

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, January 22, 2008
8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stullich, Mark Cook, Hampton and Mary Cook; Student Liaison Danielle Kogut.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Robert Ryan, Director of Public Services; Elisa Vitale, Department of Planning.

Mayor Brayman opened the meeting at 8:32 p.m. following an earlier Public Hearing. Councilmember Mark Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Mary Cook to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 Regular Meeting. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Mark Cook announced there would be a Presidential Candidate's Forum on Sunday, January 27, 2008 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Oseh-Shalom Synagogue in Laurel.

Councilmember Stullich announced the Recreation Board would meet on Monday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the College Park Community Center. The Board is seeking additional volunteers and interested parties are invited to attend.

Councilmember Catlin announced that the Detailed Site Plan for the City's Parking Garage would come before the Planning Board on Thursday.

Acknowledgement of Dignitaries: Mayor Brayman recognized Jerry Anzulovic, President of the Berwyn District Civic Association.

Newly Appointed Board and Committee Members: None.

Amendments To The Agenda: None

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro reiterated Councilmember Catlin's announcement that the Detailed Site Plan for the City's Parking Garage is scheduled before the Planning

Board on Thursday January 24 at 10:00 a.m. He reminded residents that leaf collection with the leaf vacuum has ended for the season; leaves must now be put in paper bags and left at the curb for pick-up.

Student Liaison Comments: None

Comments From The Audience On Non-Agenda Items: None

Consent Agenda: None

Action Items:

08-G-09 Approval of the Preliminary Design Plan for the Duvall Field Renovation

A motion was made by Councilmember Molinatto and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to approve the preliminary design plan for the Duvall Field renovation. Councilmember Molinatto read the comments into the record. He urged the consultant to take into account the concerns that were raised at the public hearing held earlier tonight.

Due to the earlier public hearing, no comments were taken from the audience.

Councilmember Wojahn raised questions about parking on the southern side of the field and whether there was adequate parking at Duvall Field in general. He raised the concern about pedestrians crossing Rhode Island Avenue. He asked staff to investigate the possibility of overflow parking in the parking lots of nearby businesses.

Councilmember Catlin asked about the cost estimate. Ms. Vitale stated there is no current cost estimate; that will come in the final design and engineering phase.

Councilmember Perry asked where the money would come from? Ms. Vitale said there is Program Open Space funding, Community Parks and Playground Grant funds (the City has received \$146,000 to date), a State Bond bill for funds to update the blockhouse (that will be awarded to the College Park Boys and Girls Club), and developer funds from the Greenbelt Station project. He also asked the City Manger to consider the installation of speed humps on Blackfoot and requested that traffic studies be conducted. Staff will work with the community to determine the best time to conduct those studies.

The motion carried 8-0-0.

08-G-10 Liquor License Renewals

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Catlin that the City hold public hearings to explore issues that have been raised about the renewal of liquor licenses held by Town Hall, College Perk, Santa Fe Cafe/The Mark,

and the Thirsty Turtle, including issues related to fire safety, public safety, the sale of food and compliance with local ordinances, and that the Council postpone sending a letter to the Board of License Commissioners concerning the renewal of liquor licenses held by business establishments located in College Park until such time as those hearings have been held.

Councilmember Stullich commented that all alcoholic beverage licenses in the City are due for renewal within the next several months. The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners requires that if a municipality wishes to voice an objection to the renewal of a license, it must conduct a public hearing and submit a letter of protest to the Board by March 1. With this motion, the Council is not making a recommendation to voice opposition, but it gives the Council an opportunity to gather more information about the issues that have been raised.

The motion carried 8-0-0.

Mayor Brayman directed staff to schedule the public hearings, and reiterated that the Council has not taken a position, but the motion allows for a fact finding exercise.

08-G-11 Appointments To Boards And Committees

Councilmember Stullich nominated Thomas Moore to the Airport Authority for a two-year term. A motion was made by Councilmember Hampton and seconded by Councilmember Mary Cook to approve this nomination. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Wojahn requested a review of the City's policy regarding public information requests at a future Worksession.

Councilmember Catlin updated the Council on recent legislative activity in Annapolis.

Councilmember Perry remarked that the lower interest rates would have an impact on the City's investment income. He also thanked the Public Works department for their assistance on the eviction across the street from his house.

Councilmember Stullich raised a concern about a comment in the County's technical staff report on the Downtown Parking Garage DSP regarding off-street loading and its impact on attracting quality retail. There was follow-up discussion on how the City's retail space will be leased.

Councilmember Mark Cook asked about the status of the bond issue for the parking garage.

Councilmember Mary Cook asked about upcoming meetings on the use of UM Shuttle.

Comments From The Audience: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. by a vote of 8-0-0.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, on January 22, 2008, at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Mary Cook to consult with Counsel. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Present: Mayor Brayman, Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn (arrived 6:34 p.m.), Catlin, Perry, Stullich, Mark Cook, Hampton and Mary Cook. Also in attendance were Student Liaison Danielle Kogut, City Manager Joe Nagro, City Clerk Janeen Miller, Assistant to the City Manager Sara Imhulse, Public Services Director Bob Ryan and Code Enforcement Manager Jeannie Ripley.

Topics Discussed: Liquor License Renewals.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Mark Cook to adjourn the Executive Session. The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. by a vote of 8-0-0.
