

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom/Municipal Center, Room 230. In attendance were Councilmembers Briana Urbina, David Lai, Ryan Hussey and Duane Rosenberg (Councilmember Lincoln Lashley was absent); Mayor Katrina Dodro, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, Interim CAO Joe Nagro, Technology Administrator Andrew Facey, and City Clerk Araceli Guzman-Benitez.

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Motion: Councilmember Lai moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember Hussey seconded the motion. Chair Urbina called for the vote. The Motion passed (4-0-0).

2. **PRESENTATION: ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Marty Linsky, Senior Account Executive led the presentation and provided a fleet synopsis on their full-service Fleet Management.

A discussion followed Mr. Linsky answered inquiries from the Mayor and Council.

3. **PRESENTATION: COMCAST TO DISCUSS CONNECTIVITY FOR INCOME-BASED SERVICES**

Ms. Tami Watkins led the presentation; she provided important information helpful to the community: Comcast low-cost internet services; a federal for eligible customers; local representation; grants office of broadband; criteria eligibility; income-based recipients.

A discussion followed Ms. Watkins answered inquiries from the Mayor and Council.

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

Mr. Joe Nagro announced that the Administration has a new office manager; he provided an update on the Carrollton Pkwy Bridge; National Night Out event and Community Day on September.

Mr. Triplett provided updates on the following topics: Paving of Frenchman's Creeks condominiums was completed; Sidewalk repairs; crosswalks painting; he provided stats for the month of June.

Chief Rice provided an update on the following topics: An update to the general orders; recreational cannabis; and he provided statistics for the month of June.

City Clerk Guzman-Benitez announced that the Four-cities meeting will take place at the Town of Berwyn Heights on July 27.

Mayor Dodro provided updates on the following topics: Re-decorating the Municipal Center; Harland Street; City website; hackathon; announcement of the new CAO, three summer interns, and three new hires for the Code Enforcement Dept.

Mr. Triplett, Mr. Nagro and Chief Rice answered inquiries and provided the Council explanations.

5. COUNCIL QUESTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Dodro, Mr. Triplett, Mr. Nagro, and Chief Rice answered inquiries and provided the Council clarification on certain topics.

6. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Urbina Congratulated Mr. Wood as the new baseball coach of the University of Maryland and a New Carrollton resident; the homeless person on 85th Ave has been re-home; and expressed her joy on raising the Pride flag in the City of New Carrollton.

Councilmember Lai announced that the County Council has volunteer vacancies to serve on committees; Frenchman’s Creek community meetings; Free, Six-week Planning Course Academy planning PG; and Prince George’s County Equity Council to provide free lunch.

Councilmember Rosenberg announced that the Ebenezer Food Bank would be at the Municipal Center every first and third Saturday of each month, and announced the City committee vacancies.

Councilmember Hussey mentioned the vacancies of city committees and Google forms.

7. DISCUSSION: REPLACING THE COOLING TOWER

Mayor Dodro provided an overview of the cooling tower replacement, equipment, and labor pricing.

8. DEBRIEF FROM THE COUNCIL RETREAT

The Mayor and Council provided a brief overview on the Council retreat of June 24, 2023 during the Maryland Municipal League conference at Ocean City.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City resident Ce-Ce – Thanked the Police Department and Mr. Lai for the information about the Ebenezer Food Bank.

City resident David Rowlands – Had suggestions about the traffic due to the closure of the Powhatan Bridge.

City resident Stephen John – Had concerns about the traffic due to the closure of the bridge.

10. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Community policing
Police dispatch
Language access: Translation and interpreting

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN – MOVE INTO LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Motion: Councilmember Rosenberg moved to adjourn the workshop session. Councilmember Lai seconded the motion. Chair Urbina called for the vote. The Motion passed (4-0-0).

1. **CALL TO ORDER AT 9:17 PM**

2. **DISCUSSION ON PRESENTATION FROM THE WORKSHOP MEETING,
CHAIR MAY ENTERTAIN MOTION ON OPTIONS PRESENTED**

Motion: Councilmember Rosenberg moved to further discussion on Enterprise Fleet Management. Councilmember Lai seconded the motion. Chair Urbina called for the vote. The Motion passed (4-0-0).

A discussion followed. The Council requested further information to make a decision.

3. **EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF THE COOLING TOWER AT THE
MUNICIPAL CENTER**

Motion: Councilmember Rosenberg moved that the Council approve the purchase and installation of a new BAC cooling tower, for \$69,400.00, funded through the budget line item 01-1510-52100, “Building Maintenance & Repair”. FY2024. Councilmember Lai seconded the motion. A discussion followed. Chair Urbina called for the vote. The Motion passed (4-0-0).

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Lai moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rosenberg seconded. The motion passed (4-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Adopted by the City Council on October 18, 2023.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton’s Council Special Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, July 19, 2023, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton’s website: www.newcarrolltonmd.gov.