



MARCH 12, 2013
CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA

(Note: There Will Be A Closed Session After The Conclusion Of The Regular Meeting)

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Wojahn

ROLL CALL

MINUTES: February 19, 2013 Special Session; February 26, 2013 Public Hearing on 13-O-01; February 26, 2013 Regular Meeting. Under separate cover: Confidential Minutes of Closed Sessions held on: September 4, September 25, October 3, October 16 and December 4, 2012 and January 8, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DIGNITARIES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

AWARDS

PROCLAMATIONS

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Joe Nagro

STUDENT LIAISON'S REPORT: Josh Ratner

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

PRESENTATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

13-G-33 Approval of a recommendation letter for Al-Huda School

Motion by:
To: Adopt
Second:
Aye: _____ Nay:
Other: _____

ACTION ITEMS

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| 13-G-36 | Award of FY 2014 Contracts for Dental Insurance (MetLife and DentaQuest for \$43,000), Workers Compensation (IWIF for \$173,488) and Liability Insurances (LGIT and affiliates for \$145,040) | Motion by: Mitchell
To: Adopt
Second:
Aye: _____
Nay: _____ Other: _____ |
| 13-G-37 | Approval, With Conditions, Of Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-12014 for Litton Technology Center | Motion by: Stulich
To: Approve
Second:
Aye: _____
Nay: _____ Other: _____ |
| 13-G-34 -
Tentative
Agenda
Item | Approval of a letter to the County's PZED Committee with City comments on CB-6 – Transit-Oriented Priority Development | Motion by:
To: Approve
Second:
Aye: _____
Nay: _____ Other: _____ |
| 13-G-39 -
Tentative
Agenda
Item | Approval of a letter to the County's PZED Committee with City comments on CB-12 – Transit-Oriented Jobs Act of 2013 (Expedited Transit-Oriented Development) | Motion by:
To: Approve
Second:
Aye: _____
Nay: _____ Other: _____ |
| 13-G-35 | Approval of a letter to the State Highway Administration (SHA) to encourage continued progress on US Route 1 design, and to advise that the question of undergrounding utilities should not delay funding for US Route 1 | Motion by:
To: Approve
Second:
Aye: _____
Nay: _____ Other: _____ |
| 13-CR-01 | Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution 13-CR-01, A Charter Amendment Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Article XI, § C11-6 "Special Taxing Districts" To Authorize A Special Taxing District To Finance The Capital And Operating Costs To Enhance Police, Fire Protection And Rescue Services (<i>The Public Hearing Will Be Tuesday, April 9, at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.</i>) | Motion by: Day
To: Introduce
Second: |
| 13-G-38 | Appointment of Board of Election Supervisors | Motion by:
To: Adopt
Second:
Aye: _____
Nay: _____ Other: _____ |

COUNCIL COMMENTS

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

CLOSED SESSION

After The Conclusion Of The Regular Meeting:
To Consult With Counsel On A Legal Matter

MINUTES

MINUTES
Special Session of the College Park City Council
Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
9:35 p.m. – 10:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Wojahn, Kabir, Dennis, Catlin, Stullich, Day, Afzali and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Josh Ratner, Student Liaison.

During a regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to enter into a Special Session to address several state bills that are time-sensitive. The possibility of a Special Session was advertised on the meeting agenda. The motion carried 8 – 0 – 0 and the Council entered into the Special Session at 9:35 p.m.

Action Items:

13-G-18 Approval of a letter in support of HB 337/SB 514 – Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibition

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to send a letter in support of HB 337 and the crossfiled senate bill, SB 514 which propose to ban the practice of hydraulic fracturing in Maryland.

Councilmember Wojahn said there are a lot of uncertainties about hydraulic fracturing and the impact it would have on our health and environment. We should ban hydraulic fracturing until we can be sure that it can be done without harm to public health. He outlined the potential dangers associated with the practice.

Comments from the audience:

Suchitra Balachandran, 9320 St. Andrews Place, representing the CBE: The CBE submitted a letter to the Council in support of these bills. She outlined their concerns: Each time a well is fracked, it takes 1.8 M gallons of water, and 400,000 gallons of chemicals, and the chemicals that are used are unknown. The fracking process does not fall under the Safe Drinking Water or Clean Water acts. Only 30 – 50% of the water that is used is recovered; the rest can pollute our groundwater. This process is happening without oversight from any federal agency.

