

MINUTES
Special Session of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, January 15, 2008
8:47 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stulich, 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.

During the regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion to enter a Special Session was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Mark Cook. The Special Session is needed to vote on legislation that just came to the City's attention and needs immediate attention. The motion carried 8-0-0.

Action Items:

08-G-06 City Support of SB 31 - Public Utility Companies – Bus Service Provided by Institutions of Higher Education – Exemption from Motor Carrier Permit Requirement

A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn stating the City's support for the proposed legislation with the understanding that staff will consult with Senator Rosapepe to broaden the language to include "local governments," and that a letter in substantially the same form as the attached letter indicating such support will be sent.

Councilmember Catlin stated this does not authorize residents to use the University of Maryland shuttle; it just removes a legal impediment to be able to use it in the future. He will attend the public hearing on this bill next week to provide testimony.

Comments From The Audience:

Jack Robson, 4710 Harvard Road: Questioned why the bill is necessary because anyone is able to take the shuttle from the metro station to the campus. Does not think this should have come up in Special Session.

Councilmember Wojahn suggested specific language to amend the bill.

Councilmember Mary Cook raised a concern that adding language to enable other municipalities to use the Shuttle may give the University another reason not to favor the proposal.

Mr. Nagro remarked this might need to go to the Attorney General's office.

There was discussion about whether the UM Shuttle would one day be the backbone of a Route 1 shuttle. If so, it would have to serve more than just College Park.

Councilmember Stullich clarified that implementation will be debated in the future.

Ms. Imhulse reminded everyone that this is statewide legislation that would apply to all institutions of higher education and their shuttle systems.

Ms. Kogut stated that a lot of students live outside of College Park and a broader service might be favorably looked upon.

The motion passed 7-1-0 (Councilmember Mary Cook opposed).

**08-G-07 City Support of SB 9 – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Keg Sales –
Registration Forms**

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Perry to send a letter in support of SB 9, which would change state law to require keg vendors to write identifying information about the purchaser on the keg registration form.

Councilmember Stullich stated this bill is supported by Comptroller Franchot's office and the University of Maryland.

There were no comments from the audience.

The motion carried 8-0-0.

**08-G-08 Approval To Purchase Recycling Containers from Rehrig Pacific
Company on a bid from the City of Olathe, Kansas**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Mary Cook to approve the purchase of recycling containers from Rehrig Pacific Company on Bid Number 2776A-0-2006/PH (through the City of Olathe, Kansas) for the length of the contract, through December 2009.

There was discussion about the size of the containers.

There were no comments from the audience.

The motion carried 8-0-0.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilmember Stulich and seconded by Councilmember Perry to adjourn from Special Session. The Special Session was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. by a vote of 8-0-0.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk