

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

The Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chairperson Cynthia DB Mills; Councilmembers Allyne Hooks, Lincoln H.G. Lashley, Katrina R. Dodro, and Briana Urbina; Mayor Phelecia Nembhard; Director of Public Works Andre Triplett; Finance Director Lorna Grant-Charles; Information Technology Administrator Andrew Facey; and City Clerk Araceli Guzman-Benitez.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mills called the Council meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson asked everyone whether the Council reviewed the following minutes:

- a.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (September 7, 2022)
- b.) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (September 21, 2022)
- c.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (October 5, 2022)
- d.) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (October 19, 2022)

Motion: Councilmember Hooks moved that the City Council approve the minutes for (Council Workshop Meeting, September 7, 2022), (Council Legislative Meeting, September 21, 2022), (Council Workshop Meeting, October 5, 2022), and (Council Legislative Meeting, October 19, 2022). Councilmember Lashley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairperson Mills called for the vote. The motion was approved (**5-0-0**).

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS PERTAINING TO INFORMATION THAT WILL BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF NEW CARROLLTON

Chairperson Mills open the floor for the topic allowing two minutes.

Councilmember Urbina explained that she previously brought up the idea to bring non-citizen voting to New Carrollton, and wanted to clarify the topic so to not confused anybody; it would be for people who are not US citizens, undocumented, nationals of other countries being residents of New Carrollton; she is answering the question brought up by a resident; Chairperson Mills stated that she has the topic on her list of agenda items for December, to go ahead and do research on their topic items; a discussion followed about the agenda packet, that the folder will be available before Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Dodro thanked the resident who came out to do the meet and greet the past Saturday; Chairperson Mills stated that it is not a Council topic, she requested to mute Councilmember Dodro; Chairperson Mills stated that such meeting according to comments from city residents was a topic about campaigning and such topic is not to be discussed on a Council meeting.

Councilmember Lashley started by congratulating Governor-Elect Wes Moore, and Aruna Miller, Lieutenant Governor-Elect; he expressed his condolences to the passing of former Delegate Tawanna Gaines; he wished his colleagues, the Mayor and her staff and to the residents a happy Thanksgiving holiday; he reiterated about going forward on the following items: The

reorganization of the Council and the retreat.

OLD BUSINESS
NONE

NEW BUSINESS
NONE

4. COMMENTS OF PAID BILLS

Chairperson Mills asked if anyone had comments about the list of bills:

Batch #1 (October 10, 2022); Batch #2 (October 14, 2022); Batch #3 (October 24, 2022).

Councilmember Dodro stated that since these is a Council meeting and they speak about finances, there is something non-democratic going on about not been able to voice their opinions or do their duty as Councilmembers, therefore she will not be attending any meetings and she will not be voting on any financials until they practice the proper way according to the Charter, and according to the State; she hopes that her colleagues join her to boycott the meeting until there is a resolution in a way that meets the Charter, and a way that meets the State. Chairperson Mills asked a question about whether Councilmember Dodro is giving up her right to represent the residents of New Carrollton; a discussion followed; Council Chair requested that Ms. Dodro be muted.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Mills called the adjournment.

There being no further business, Councilmember Hooks moved the motion to adjourn the Council Legislative Meeting for Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Chairperson Mills seconded the motion and not everyone were in favor. Chairperson Mills closed the meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Araceli Guzman-Benitez

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City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on December 21, 2023.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton’s Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, November 16, 2022, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton’s website.