Grace Sweeney, UMD Senior, Intern, Food & Water Watch: Her group supports the bill to ban fracking at the state level. She discussed potential health hazards that have resulted from fracking in Wyoming and Texas.

Councilmember Catlin is opposed to this bill to ban fracking. He believes it is premature. He doesn't believe anybody in the legislature from western Maryland supports this ban. A previous request to study the process was never funded. There is no discussion about restricting the

consumption of fossil fuels. If Maryland doesn't produce the natural gas, it will be produced by surrounding states. Saying that you can't produce the energy doesn't mean you reduce the consumption.

Councilmember Wojahn said we are already starting to see some impacts of fracking around the state, so this is not premature. We are taking steps to reduce our own energy consumption, and the governor is pursuing wind energy. This is just one part of an effort to make our energy consumption more environmentally healthy.

Councilmember Afzali is concerned when we take a stand on an issue that benefits people who are not in our area. However, he does agree that we have a vested interest in the possible environmental impacts.

The motion carried 6 – 2 – 0 (Catlin and Dennis opposed).

13-G-19 Approval of a letter in opposition to HB 339 – Vehicle Laws – Bicycles – Required Use of Protective Headgear

A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Day to oppose HB 339 - Vehicle Laws – Bicycles – Required Use of Protective Headgear.

There were no comments from the audience or from the Council.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

13-G-20 Approval of a letter in support of PG 420-13 – Prince George's County – School Facilities Surcharge

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to support PG 420-13 - Prince George's County – School Facilities Surcharge, and the associated house and senate bills.

Councilmember Wojahn said we need to encourage transit oriented development; the more we have people living near our metro stations the less the additional density will have on our transportation infrastructure. It is critical to keep the detailed site plan in the process.

Councilmember Catlin said he can support this bill because it is for not more than a five-year period, in an effort to get things done quickly.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to adjourn the Special Session. With a vote of 8 – 0 – 0, the Special Session was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, February 26, 2013
7:15 p.m. – 7:18 p.m.

Ordinance 13-O-01

**An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland,
Amending Chapter 179 “Tree And Landscape Maintenance” To Amend §179-1,
“Definitions”, §179-2, “Purpose; Applicability”, And §179-5 “Tree And Landscape Board” To
Expand Or Clarify Certain Definitions, To Clarify That The Designees Of The Chairperson
Of The Committee For A Better Environment, The Planning, Community And Economic
Development Director And The Public Works Director May Act In Their Place As Voting
Members Of The Tree And Landscape Board, And To Set The Quorum Of The Board As A
Majority Of The Appointed Members.**

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Catlin, Dennis, Afzali, Day and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Stulich and Wojahn.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney.

Mayor Fellows opened the public hearing on Ordinance 13-O-01 at 7:15 p.m. Ms. Ferguson provided an overview: This is a housekeeping ordinance requested by the Tree and Landscape Board to assist them in their operations. It clarifies that a quorum is based on the number of appointed members and that the designees of the Planning and Public Works Directors may act in their places on the Board.

There was no one in the audience to speak on this item. There being no public comment, Mayor Fellows closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC

Date Approved

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, February 26, 2013
7:30 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Andrew Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Dennis, Catlin, Stullich (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Day, Afzali and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Councilmember Wojahn.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Michael Stiefvater, Economic Development Coordinator; Jonathan Brown, Planner. Josh Rather, Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Kabir led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adopt the minutes of the February 12, 2013 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on 13-AR-01. The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.

Announcements: Councilmember Mitchell said there would be a meeting on the new regional medical center on Thursday at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Center.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro identified the items in tonight's red folder: request for a letter from the Al-Huda school and updates to guidelines on 13-R-05.

Student Liaison's Report: Mr. Ratner discussed the change.org petition, said that Thursday is USM Student Advocacy Day in Annapolis, and asked students interested in serving on the Committee established by SGA dedicated to working on City issues to contact him.

Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items: None.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to adopt the Consent Agenda which consisted of the following items:

13-G-21 Approval of a letter in opposition to HB 820/SB 893 – Municipal Property Taxes – Annual Budget Ordinance and Special Rates

13-G-22 Approval of a letter in support of HB 640 – Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Sewage Leaks – Notice Requirements

The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.

