenda to the Mayor and City Council once it has been finalized.

**6. SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY 2021 PROCLAMATION**

City Clerk Barber presented the proposed Small Business Saturday 2021 Proclamation. There was no discussion. Chair Mill requested that Ms. Robbins present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

**7. ORDINANCE 22-04 BUDGET AMENDMENT RECONCILIATION NO. TWO: TO AMEND ORDINANCE 21-10 CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET FOR FY 2022, AS AMENDED**

City Administrative Officer Gatling presented the proposed Ordinance 22-04 Budget Amendment Reconciliation No. Two: To Amend Ordinance 21-10 Current Expense Budget for FY 2022, as amended to the City Council. There was no discussion. Chair Mill requested that Ms. Robbins present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021. There was no discussion. Chair Mill requested that Ms. Dodro present the official motion at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

**8. MEETING MINUTES**

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (September 13, 2021)
- b) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (September 15, 2021)

City Clerk Barber informed the City Council that the minutes from September 2021 have been prepared and provided to the City Council for their review and comments.

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

Ms. Clemmie Linville, a Frenchman's Creek resident, addressed the City Council with a huge thank you to all those at the City of New Carrollton who assisted not only her but all the residents that were affected by the recent fire at the Frenchman's Creek complex.

Ms. Pam Pluckey, addressed her concerns with a vacant property adjacent to her home. Chief Rice responded and requested to meet with Ms. Plucky to address her concerns with the property in question.

Ms. Theresa Marlowe, addressed the City Council with her concern regarding the mandate for all employees be vaccinated.

Lindsay Hubbard, addressed the City Council with her concern regarding the mandate for all employees be vaccinated.

Officer Joseph Hughes, addressed the City Council with his concern regarding the mandate for all employees be vaccinated.

Officer Byron Purnell, addressed the City Council with his concern regarding the mandate for all employees be vaccinated.

Ms. Raneda L. King, 6709 Sunset Terrace, addressed the City Council with regards to the recent shooting on Sunset Terrace.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items requested.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Hooks moved to adjourn the Council Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, October 6, 2021, seconded by Ms. Urbina. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on November 17, 2021.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, October 6, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.

