

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
MINUTES COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
JULY 20, 2022**

The Council Legislative Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chairperson Cynthia DB Mills; Councilmembers Allyne Hooks, Katrina Dodro and Briana Urbina; Mayor Phelecia Nembhard; City Administrative Officer Latasha Gatling; City Clerk Araceli Guzman-Benitez; Assistant City Administrative Officer Michael McMahon; and Information Technology Administrator Andrew Facey.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mills welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. MEETING MINUTES

a.) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (June 1, 2022)

b.) Council Workshop Meeting Minute (June 15, 2022)

Motion: Councilmember Hooks moved that the following Council Meeting Minutes be approved: Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (June 1, 2022) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (June 15, 2022). Councilmember Urbina seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairperson Mills called for the vote. The motion was approved **(4-0-0)**.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Urbina shared the idea to bring Capital Bikeshare to New Carrollton and asked a question about the process involved.

Councilmember Dodro thanked everyone who went out to vote; congratulated all the winners of elected positions, and emphasized to vote.

Mayor Nembhard announced that the City received a proposal to receive 50 Safeway gift cards of \$200 through a Credit Union to share with constituents; waiting on a final approval through the Credit Union and will provide further details. Mayor Nembhard stated that Mr. Conroy had previously brought up the topic about Bikeshare and that she communicated with College Park about the topic.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA BY THE COUNCIL

There were no additions to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no old business.

5. NEW BUSINESS - FOOD WASTE COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM

Chairperson Mills asked Councilmember Urbina to read the motion to approve Food Waste Collection Pilot Program.

Motion: Councilmember Urbina moved that the City of New Carrollton City Council approve the Food Waste Collection Pilot Program. Councilmember Dodro seconded the motion. There

was no discussion. Chairperson Mills called for the vote. All were in favor. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

6. NEW BUSINESS – HOME IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ARPA)

Chairperson Mills asked Councilmember Dodro to read the motion to approve the Home Improvement Assistance Program.

Motion: Councilmember Dodro moved that the City of New Carrollton City Council approve the Home Improvement Assistance Program and allocate \$900,000 of ARPA funds. Councilmember Hooks seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairperson Mills called for the vote. All were in favor. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

7. NEW BUSINESS – MORTGAGE/RENTAL/UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ARPA)

Chairperson Mills asked everyone if they received the email for number 7.

A discussion followed: Councilmember Dodro stated that she is not prepared to vote on the topic. Chairperson Mills explained that they spoke to neighboring cities; the feedback was that people are too stressed out, so to ask them to verify employment and other personal information; all four jurisdictions are not asking those type of questions. Councilmember Dodro stated that she is not comfortable voting on the topic and that the topic should be discussed further on the August agenda. Chairperson Mills explained that the document is identical from a program used last year. Councilmember Dodro stated that the program is different from last years' program; stated she is not comfortable voting and she abstains from voting.

Chairperson Mills read the motion to approve the Mortgage/Rental/Utility/ Assistance Program (ARPA).

Motion: Chairperson Mills moved that the City of New Carrollton City Council approve the Mortgage/Rental/Utility Assistance Program and allocate \$750,000 of ARPA funds. Chairperson Mills asked for a second. Councilmember Hooks seconded the motion. Councilmember Urbina abstained from the motion. Councilmember Dodro abstained, the motion failed. Chairperson Mills asked if all were in favor. Chairperson Mills stated that there are two abstained; it will be brought back in August. The motion failed (2-2-0).

Councilmember Urbina stated that she will abstain from voting because she did not read the email and because the pandemic is slowing down and she feels that she should not give money to landlords that are going to evict people later due to insufficient income.

Councilmember Dodro stated that she hopes to bring this topic in August; she continued to emphasize her disagreement; Councilmember Mills did not recognized Councilmember Dodro on the floor, a discussion followed.

8. OUTFITTING NEW POLICE CARS (NCPD)

Chairperson Mills asked Councilmember Hooks to read the motion to approve Outfitting the New Police Cars.

Motion: Councilmember Hooks moved that the City of New Carrollton City Council approve the quote from 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Services from RGH Automotive, LLC, DBA New Holland Auto, in the amount of \$9,197.38 per police vehicle totaling \$45,986.90 utilizing ARPA funds. Councilmember Dodro seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilmember Dodro

emphasized clarification on the wording about this topic. Chairperson Mills called for the vote. All were in favor. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

9. PURCHASE OF REFUSE TRUCKS (DPW)

Chairperson Mills read the motion to approve the Purchase of Refuse Trucks.

Motion: Chairperson Mills moved that the City of New Carrollton City Council approve the quote from GranTurk Equipment Co. in the amount of \$462,415.60 utilizing ARPA funds. Councilmember Hooks seconded the motion. Chairperson Mills called for the vote. All were in favor. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

10. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (FOP)

Chairperson Mills asked Councilmember Hooks to read the motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion: Councilmember Hooks moved that the City of New Carrollton City Council approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the City of New Carrollton and Fraternal Order of Police, New Carrollton Lodge No. 137. Councilmember Dodro seconded the motion. Chairperson Mills called for the vote. All were in favor. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

11. REVIEW OF PAID BILLS

Chairperson Mills asked input about the list of bills.

Batch #1 (May 13, 2022); Batch #2 (May 20, 2022); Batch #3 (May 27, 2022); Batch #4 (June 3, 2022). Additional Bills: Batch #1 (June 13, 2022); Batch #2 (June 24, 2022); Batch #3 (June 30, 2022); Batch #4 (July 8, 2022).

Chairperson Mills approved the bills and requested that any comments about the bills be provided to Ms. Lorna.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Dodro moved to adjourn the Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Councilmember Urbina seconded the motion. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

The meeting ended at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Araceli

Guzman-Benitez - 
City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on 8/17/2022.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, July 20, 2022, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website.

