

## CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES

Called to order 7:02 p.m. In Attendance were Councilmembers Cynthia DB Mills; Lincoln H.G. Lashley, Katrina R. Dodro, Allyne Hooks, and Briana Urbina; Mayor Phelecia Nembhard; Information Technology Administrator Andrew Facey and City Clerk Araceli Guzman-Benitez.

### 1. 2023 ELECTION RESULTS (BOE)

Charles Davis, Chairman of the Board of Elections provided the following overview of the May 1, 2023, election results for candidates running for mayor:

Katrina R. Dodro ..... 434  
Phelecia E. Nembhard ..... 300

Election results for candidates running for councilmember:

Tyrone F. General .....116  
Allyne Hooks .....239  
Ryan Alexander Hussey .....363  
Raneda L. King .....300  
David Chi-Wai Lai .....432  
Lincoln H.G. Lashley .....460  
Rashad Lloyd .....257  
Cynthia DB Mills .....290  
Duane H. Rosenberg .....433  
Briana Urbina .....442  
Samuel Leon Young .....196

The total votes were 742 including write-in votes.

### 2. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Nembhard gave a report including the following: proposing a compensation study; underground tank/above tank; plans for cleaning the Harland Street property; she congratulated the Mayor elect and Councilmembers elect; Jodie Street repairs were completed; proposed a closed meeting to discuss the Chief of Police; she thanked the administrative staff for the work that they do; the MRUA program; parks need repairs; grant State Highway Administration for beautification; CERT training; job applications; technology projects; job promotions.

### 3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO REPORT GIVEN BY MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilmember Lashley requested an update on the AV room.

Councilmember Urbina thanked the Board of Elections, poll workers and staff who worked on Election Day.

Councilmember Hooks did not have any questions.

Mayor-Elect Dodro requested to leave all the councilmembers unmuted; she requested that no major

decisions be made from today's date through May 17; she proposed that any new projects should not move forward at this time; it is the tradition of all forms of government to follow this rules and hopes that the current administration follows this rules.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairperson Mills announced that on the 17<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will be in person at the Municipal Center for the swearing-in of the new Mayor and Council.

**5. 6000 HARLAND STREET CLEANUP**

Was not discussed.

**6. MUNICIPAL CENTER SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION PROPOSAL**

Chairperson Mills open the floor for questions.

Councilmember Hooks provided an opinion.

Mayor-Elect Dodro noted that there should be more information about the ownership of the building before discussing the topic further.

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

Chairperson Mills open the floor for questions.

Councilmember Hooks provided an opinion.

Mayor-Elect Dodro did not discussed the topic.

**8. ADOPTION OF THE FY2024 BUDGET – ORDINANCE 23-02 SECOND READING**

Was not discussed.

**9. RESOLUTION 23-03 FY2024 SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Chairperson Mills open the floor for questions on the topic.

Ms. Lorna Grant-Charles provided an overview of the topic.

**10. PURCHASE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT PERMIT LICENSING/BUDGET SOFTWARE THROUGH ARPA FUNDS**

Ms. Lorna Grant-Charles provided an overview of the topic.

**11. FUEL TANK REPLACEMENT DPW**

Chairperson Mills open the floor for the topic and requested information.

**12. EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A NEW WATER TRUCK DPW**

Chairperson Mills open the floor for the topic.

Mr. Nadab Gordon provided an explanation about the status of the current water truck.

Councilmember Lashley did not moved forward on any finances.

**13. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SEEKS APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH STREET PAVING AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS WITH VMP CONSTRUCTION CO, INC., PROPOSAL FOR \$81,955.00 AND PROPOSAL \$458,620.00**

Chairperson Mills open the floor for questions on the topic.

Ms. Lorna Grant-Charles noted that the following streets need repairs: Sprague Place; Fairbanks Street, 85<sup>th</sup> Place, Oliver Street and Topton Street.

**14. MEETING MINUTES**

- a.) Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting (March 1, 2023)
- b.) Council Special Workshop Meeting (March 8, 2023)
- c.) Council Legislative Meeting (March 15, 2023)
- d.) Council Workshop Meeting (April 5, 2023)
- e.) Council Legislative Meeting (April 19, 2023)

The minutes were not provided at this time.

**15. REVIEW OF PAID BILLS**

Chairperson Mills requested that the Council review the following the list of bills.

Batch #1 (March 31, 2023); Batch #2 (April 7, 2023); Batch #3 (April 25, 2023).

**16. PUBLIC COMMENT- RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION, AND, PHONE CALLS**

Chairperson Mills open the floor for audience participation.

Resident: Connie Scott a resident of 38 years noted that her street has not been resurfaced before. Requesting resurfacing of Mentana Street to Westbrook.

Annemarie Rivera from 8408 Carrollton Pkwy requested that the city implement a one-way street to control the high traffic in that area.

Ce-Ce a resident of the city provided her opinions to the new Mayor and New Council.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Mills called for adjournment.

Councilmember Hooks put a motion to adjourn the meeting. No one seconded the motion. The vote failed. (1-4-0).

Chairperson Mills adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Mayor Nembhard addressed the Chairperson about Frenchman's Creek road pavement and requested clarification on a vote from a previous meeting on how to proceed with the contract whether it is piggyback on the PG contract or RFPs are required. (Chairperson Mills responded to Mayor Nembhard that it is her impression that the contract will be piggybacking a PG contract).

The meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Araceli Guzman-Benitez

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City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on August 16, 2023.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton’s Council Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, May 3, 2023, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton’s website: [www.newcarrolltonmd.gov](http://www.newcarrolltonmd.gov).