

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom/Municipal Center, Room 230. In attendance were Councilmembers Briana Urbina, Lincoln Lashley, David Lai, Ryan Hussey, and (Via Zoom Duane Rosenberg). Also, present Mayor Katrina Dodro, Police Chief David G. Rice, Technology Administrator Andrew Facey, and City Clerk Araceli Guzman-Benitez.

1. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a.) Proclamation: LGBTQIA+ Pride Month
- b.) Proclamation: 70th Anniversary

Mayor Dodro invited everyone to participate in raising the Progress Pride flag at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow and read the LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Motion: Councilmember Lashley moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember Lai seconded the motion. Chair Urbina called for the vote. The Motion passed (5-0-0).

3. BUDGET HEARING – PICK UP UNFINISHED REVIEW FROM MAY 24, 2023; POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS

The Council reviewed the Police Department’s budget with Mayor Dodro, Director of Finance & Accounting Lorna Grant-Charles, Captain Butler, and Chief of Police David Rice.

Chief Rice provided a brief overview of the budget process and stated that the budget was prepared during a brief absence from the job.

Chief Rice mentioned that they applied for a grant to fund the new state mandated police body camera/60 seconds program and that the grant was approved. The award is not added to the budget, because the amount determined is unknown. Other topics covered: Proposed memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Transportation on roadway median upkeep at RT.450; red light cameras; State aid for police protection money; provided a list of police ranks; community promotions explanation; insurance; fleet management system; pre-employment mental wellness; GPS tracking on police vehicles; budget for vehicles does the county offsets the cost; proposed physical fleet management.

Motion: Councilmember Lai moved to extend this meeting of May 31, 2023 to 9:15 p.m. Councilmember Hussey seconded the motion. Chair Urbina called for the vote. The Motion passed (5-0-0).

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City resident Ce-Ce had the following questions: National Night Out event, and affordable housing for officers and for the public.

City resident Rashad Lloyd – asked to see an itemized receipt for what was overspent to have an idea of when went over budget, why we went over budget and who approves it when we go over budget; workers comp in all of the departments if we're overspending, a breakdown of what type of accident was reported (not who reported the accident), but the type of accident. He requested information about claims and detailed reporting within the police department.

City resident Ms. Padmore – Requested clarity about City owned cars that are in the parking lot of the Municipal Center.

City resident Alarcon - thanked DPW for trimming the lawn on Westbrook Dr.; Suggesting more information be made available through our City's Organization Chart; suggested we pay equitable wages to employees and hiring or internship for social media marketing.

There were questions about the budget: Small equipment, the license plate reader, support services; and the Animal Control nonprofit that does, trap and release.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Araceli Guzman-Benitez

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City Clerk

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, May 31, 2023, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website:

www.newcarrolltonmd.gov.