

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES

Called to order 7:01 p.m. Via Zoom/Municipal Center, Room 230. In attendance were Councilmembers Briana Urbina, Lincoln Lashley, David Lai, Ryan Hussey and Duane Rosenberg; Mayor Katrina Dodro, Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, Director of Finance & Accounting Lorna Grant-Charles, Technology Administrator Andrew Facey, and City Clerk Araceli Guzman-Benitez.

1. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- a.) 70th Anniversary Proclamation
- b.) LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation (Official Signatures)

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. **BRIEF UPDATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON TALL GRASS WESTBROOK AND CARROLLTON PARKWAY**

Chairperson Urbina led the discussion on the topic; Director of Public Works Andre Triplett provided an update and responded to questions about tall grass on Westbrook Dr, and Carrollton Pkwy. There are plans to maintain Westbrook Drive through a contractor; tall grass on abandoned properties; Rt. 450; and creeks that belong to the County such as Westbrook, Powhatan and Carrollton Parkway were other topics discussed.

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

The Council reviewed the Department of Public Works' budget with the Director of Public Works Andre Triplett, Mayor Dodro and Director of Finance & Accounting Lorna Grant-Charles.

The topics that were covered:

- Curbside participation
- Composting kitchen scraps
- Unemployment budget line item
- List of positions that are currently open
- Updates on community gardens
- Repairs of the bridge
- Frenchman's Creek playground maintenance
- Infrastructure/maintenance
- Street repairs.

City resident Rashad Lloyd suggested that the horticulturist train existing staff in order to retain employees.

City resident David Rowlands had a question about involvement with the New Carrollton Boys & Girls Club and field maintenance.

Mr. Triplett and Ms. Grant-Charles responded to questions and provided clarification to the Council and to the public.

The Council reviewed the Administration's budget with Mayor Dodro and Director of Finance & Accounting Lorna Grant-Charles.

The following budget line items were covered during the discussion:

- The Mayor's salary needs corrections
- Training and onboarding
- Gifts & special occasions
- Fire Department donation
- Boys & Girls Club grant
- Community promotions
- Welcome committee
- Municipal Center upgrade
- Intangible terms
- Insurance; salaries; positions
- Forensic audit;
- Budget amendment in the fall

Motion: Chair Urbina moved to extend the meeting of June 1, to 9:15 pm. Councilmember Lai seconded the motion. Chair Urbina called for the vote. The motion passed (5-0-0).

Mayor Dodro and Ms. Grant-Charles responded to questions and provided clarification to the Council and to the public.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City resident Rashad Lloyd – Provided an opinion about the HR topic.

City resident Dorothy Stancil – Thanked the Department of Public Works for cutting the grass on Carrollton Parkway and provided an opinion about Litter Patrol.

City resident Ce-Ce – Had questions for Mr. Triplett and provided an opinion about the HR topic.

City resident Rose Evans – Had questions about the Green Team and provided an opinion about cleaning up the community such as Carrollton Pkwy and Annapolis Road.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 Thursday, June 1, 2023, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website:

www.newcarrolltonmd.gov.