

**CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON MINUTES
COUNCIL WORKSHOP/SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

The Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, as a virtual meeting. Attending were Chairperson Cynthia DB Mills; Councilmembers Allyne Hooks, Lincoln Lashley, Katrina Dodro, and Briana Urbina; Mayor Phelecia Nembhard; Finance Director Lorna Grant-Charles; Capt. Marc Butler; Chief David G. Rice; Information Technology Administrator Andrew Facey.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mills called the Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chairperson Mills stated that there were many items to be discussed and to vote on, that is why they are having this meeting.

3. REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Chairperson Mills recognized Mayor Nembhard.

Mr. Andre Triplett started by thanking the Town of Berwyn Height for providing help with the leaf collection; distribution of Trash totters and collection process; snow equipment was ready to operate in case of a snow storm; Statistics for December: Senior van 61, bulk pick-ups 162, sump discharge 0, trees trimmed 3, trees removed 0, trees planted 0, vehicle for service 11, and pot-holes 3; Stats for January are not available.

Capt. Butler thanked the citizens for their patience during the cold weather and other situations within the City; stats data for January are as follows: there were 981 calls for service, assaults 5, death investigations 3, disorderly conducts 16, domestic disputes 11, burglaries 3, thefts 8, thefts from auto 14, stolen autos 7, motor vehicle accidents 21, CDS 5, Suspicious person 15, suspicious auto stops 7, traffic stops 66, vandalism reports 10, and quality of life 53; he spoke about the juvenile offender process and the States Attorney; parking tickets 33, State citations 66, repair orders 24, warnings 14, criminal citations, and criminal citations 3.

Mayor Nembhard discussed the following topics: The Department of Public Works totters; she congratulated newly elected Governor Wes Moore, and newly appointed Senator Alonzo Washington; grant funding for a skate park; Hartland Street property; States Attorney's office municipal retreat attendance and juvenile offender process; PGCMA discussed rent control; she announce the first multicultural spring event in the City; Non-profit Prince George's to work with Stand-up and Deliver free food program; final gift card giveaway.

4. COUNCIL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO REPORT GIVEN BY THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

Chairperson Mills recognized Councilmember Lashley.

Councilmember Lashley greeted everyone and requested information on the recycling contract; ARPA funds he requested the total amount received; Ms. Lorna responded the ARPA funds

inquiry; he requested a compilation of the annual premium pay to LGIT, and Bridgett Mack & Associates presentation.

Councilmember Urbina greeted everyone and requested a list of youth offenders/residents statistics; a question about the gift cards distribution process; Mayor Nembhard responded to the gift card distribution inquiry.

Councilmember Hooks invited everyone to participate on Black History month activities.

Councilmember Dodro asked for a full report of the gift card disbursement, and she wants to know who is running the gift card disbursement; Mayor Nembhard answered to the inquiry.

Chairperson Mills asked a question about drug overdose; Capt. Butler responded to the inquiry; she asked about the leaf collection.

Mayor Nembhard discussed the topic of drug overdose and the State of Maryland.

Ms. Lorna stated that there is a financial summary report on this packet.

5. **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS. ONLY INFORMATION THAT WILL BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF NEW CARROLLTON**

Chairperson Mills recognized Councilmember Lashley.

Councilmember Lashley discussed the Four Cities meeting; rent stabilization act.

Councilmember Urbina wished a happy Black History month and announced that passing of Bob Ross, former PG NAACP President; an opening in the delegation due to the promotion of Alonzo Washington.

Councilmember Dodro expressed that due to Black History month PG Parks has various programs going on.

6. **6000 HARLAND STREET**

Chairperson Mills discussed the topic.

A discussion followed.

7. **THE ADMINISTRATION SEEKS APPROVAL FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO ALLOW PGCPs TO PURCHASE LAND FROM THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON.**

Chairperson Mills announced the topic.

Councilmember Dodro requested an executive meeting with the City's Attorney and PGCPs to discuss the topic. There was a discussion.

The topic was tabled.

8. RESOLUTION 23-01: SETTING THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

Chairperson Mills moved that the City Council adopt Resolution 23-01, a resolution setting the Date and Time of the City of New Carrollton 2023 General Election (Monday, May 1, 2023, starting at 7:00 a.m., when the polls shall be open until 8:00 p.m., when the polls shall be closed).

