

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, Duane Rosenberg, Lincoln Lashley, David Lai, and (**Ryan Hussey arrived at 7:05 pm**); Mayor Katrina Dodro, Police Chief David G. Rice, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, 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 Lashley seconded the motion. Chair Urbina called for the vote. The Motion passed (4-0-0). (Councilmember Hussey was not present during the vote).

2. **COUNCIL MEETING NORMS AND EXPECTATIONS**

Chair Urbina announced expectations for Council meeting Protocols.

A discussion followed.

Motion: Councilmember Lai moved to set a three-minute period for staff, councilmembers, and the members of the public to speak. Councilmember Lashley seconded the motion. Chair Urbina called for the vote. The motion passed (4-0-0).

(Councilmember Hussey was not present during the vote).

Chair Urbina discussed agenda goals and expectations.

A discussion followed.

3. **THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SEEKS EMERGENCY APPROVAL FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO SUBMIT AN RFP FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE POWHATAN STREET BRIDGE OVER BRIAR DITCH**

Director of Public Works Triplett led the discussion and provided an overview of the closure of the bridge at Westbrook Drive due to defects that were found by engineers. They were in agreement that the bridge should be removed and replaced. Mr. Triplett is requesting approval to do an emergency RFP; further inspection determined that it was best to keep the bridge closed. He discussed the options for safety and possible cost estimates.

Chair Urbina noted that a vote was not required and that the consensus of the council was to move forward.

4. **BUDGET HEARING – OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Council reviewed the Public Works budget with the Mayor and Director of Public Works Triplett.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Laura Urbina from 8001 Legation Road - had questions and provided an opinion in reference to the Powhatan Bridge.

Angela Alarcon from 6118 86th Ave – Had questions about the Powhatan Bridge and about the ARPA funds and gift cards.

David Rawlands from 8318 Carrollton Pkwy – Thanked Mr. Triplett, congratulated the Council for running an effective meeting, and had questions about Powhatan Bridge and requested that an officer direct traffic.

Ce-Ce from Frenchman’s Creek had questions about WSSC and the construction happening and Fountain Club construction trucks.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chair Urbina moved the motion to adjourn the Meeting. Councilmember Lashley seconded. The motion passed (5-0-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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 Special Workshop Meeting of Wednesday, May 24, 2023, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton’s website:

www.newcarrolltonmd.gov.