

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

The Council Workshop Meeting was held at 7:05 p.m., on Monday, November 15, 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, Information Technology Administrator Andrew Facey, Chief of Police David G. Rice, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, 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 thanked all who assisted and attended the City of New Carrollton Veterans Ceremony held on Saturday, November 13, 2021. Chief Rice closed his report by providing the police stats for October 2021.

Director of Public Works Triplett provided an official written report to the City Council. Mr. Triplett requested that residents be mindful of what they place in their leaf collection piles, as boards and bricks will damage the equipment. Mr. Triplett closed his report by providing the monthly stats for October 2021.

City Administrative Officer Gatling provided an official written report to the City Council. Ms. Gatling noted that the City of New Carrollton had issued an RFP for VOIP Telephone System and the staff's official recommendation will go before the City Council later in the meeting. Ms. Gatling closed her report by noting the meetings and events she had attended as well as Assistant City Administrative Officer McMahon.

Mayor Nembhard thanked everyone involved in making the City of New Carrollton Veterans Ceremony held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, such a wonderful event. Mayor Nembhard advised the City Council of her attendance virtually and in-person of events she has attended on behalf of the City of New Carrollton. Mayor Nembhard closed her report by reminding the residents of the City's guidelines and requirements regarding the City's Bulk Trash Collection.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Hooks had no questions or announcements.

Ms. Urbina thanked Mayor Nembhard for providing the City Council with the letter sent on behalf of the 4-Cities Coalition regarding the opposition to CR-123-2021, the redistricting proposal from the Prince George's County Council.

Ms. Dodro requested an update from Chief Rice on the details for the 2021 Santa with a Badge Program.

Ms. Mills reminded residents to take care of their trash in and around their homes.

4. VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VOIP) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS CONTRACT APPROVAL

Information Technology Administrator addressed the City Councilmembers with an overview of the City's Voice-Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Telecommunications Systems contract. There was no discussion. Ms. Mills noted the official motion will be presented at the Council Legislative Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

5. CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair Mills addressed City Councilmembers with a suggestion to change the current Council Meeting Schedule. Ms. Mills proposed that the City Council only have one Council Workshop Meeting and one Council Legislative Meeting per month, and per the City Charter the Council Legislative Meeting is to be held on the third Wednesday of the month, and to hold the Council Workshop Meeting the Monday prior. The Council discussed the issue at length. Ms. Hooks stated her support of the proposed change. Ms. Dodro advised she did not support the change to Council Meeting schedule.

6. MEETING MINUTES

- a) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (October 6, 2021)
- b) City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (October 18, 2021)
- c) City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (October 20, 2021)

City Clerk Barber informed the City Council that the minutes from October 2021 had previously been provided to the City Council for their review and comments.

7. REVIEW OF PAID BILLS

Batch # 1 (September 10, 2021); Batch # 2 (September 17, 2021); Batch # 3 (September 24, 2021); Batch # 4 (October 1, 2021); Batch # 5 (October 8, 2021); and Batch # 6 (October 15, 2021)

Chair Mills advised the City Councilmembers to review the paid bills and to contact the City Staff with any questions. The City Council had no questions.

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

No one wished to address the City Councilmembers.

9. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Hooks requested a Closed Session.

Ms. Urbina requested a Closed Session for Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

Ms. Dodro requested that a planning session for City Councilmember be scheduled for a half-day session based on the data received from the 2020 census.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Hooks moved to adjourn the Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, November 15, 2021, seconded by Ms. Urbina. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

The meeting ended at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC

City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on December 15, 2021.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop Meeting of Monday, November 15, 2021, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.