

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Ordinance 09-CR-01:

Charter Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Article III “Mayor And Council”, §C3-5, “Elections” And §C3-7, “Assumption Of Duties” Of The City Charter To Include The Date Of Biennial Elections In §C3-5 And To Change The Date On Which The Mayor And Council Assume Their Offices To The First Regular Meeting Of The Mayor And Council In The December Following The Election.
Tuesday, April 14, 2009
7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Stulich, Mark Cook, Hampton and Mary Cook; Student Liaison Dan Hartinger.

ABSENT: Councilmember Perry.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Jack Robson, Chief, Board of Election Supervisors.

Mayor Brayman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:39 p.m. He invited Jack Robson, Chief of the Board of Election Supervisors, to provide an overview. Mr. Robson stated the BOES has noted some areas in the City Charter pertaining to elections that they would like to see updated. He stated that when changes were made to this section of the Charter two years ago, the language was not as clear as it could have been about when the new Council would be sworn in. This change just puts into the Charter what the practice has been, that the new Council assumes their duties at the first regular meeting in December. This allows ample time to resolve any issues in the event an election result is challenged, and the certification of the election results is thereby delayed.

Mayor Brayman invited public comment. No one testified on this proposed charter amendment.

Mayor Brayman stated that there will be no further public comment on this charter amendment unless there is a substantial change, and declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller
City Clerk

Date Approved