Action Items:

13-O-01 An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 179 "Tree And Landscape Maintenance" To Amend §179-1, "Definitions", §179-2, "Purpose; Applicability", And §179-5 "Tree And Landscape Board" To Expand Or Clarify Certain Definitions, To Clarify That The Designees Of The Chairperson Of The Committee For A Better Environment, The Planning, Community And Economic Development Director And The Public Works Director May Act In Their Place As Voting Members Of The Tree And Landscape Board, And To Set The Quorum Of The Board As A Majority Of The Appointed Members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Day to adopt Ordinance 13-O-01, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 179 "Tree And Landscape Maintenance" To Amend §179-1, "Definitions", §179-2, "Purpose; Applicability", And §179-5 "Tree And Landscape Board" To Expand Or Clarify Certain Definitions, To Clarify That The Designees Of The Chairperson Of The Committee For A Better Environment, The Planning, Community And Economic Development Director And The Public Works Director May Act In Their Place As Voting Members Of The Tree And Landscape Board, And To Set The Quorum Of The Board As A Majority Of The Appointed Members.

Councilmember Mitchell thanked the Tree and Landscape Board for their work on this. Mayor Fellows stated that a Public Hearing on this Ordinance was held earlier this evening, so no further public comment will be taken at this time.

There were no comments from the Council.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0. [Councilmember Stulich arrived during this item.]

13-R-04 A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Establishing An Award In Recognition Of Councilmember John Edward "Jack" Perry

A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Dennis that the City Council adopt Resolution 13-R-04, A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Establishing An Award In Recognition Of Councilmember John Edward "Jack" Perry.

Councilmember Catlin said the original idea for this award came from Joe Theis and the Berwyn District Civic Association. Jack Perry served on the College Park City Council from 1979 – 1983 and from 1989 to 2011, for a total of 26 years, tied with Mayor Davis as the second-longest serving official in the City's history. After Councilmember Perry passed away last year, members of the Berwyn community and the Berwyn District Civic Association, Inc. met and discussed the creation of a City award to honor Jack Perry's contributions to his neighborhood and the City. The Council shares the desire to honor the memory and legacy of Jack Perry

through an Award to a deserving member of the community. The Resolution that the Council will adopt tonight establishes criteria and guidelines for the Jack Perry Award, which will be used to recognize a College Park resident who has participated to an extraordinary degree in neighborhood, civic, or municipal affairs within the City in a manner that improves public spaces, fosters community cohesion, eradicates blight, informs discussion of public issues, provides leadership, and/or furthers the best interests of the City as a whole. The nomination period for the first Jack Perry Award will be from May 15 (Jack's birthday) to July 15 of this year.

Mayor Fellows recognized members of the Perry family who were in the audience and commented that it was fun to engage with Jack on issues because he was so passionate and committed.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

13-G-23 Approval of a letter of intent to participate in the “Maryland Smart Energy Community” program

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Catlin that the City Council approve the submission of, and give City Manager Joseph L. Nagro authorization to sign, a Letter of Intent to the Maryland Energy Administration for the City's participation in the Maryland Smart Energy Community program.

Councilmember Mitchell stated that the Smart Energy Community Program is a new project of the State of Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) to incentivize local governments to adopt specific policies to reduce energy consumption and develop renewable energy opportunities. To apply for the program a letter of intent must be submitted by interested localities by March 1st, 2013 which will determine the level of funding that the City will be eligible to apply for. The City will then submit on or before April 5th an application to pursue two out of three required Smart Energy Communities policies. If chosen by the MEA for the program, the City will have until December 31, 2013 to fully adopt two policies and submit plans for implementation. Each of the policies has specific deliverables and time frames that grantees must meet. Upon adoption, the City will become a designated Smart Energy Community and will be eligible, according to program agreements, to apply for grant funding within their chosen two areas of energy reduction.

There were no comments from the audience on this item.

