



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

To: City of College Park Councilmembers

From: Scott Somers, City Manager

Date: May 10, 2016

Subject: City Of College Park Weekly Bulletin

Attachments: mbike

City Manager's Update – Week of May 2, 2016

- Reviewed future Council agenda items and finalized the City Council regular agenda packet with Janeen Miller, City Clerk.
- Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works, and I met for our monthly one-on-one meeting. We discussed options for installing a generator at city hall and improvements to street and sidewalk cleaning.
- Attended the Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting.
- Provided a job shadowing experience to a student from the Junior Tennis Champions Center.
- Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager, and I met for our monthly one-on-one meeting. Our discussion involved a review of software improvements to update and track progress made concerning the City's Strategic Plan.
- With staff and the City attorney, reviewed proposals and interviewed consultants who may assist the City with development of a new City Hall and associated contracts and negotiations.
- Councilmember Stulich and I met for our monthly one-on-one meeting. We toured Old Town and Calvert Hills neighborhoods and discussed Code enforcement challenges, such as noise and trash violations.
- Terry Schum, Planning Director, and I met for our monthly one-on-one meeting. We discussed several pending developments and potential future developments. Recruitment for the Economic Development Coordinator continues.
- Peggy Higgins, Youth and Family Services Director, and I discussed several personnel items and service improvements.
- Councilmember Day and I met for a one-on-one meeting. Among various items, we discussed the budget process, improvements to the Notice of Violation form, clean-up events, and improvements to trails.
- Attended the Mayor and Council Worksession.
- Councilmember Kujawa and I met for a one-on-one meeting. Items discussed included public safety cameras and the budget process.
- Attended the weekly City staff meeting, which included a discussion on how to improve staff meetings, a review of the previous Council meeting and potential future Council meeting agenda items.
- Attended the bike share kickoff event.
- Met with a downtown business owner to discuss strategies for business improvement and retention.
- Met with a resident to tour his neighborhood and to discuss potential Code violations and general quality of life concerns impacting his neighborhood.

- Worked with a developer to identify parking for construction workers. Increased development along Baltimore Avenue has caused a shortage of parking during the construction phase of several development projects. Workers are therefore seeking parking in various locations which is impacting certain neighborhoods.
 - Councilmember Brennan and I met for our monthly one-on-one meeting. Items discussed included neighborhood challenges caused by rental properties and neighborhood beautification efforts.
 - Met with Jill Clements, Human Resources Director concerning several personnel related issues.
 - Worked with staff members on various councilmember requests.
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Engineer

- There is going to be a preconstruction meeting with DPIE Inspectors on Friday for the Randolph –Macon Avenue Project.
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Planning

- The Director participated in interviewing two potential development consultants for the City Hall reconstruction project. A recommendation for contract award will come before the City Council later this month.
 - The Director and UMD Assistant Vice President for Real Estate met with the McDevitt Company, a placemaking and development firm from Philadelphia interested in doing business in College Park.
 - The City, UMD and Zagster Inc. successfully launched mbike, College Park's bikeshare system on May 4 at a ribbon-cutting event on campus. Mayor Wojahn spoke at the event and participated in a short bike ride to celebrate the occasion. To learn more and to register go to www.zagster.com/mbike.
 - The CBE Litter Logo Contest finalists were selected and residents are invited to help choose the design or slogan that best raises awareness of litter, proper waste disposal and recycling. Votes may be cast before Friday, May 20 by going to the city's website at www.collegeparkmd.gov.
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Public Works

- Director met with City Manager, Monday, May 2, for monthly one-on-one meeting. On Friday, May 6, Director met with Four Cities public works Directors to discuss the Four Cities Street Sweeper program. DPW crew has been power washing the downtown sidewalks to clean them up from the winter.
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Public Services

- There is an Emergency Preparedness Workshop at City Hall on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 9 A.M. – 12 Noon. Are you ready?
Preparedness starts with you, your family, and your community; we will discuss three major points of preparedness and more
 - Make a kit
 - Make a plan
 - Stay informed.

Learn how you can help to reduce the loss of life and property after an emergency or disaster. To register please sign up on the following event link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-city-of-college-park-presents-are-you-ready-tickets-24244143887>

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting and Public Hearings:
1) Constant Yield Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017;
2) FY 2017 Revised Operating and Capital Budget

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Worksession

Friday, May 20, 2016

6:30 P.M. Reception for Volunteers Appointed To City Boards –
University Of Maryland Golf Course Clubhouse

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Monday, May 30, 2016

11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Celebration
Veterans Memorial at the Corner of Us Route 1 and Greenbelt Road

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Worksession

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Worksession

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

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