

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

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn (arrived 8:08 p.m.), 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; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Dorothy Friedman, Planner.

Mayor Brayman opened the meeting at 8:07 p.m. following an earlier Executive Session. Councilmember Molinatto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes from the March 11, 2008 Public Hearing on the Petition Request for Traffic Calming Devices on 51st Place, the March 11, 2008 Public Hearing on Ordinance 08-O-01, the March 11, 2008 Regular Meeting, and the March 25, 2008 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Announcements: Councilmember Wojahn announced the North College Park Citizen's Association would meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Davis Hall. He announced their new web site address is cpdistrict1.org.

Councilmember Catlin announced the Lakeland Citizens Association would meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

Councilmember Perry announced the Berwyn District Civic Association would meet on April 17 at Fealy Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Amendments To The Agenda: Add Item 08-G-54: Extension Of The Moratorium On The Calvert Road School Site.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro stated the Public Works Yard is open Saturdays in April; E-cycling is available year round.

Student Liaison Comments: Ms. Kogut stated that the SGA would confirm the next Student Liaison at their meeting the following night.

Comments From The Audience On Non-Agenda Items:

Brian Choper, 5213 Mineola Road, College Park: Mr. Choper raised concerns about Code Enforcement in his residential neighborhood, the value of and need for obtaining building permits, and the transparency of the Code Enforcement process.

Alan Tyler, 7204 Bowdoin Avenue: Mr. Tyler distributed pictures of properties in Calvert Hills and downtown College Park, and began to discuss comments he made at a meeting he attended last Thursday.

City Attorney Suellen Ferguson interrupted Mr. Tyler and cautioned that if his comments pertain to last Thursday's Advisory Planning Commission meeting, the Council cannot hear them, because those items may come before the Council at some future point.

Mr. Tyler stated the pictures compare conditions at certain properties between last summer and the present, and stated they don't show much improvement. He commented on the extremely labor intensive nature of historic preservation renovations. He is worried about what this will mean in the future.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- 08-G-50 Approval Of A Letter From The City To Support Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation Efforts To Improve Safety On Cherry Hill Road.**
- 08-G-51 Approval Of A Congratulatory Letter To The Incoming President Of The Maryland State Firemen's Association For Publication In The 2008 Convention Program.**
- 08-G-52 Approval Of The Purchase Of Vehicle 064740, A Chevrolet 5500 Model CC5C042-176 Two-Wheel Drive Regular Cab And Chassis, With A Duramax 6600 Diesel Engine And Automatic Transmission, For The Public Works Landscape Crew, And To Authorize The City Manager To Execute A Contract/Purchase Order With Criswell Chevrolet, Inc., For The Purchase. The Purchase Price On The Prince George's County Contract Is \$52,972.45. Funding Will Be Provided By Suntrust Bank Master Lease #2 (\$1,500,000) Which Closed On June 21, 2007.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Hampton to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 8-0-0.

Action Items:

- 08-R-07 Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park Rendering**

Their Final Decision in BPV-2007-01, the Baiza Appeal.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hampton and seconded by Councilmember Perry to adopt Resolution 08-R-07, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, modifying the recommendation of the Advisory Planning Commission in BPV 2007-01, 3705 Marlborough Way, and denying the request for the validation of a retaining wall. She read the comments into the record.

No public comment was taken because the Council heard Oral Argument on February 26.

There were no comments from the Council on this item.

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7-0-1 (Councilmember Mark Cook abstained).

08-G-54 Extension of The Moratorium On The Calvert Road School Site

A motion was made by Councilmember Mark Cook and seconded by Councilmember Stulich to extend the moratorium on the Calvert Road school site indefinitely to exclusively work with the Board of Education to try to realize a public school at that site.

There were no comments from the audience on this item.

There were no comments from the Council.

The motion carried 7-1-0 (Councilmember Perry opposed).

08-G-53 Appointments To Boards and Committees

Councilmember Mark Cook nominated Shawn Magnuson to the Committee for a Better Environment and Councilmember Wojahn nominated Thibeaux Lincecum to the Noise Control Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto to approve the nominations. The motion carried 8-0-0

Council Comments:

Councilmember Perry asked a question about funding by the University of Maryland for Gypsy Moth spraying.

Councilmember Catlin commented on a book entitled, "Images In America – Berwyn Heights" written by Ann Davidson of Berwyn Heights.

Councilmember Mary Cook asked staff to make City permit information more accessible.

Mayor Brayman asked if the number of foreclosures in College Park listed in a recent staff report and Gazette article is for the corporate limits or for the zip code.

Comments From The Audience:

Alexander Mont, 1101C Ann Arundel Hall, College Park: He asked how to get tapes and transcripts of Council meetings.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilmember Molinatto and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. by a vote of 8-0-0.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 6:51 p.m. on April 8, 2008, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto to enter into an Executive Session to consult with Counsel, to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, and to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy. The motion passed 5-0-0 (Mark Cook Stullich and Hampton absent for the vote).

Present: Mayor Brayman, Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stullich (arrived 6:53 p.m.), Mary Cook, Mark Cook (arrived 7:50 p.m.) and Hampton (arrived 7:08 p.m.).

Also in attendance were City Manager Joe Nagro; City Clerk Janeen Miller, City Attorney Suellen Ferguson; Assistant to the City Manager Sara Imhulse; Student Liaison Danielle Kogut; Director of Planning Terry Schum; and Public Works Director Robert Stumpff.

Topics Discussed: 1) The Calvert Road school site, 2) the East Campus TIF, and 3) pending litigation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to adjourn the Executive Session. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by a vote of 8-0-0.