There were no further comments from Council.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

13-G-24 Award of a one-year contract to KSM Marketing, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$28,600 for a Farmers Market Master for the Sunday downtown College Park Farmers Market

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell that the City Council award the Farmers Market Master contract for 2013 to KSM Marketing, LLC, in substantially the form attached, in an amount not to exceed \$28,600 for the Downtown College Park Farmers Market held on Sundays, and that the City Manager be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Stullich commented that the Downtown Farmers Market began operation in 2011 and thanked Councilmember Afzali who originally brought the idea forward. Its success is important to Council's desire to revitalize downtown. Council established a Farmers Market Committee in April 2012 to develop recommendations for how to structure and manage the Market in a way that maximizes its vibrancy and emphasizes locally-grown vegetables, fruits, and other farm products. The Farmers Market Committee submitted a report to the Council which recommended hiring a market master to oversee growth. Council directed staff to issue a Request for Qualification for the market manager position. The successful respondent, KSM Marketing, LLC, offers full-service market management and currently operates two successful farmers markets in Washington, D.C. Under this contract KSM Marketing will provide vendor recruitment, market oversight and day to day management, and marketing services for the Downtown Farmers Market.

There were no audience comments.

Councilmember Afzali said we should ask the Farmers Market Committee to develop a set of metrics for the goals they want to accomplish to provide the Council with more information for future budget discussions. Robert Boone, a member of the Committee, and Councilmember Stullich agreed with this idea and said they will work on this.

Councilmember Catlin said this is not a significant amount of money, and that the Downtown College Park Management Authority is very enthusiastic about the market, evidenced by their grant of \$5,000 toward the cost.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

13-G-25 Approval of an amendment to the agreement with "idfive consulting" for implementation of a marketing plan in an amount not to exceed \$29,700

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Dennis that the City Council approve an amendment to the consultant agreement with idfive, LLC to implement the marketing consultant's recommendations, for a sum not to exceed \$29,700, in substantially the form attached. The City Manager is authorized to sign the amended consultant agreement.

Councilmember Kabir stated that in FY 2012, the Council allocated funds to hire a consultant to conduct research and create a brand for the City to market itself to potential residents and businesses. After reviewing several bids, the contract was awarded to idfive, LLC. Their efforts produced a new logo and tagline. In order to complete their initial contract, idfive, LLC provided a list of recommendations which, if implemented, would help the City achieve its goals to increase homeownership and economic vitality in the City. The recommendations called for a variety of media placements and additional tactics to raise awareness of the City's brand. The Mayor and Council allocated \$30,000 in the current FY 2013 budget for marketing implementation. idfive, LLC worked with staff to select marketing strategies that will promote the City's new brand: *A Smart Place to Live* and developed a list of items for implementation, which are now included in the amended scope of work for this contract. Additional materials including brochures, postcards, and banners will be purchased through available funds in the Department of Planning, Community, and Economic Development.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Catlin raised concerns about the timing of the implementation of the marketing effort due to recent bad publicity about crimes and the low number of houses on the market. He would like to delay this for a couple of months.

Councilmember Kabir said he does not agree: right now there are 40 - 45 houses for sale, and there are other reasons for this campaign: attracting renters and businesses.

Ms. Cotton clarified that spring-summer is a better time to roll out a campaign like this which will coincide with Councilmember Catlin's suggestion.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

**13-R-05 A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park
Adopting Program Guidelines For The Commercial Tenant Improvement
Program**

A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Dennis that the City Council adopt Resolution 13-R-05, which approves the Commercial Tenant Improvement Program Guidelines for award of grants from funds received from the Community Legacy Program.

Councilmember Catlin noted the minor revisions to the guidelines. He commented that through the State of Maryland's Community Legacy Program, the City was awarded \$75,000 in grant funds to establish this program. The purpose of the program is to provide an important tool to attract the type of retailers that many residents desire and to reduce the number of vacant retail spaces. The program will provide matching grants up to \$25,000 for small businesses to conduct leasehold improvements including, but not limited to, upgrades or installation of HVAC and plumbing systems, lighting fixtures, and flooring. Grants will solely target locally-owned and independent businesses, specifically businesses that fill a void in the City's retail scene. Applications to the program will be reviewed by City staff in conjunction with the Maryland

Small Business Technology and Development Center, and will include business plans, construction plans, and financial documentation. Funds are anticipated to provide assistance to approximately three to five businesses. City staff will administer the grants pursuant to the adopted Commercial Tenant Improvement Guidelines.

There were no audience comments.

Councilmember Dennis asked why there were revisions to the guidelines. Mr. Stiefvater said the changes were requested by the funding agency; they do not want to provide funds to liquor stores.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

13-O-02 Introduction Of Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 30 “Districts, Council” To Amend The Adopted Redistricting Plan For Council Member Elections To Include Land Annexed Since The Adoption Of Ordinance 11-O-09

A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to introduce Ordinance 13-O-02, Amending Chapter 30 “Districts, Council” To Amend The Adopted Redistricting Plan For Council Member Elections To Include Land Annexed Since The Adoption Of Ordinance 11-O-09.

