

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, July 14, 2009
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stullich, Mark Cook and Hampton; Student Liaison Jonathan Sachs.

ABSENT: Councilmember Mary Cook.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Elisa Vitale, Senior Planner.

A quorum being present, Mayor Brayman called the Meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. Councilmember Hampton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes from the June 9 Public Hearing on Ordinance 09-O-03 and the June 9 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Hampton to adopt the minutes. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Perry announced the City would hold a Real Estate Roundtable at 8:30 a.m. on July 17 at the Clarion Inn in College Park. Dr. Ann Wylie is the keynote speaker. The Public Hearing on the proposed Rent Stabilization ordinance will be held on Tuesday, July 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4.

Councilmember Wojahn stated there is a neighborhood watch meeting tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. at Davis Hall in response to a rash of auto break-ins in north College Park.

Councilmember Stullich stated there is some interest in the business community in starting a business neighborhood watch group. Lea Callahan, owner of ZIPS dry-cleaning, is leading the effort. Interested parties may contact Ms. Callahan or Councilmember Stullich.

Acknowledgement of Dignitaries: Mayor Brayman recognized former Student Liaison Jesse Blitzstein.

Amendments To The Agenda: Councilmember Molinatto moved the stop sign request that was in the red folders to the Consent Agenda – 09-G-63. Mayor Brayman announced there would be a Worksession at the end of the regular meeting, prior to the Executive Session, to get an update from Mr. Ryan about the City's grant for security cameras and to see if there are any revisions to the Four Cities Purple Line letter.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro announced that the County has scheduled the U.S. 1 Sector Plan Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 15, the night of a regularly scheduled Council

Meeting. The Council opted to move the City Council meeting to the next night, Wednesday, September 16, so that interested parties can attend the Public Hearing. The Clerk's office will advertise this change. He reminded the Council about the Four Cities Meeting in Berwyn Heights on July 30. The August Worksession will be held on August 5 to accommodate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4. The City's Parking Garage Dedication is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, at 4:00 p.m., prior to the Worksession. There will be free parking on the first three levels of the garage and in the City Hall lot for people attending the garage dedication. The Worksession that night will begin at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nagro expects the parking garage to open to the public next week. There was discussion about the sale of parking permits for the garage.

Student Liaison Comments: Mr. Sachs stated he invited Mike Madden and Delegate Tawanna Gaines to the Four Cities Meeting to discuss the Purple Line letter. The draft letter is in the red folders and will be discussed during the Worksession at the end of the meeting tonight. He has created an event on Facebook regarding Rent Stabilization called "Attention College Park Renters." The URL is linked on his Twitter page; to get to it, go to [Twitter.Com/Jonathan Sachs](https://twitter.com/JonathanSachs). From the feedback he has received, he believes the student body is in favor of extending rent stabilization.

There was discussion about when the Council could take action on the Rent Stabilization ordinance. Ms. Ferguson stated that action at either the August 5 Worksession or the August 11 Council meeting would enable the extension to be effective before the current ordinance expires.

Comments From The Audience On Non-Agenda Items:

Jesse Blitzstein, 1624 V Street, NW, Apt 102, Washington, DC 20009,

jesse.blitzstein@gmail.com.: Mr. Blitzstein announced he will be moving to San Jose, California next month to accept a year-long position with an AmeriCorps program called City Year and will teach children in the Santa Clara County school system. He thanked the City of College Park and believes his experience as student liaison helped him in his interview process.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Hampton to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

09-R-07 Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Adopting The Recommendation Of The Advisory Planning Commission And Granting Variance Application Number CEO-2009-01, 9003 Acredale Court, College Park, Maryland, For A Waiver Of The Code Of The City Of College Park, §87-23, Paragraph B, Which Prohibits The Construction Of Fences In The Front Yard.

09-R-08 Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Adopting The Recommendation Of The Advisory Planning Commission Regarding Variance Application Number CPV-2009-05, 4900 Iroquois Street, College Park, Maryland, Recommending Approval Of A Variance Of 5% Or 382.5 Feet From The Maximum Allowable Lot Coverage Of 30% Or 2,305.5 Feet, A Variance Of 3 Feet From The Required 20-Foot Rear Yard Setback For

The Deck And Screened Porch, And A Variance Of 2 Feet From The Required 8-Foot Side Yard Setback To Construct A Deck And Screened Porch And To Validate The Existing Single-Family Home.

- 09-R-09 Approval Of The Fiscal Year 2010 Community Legacy Application.**
- 09-G-60 Fall Field Use Request by the College Park Boys and Girls Club for Duvall Field And Calvert Hills Playground Field.**
- 09-G-63 Approval Of A Stop Sign Requested For Paducah Road At Stewart Court.**

The motion carried 7-0-0.