Councilmember Urbina seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed (5-0-0).

9. RESOLUTION 23-02: EARLY VOTING FOR THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

Chairperson Mills moved that the City Council adopt Resolution 23-02, a resolution setting the date and time for early voting for the 2023 General Election (Saturday, April 22, 2023, starting at 8:00 a.m., when the polls shall be open until 5:00 p.m., when the polls shall be closed).

Councilmember Urbina seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed (5-0-0).

10. PRESENT- MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

Councilmember Urbina moved that the City Council approve the May 1, 2023 General Election Calendar of Deadlines.

Chairperson Mills seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed (5-0-0).

11. ADOPTION OF THE FY2024 BUDGET SCHEDULE

Councilmember Lashley moved that the City Council adopt the FY2024 Budget Schedule, as presented at the Council Workshop/Special Legislative Meeting of Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Councilmember Hooks seconded the motion. There was a discussion. **The motion did not passed** (2-3-0).

12. MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Mills requested that they review the following meeting minutes:

- a) Council Workshop Meeting Minutes (January 4, 2023)
- b) Council Legislative Meeting Minutes (January 18, 2023)

13. The DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SEEKS APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH STREET PAVING AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS WITH VMP CONSTRUCTION CO, INC.

Councilmember Hooks moved that the City Council approve the Department of Public Works to proceed with Street Paving and Sidewalk Repairs with VMP Construction CO, INC. The project will be funded through the ARPA budget Street Paving and Sidewalk Repairs line items. The City will be riding the PG County contract no. 952-H(D)A, currently with VMP Construction CO, INC.

Chairperson Mills seconded the motion. There was a discussion. The motion passed (5-0-0).

**14. PROCLAMATION NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH
FEBRUARY 2023**

Motion: I move that the City Council of New Carrollton along with Mayor Nembhard proclaim February 2023, as National Children's Dental Health Month, in the City of New Carrollton.

Councilmember Dodro seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed (5-0-0).

15. REVIEW OF PAID BILLS

Chairperson Mills requested that they review the following list of bills:

Batch #1 (January 09, 2023); Batch #2 (January 20, 2023).

16. RECYCLING CONTRACT DPW FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD

Chairperson Mills requested a response from Mr. Andre Triplett.

Mr. Triplett stated that they are extending the contract with the same company, GCI Residential, Inc.

There was no discussion. The motion passed (3-2-0).

Councilmember Dodro requested an executive session about the PGCPS deal. Chairperson Mills agreed to an executive session for March 8, 2023.

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT – (RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
AND PHONE CALLS) WHEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL PLEASE STATE YOUR
NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD**

Chairperson Mills invited the public to provide comments.

Resident 8318 Carrollton Pkwy – David Rollins: Thanked Mr. Triplett for his many years of service to the City of New Carrollton.

Resident David Lai: He provided feedback on the City's land acquisition; Development on 6000 Harland Street, to spend wisely, and speed driving near Fountain Club apartments.

Resident 5813 Runford Drive - Loretta Lacy: Had a question about the total cost of the Department of Public Works Street Paving and Sidewalk Repairs; she mentioned that there is a parking issue. Mayor Nembhard responded to Ms. Lacy. Councilmember Urbina responded as well.

Resident 8318 Carrollton Pkwy – David Rollins: He supports the idea to reorganize the City Council.

18. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED.

Councilmember Lashley would like to discuss rental stabilization.

Councilmember Urbina proposed to invite County Councilmember Eric Olson to discuss Annapolis Road and annexation of businesses.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Mills call the adjournment.

There being no further business, Chairperson Hooks moved the motion to adjourn the Council Workshop/Special Legislative meeting for Wednesday, February 1, 2023. There was a discussion that Councilmember Urbina will not adjourn until democracy is practiced. Chairperson Mills seconded the motion. The adjournment failed (2-3-0). Chairperson Mills closed the meeting at 9:07 pm.

The meeting ended at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council on April 19, 2023.

Note: The official recording of the City of New Carrollton's Council Workshop/Special Legislative meeting for Wednesday, February 1, 2023, has been posted to the City of New Carrollton's website: www.newcarrolltonmd.gov.