Councilmember Day said the Public Hearing is scheduled for March 26 at 7:15 p.m.

13-G-26 Appointments to Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to appoint Stephen Brimer to the Committee for a Better Environment. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

Comments from the Audience:

Stephen Brimer, 9732 52nd Avenue: He appreciates this appointment and is happy to be back on the CBE; he served on the committee last year but had to submit his resignation to deal with personal matters.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Mitchell thanked the Council for their support on HB 820. The hearing is Thursday.

Councilmember Afzali requested Council’s consideration of SB 266, SB 281 and SB 540 next week; these bills are part of the state’s efforts to curb gun violence.

Councilmember Stulich commented on the success of last week's post-Duke-game celebration and detailed the advance planning that was done by various police agencies and City staff to make it such a success. She also asked staff to arrange a tour of the facility that monitors our security cameras.

Councilmember Dennis requested a future discussion of the state's efforts to increase early voting locations, and their consideration of on-line voting and same day voter registration.

Councilmember Catlin said that WSSC will do emergency sewer work on the 8600 block of 49th Avenue for the next month.

Councilmember Kabir mentioned the shooting at a College Park motel in north College Park over the weekend. A person who was attending a party at the motel was shot. We are in contact with motel owners to improve safety.

Mayor Fellows said he was pleased to see the Chief and Deputy Chief of Prince George's County Police present after the Duke game and thanked them for the way police handled the event. Mayor Fellows discussed the request he received from Al-Huda school for a letter of recommendation to support them in securing funding for construction of a new school. This will be placed on next week's agenda.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Fellows adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. with a vote of 7 – 0 – 0.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved

13-G-33



March 12, 2013

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Haroon Baqai
Principal
Al Huda School/Hifzh School
5301 Edgewood Road
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Dear Principal Baqai:

This letter is sent on behalf of the City of College Park in response to your request that we provide a recommendation for the Al Huda School. We understand that there are plans to move the Al Huda School to a new facility, and we wish you success in your efforts to meet the needs of the growing Al Huda student population.

With respect to school operations, Al Huda has obtained all required permits from the City of College Park to operate the facility. There are no outstanding code violations or warnings.

Personally, in my annual visits to the school to explain the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" contest to fourth grade students, I have become familiar with your students and teachers, and am always impressed by the bright ideas that the students convey. Our Council has had the pleasure of hearing your students read their "If I Were Mayor" essays at Council meetings. The school also actively participates in the annual College Park Day event each fall.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide information about the Al Huda School.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Fellows
Mayor

13-G-36

MOTION:

I move that the Mayor and Council award the following contracts for dental insurance, workers compensation, and liability insurance for FY 2014.

Contracts with MetLife and DentaQuest for dental insurance at a budgeted cost of:	\$ 43,000
Contract with Injured Workers Insurance Fund (IWIF) for workers compensation insurance at a budgeted cost of:	\$173,488
Contract with Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) for general liability, public officials' liability, auto, property, boiler and machinery, personal injury protection, and uninsured motorists protection insurances at a budgeted cost not to exceed:	<u>\$145,030</u>
Total budgeted cost of contracts	\$361,518

The contracts submitted for approval and award were negotiated using authorized informal purchasing procedures including brokers, agents and staff research, and therefore require an extra-majority vote of the Mayor and Council.

Additional Comments:

We are electing to stay with our current carriers of MetLife and DentaQuest for dental insurance. Premiums will not increase for either plan next year. Based on our current enrollment levels, the total cost to the City (which does not include the employees' portion of the premium) for FY 2014 will be approximately \$43,000.

The Injured Workers Insurance Fund (IWIF) carries the City's workers compensation insurance. Our claims experience this past year has been excellent and our experience modification factor decreased again this year.

The City's liability insurance is carried by the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) of which the City is a charter member. This insurance covers City-wide general liability, public officials' liability, auto, property, boiler and machinery, personal injury protection, parking garage, and uninsured motorist's coverage. The City also purchases coverage from other insurance companies affiliated with LGIT for our pollution legal liability, a crime bond, Metro underpass, and fuel storage tanks. The plan year for LGIT coverage is July 1 – June 30 and final premium rates are not available until May. However, LGIT has advised us to budget \$145,030 for FY '14, which is a decrease of over \$10,000 from last year.