Action Items:

- 09-G-61 Authorization To Negotiate Extension Of The Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of College Park And The University Of Maryland For Resident Ridership Of The UMD Shuttle-UM And Authorization For The City Manager To Sign The MOU.**

Mr. Nagro provided an update: Ms. Imhulse received clarification from David Allen about the Saturday Route 1 shuttle: the cost to run the Route 1 shuttle all day every Saturday would be \$10,000. \$5,000 would cover 3 to 4 hours for every Saturday, or every-other Saturday for 6 hours. This is in addition to the \$5,000 cost for the passes. That would bring the total cost to \$15,000. The City has budgeted \$10,000 in the FY 2010 budget.

Councilmember Wojahn believes that it would be unclear to residents about when the bus would be coming if it is not fully funded and fully operational.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto to authorize the negotiation of an extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Maryland and the City of College Park for resident ridership of the Shuttle-UM and authorization for the City Manager to sign the MOU. The terms of the negotiations include an annual cost of \$5,000 and a limit of 1,000 passes to be issued to City residents.

Councilmember Wojahn commented that the City is in negotiation with David Allen, the director of DOTS, to extend the MOU that allows city residents to ride the Shuttle-UM. As the negotiation now stands, it would cost the City \$5,000 for up to 1,000 resident passes. The University is planning to discontinue the Saturday US 1 shuttle (Route 121) in September. If the City wanted to fund the continuation of Saturday shuttle, it would cost an additional \$10,000, bringing the total to \$15,000. This program was allocated \$10,000 in the FY 2010 budget. Residents interested in riding the ShuttleUM should obtain a complementary pass from City Hall.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Catlin is interested in having people who use the service complete a questionnaire to find out what the demand is, what people are willing to pay for the service, how we can generate some revenue, and possibly running it down to Hyattsville. He suggests giving out the questionnaire when people come in to get their passes, then following-up later on. He particularly wants to know if they would be willing to pay a small fee for the service.

Councilmember Wojahn requested additional distribution points for the passes. The City Manager will discuss with staff.

The motion carried 7-0-0.

09-G-62 Appointments To Boards And Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to appoint Sarah Araghi to the Recreation Board. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Stullich stated that the Strategic Plan Subcommittee met last night with the strategic plan consultant, Managance Consulting. They need to schedule a meeting with the full Council to plan the timeline and process that will be followed in order to complete the Strategic Plan in time to inform next year's budget. After discussion, it was decided that the Council will hold a special Worksession on August 25 at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the strategic plan consultant.

Councilmember Wojahn asked about the status of the letter to the Board of Education representatives by the Education Advisory Committee. Ms. Mitchell, chair of the EAC, is revising the letter. Council will receive a copy of the letter once it goes out.

Councilmember Catlin discussed the home counseling program for the Live Work College Park program dealing with foreclosures. The need now is to identify foreclosed properties.

Councilmember Perry discussed a letter he received in his packet about the cut back in career staffing at the College Park Volunteer Fire Department. He wants the City to support the CPVFD request to address the problems this cut back would cause with Chief Jones. Mayor Brayman noted that other volunteer fire companies are in the same situation and suggested raising this issue at the upcoming Four Cities meeting. Councilmember Perry believes the CPVFD has a unique situation because most of their volunteers are college students.

Comments From The Audience: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to adjourn into a Worksession after a short recess. Following the Worksession there will be an Executive Session to Consult with Counsel and to Discuss a Personnel Matter. Mayor Brayman adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:08 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.

Janeen S. Miller
City Clerk

Date Approved

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 7:08 p.m. on July 7, 2009, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Mary Cook to enter into an Executive Session, citing the following authority:

C: Consider the acquisition or sale of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to such acquisition or sale;

N: Discuss a negotiating strategy before a contract is awarded.

The motion passed 5-0-0 (Molinatto, Stullich and Mark Cook absent).

Present: Mayor Brayman, Councilmembers Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stullich (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Mark Cook (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Hampton and Mary Cook; Student Liaison Jonathan Sachs (arrived at 7:43 p.m.).

Absent: Councilmember Molinatto.

Also Present: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Elisa Vitale, Senior Planner; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Eric Smart, Consultant from Bolan Smart.

Topic Discussed: 1) Possible tenant for the retail space in the downtown parking garage

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to adjourn the Executive Session. Mayor Brayman adjourned the Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 9:58 p.m. on July 14, 2009, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Molinatto and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to enter into an Executive Session, citing the following authority:

A. Discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or to consider any other personnel matter that affects one (1) or more specific individuals;

G. Consult with counsel

The motion passed 7-0-0 (Mary Cook absent).

Present: Mayor Brayman, Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stulich, Mark Cook, and Hampton.

Absent: Councilmember Mary Cook.

Also Present: Joe Nagro, City Manager. For the first part of the discussion (Consult with Counsel), also present were Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Elisa Vitale, Senior Planner; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services, and Jonathan Sachs, Student Liaison.

Topic Discussed: 1) University View Development Agreement, and 2) City Manager's Evaluation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Hampton to adjourn the Executive Session. Mayor Brayman adjourned the Executive Session at 11:00 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.