This overall budget number is \$17,419 less than last year.

13-G-37

(This Motion Will Be Prepared
On Monday Following A
Meeting Between The
Applicant And Staff)

13-G-34

Tentative

(This Will Be A
Red Folder Item)

13-G-39

Tentative

(This Will Be A
Red Folder Item)

13-G-35

(This Will Be A
Red Folder Item)

13-CR-01

A CHARTER RESOLUTION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND,
AMENDING ARTICLE XI, § C11-6 “SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS” TO AUTHORIZE
A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING
COSTS TO ENHANCE POLICE, FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES

A Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 edition, as amended); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of College Park desire to enhance police, fire and rescue services in the City; and

WHEREAS, Article 23A, §44 authorizes the City Council to establish special taxing districts for specific purposes, including to finance the capital and operating costs to enhance police, fire protection and rescue services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have previously adopted § C11-6 to authorize the creation of special taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of College Park desire to amend the City Charter to enable the establishment of a district to finance the capital and operating costs to enhance police, fire protection and rescue services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, that:

Section 1. Article XI, § C11-6 of the Charter of the City of College Park is repealed, re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

§ C11-6. Special Taxing Districts.

A. Establishment, taxes, administration.

(1) Authority and purpose. Pursuant to Article 23A, §44 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the City of College Park may establish Special Taxing Districts for the purpose of financing the design, construction, establishment, extension, alteration or acquisition of adequate storm drain systems; for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition establishment, improvement, extension, operation or alteration of public parking facilities or pedestrian malls; for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition, erection, construction, improvement and maintenance of street and area lighting; FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS TO ENHANCE POLICE, FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES; for the purpose of financing the activities of commercial management authorities; for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition, establishment, equipping, improvement, extension, operation, alteration or maintenance of public bus or ride sharing systems; and to levy on all real and personal property, within the districts, an ad valorem tax at a rate sufficient to provide adequate annual revenues to pay the principal and interest on any bonds or obligations of the City issued for these purposes as the principal and interest become due, and to pay the costs of operating and maintaining these facilities.

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Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Charter Resolution is adopted this _____ day of _____, 2013, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City of College Park, hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after its passage by the City unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with Article 23A §13 of the Annotated Code of Maryland within forty (40) days following its passage. A complete and exact copy of this Charter Resolution shall be posted in the City offices located at

4500 Knox Road, College Park, Maryland for forty (40) days following its passage by the Mayor and Council and a fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, also within the forty (40) day period following its adoption by the City.

Section 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, within ten (10) days after the Charter Resolution hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following referendum, the City Manager for the City of College Park shall send separately, by mail, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to the Department of Legislative Services, one copy of the following information concerning the Charter Resolution: (i) the complete text of this Resolution; (ii) the date of referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (iii) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Council of the City of College Park or in the referendum; and (iv) the effective date of the Charter Resolution.

Section 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City of College Park, Maryland, be, and hereby is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 as evidence of compliance herewith; and said City Manager shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting (i) an appropriate Certificate of Publication of the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall have been published; and (ii) certification of the mailing referred to in Section 3 and shall further cause to be completed and executed the Municipal Charter or Annexation Resolution Registration Form.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____ 2013.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____ 2013.

EFFECTIVE the _____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

**THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK,
MARYLAND**

Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

By _____
Andrew M. Fellows, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney

13-G-38

Motion:

I move for the biennial appointment of the Board of Election Supervisors, as follows: Jack Robson, Terry Wertz, Maxine Gross, Linda Lachman, and Charles Smolka. In addition, I move that Jack Robson be designated as the Chief of Elections. The compensation for the Chief of Elections shall be \$480 for each of the next two years. The compensation for the Supervisors of Elections shall be \$360 in an election year.

Comments:

The City Charter requires the Council to appoint the Board of Election Supervisors every two years, not later than the first regular meeting in March, each year in which there is a general election. Our City Elections will be held on November 5 this year, so it is time to make these appointments. The Council is also required to set the compensation for the Board, and to designate a Chief of Elections.

These five experienced residents have served together for many years on the City's Board of Election Supervisors and have done a superb job of ensuring that our elections run smoothly and without incident. I am pleased to be able to reappoint them tonight for another two year term.