

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
7:43 p.m. – 8:37 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Fellows.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Miriam Bader, Senior Planner.

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Catlin opened the meeting at 7:43 p.m. after an earlier Closed Session. Councilmember Day led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to adopt the minutes of the December 11, 2012 Regular Meeting. The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Dennis stated that the 22nd annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King would be held on Saturday, January 12, at 2:00 p.m. at the Clarice Smith Center for Performing Arts. Secondly, the Lakeland Civic Association will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Catlin stated that the Berwyn District Civic Association will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 17 at Fealy Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Councilmember Wojahn reminded everyone that there would be a public forum at City Hall on Tuesday, January 29 on quality of life issues related to rental housing. The forum begins at 7:00 p.m. Input can also be provided via an e-mail to: qualityoflife@collegeparkmd.gov.

Councilmember Kabir said Thursday the North College Park Citizens Association would hold their monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. at Davis Hall.

Newly Appointed Board and Committee Members: The Council acknowledged Suzie Bellamy, Noise Control Board, Charlene Mahoney, Education Advisory Committee, and Carl Patterson, College Park Housing Authority.

Proclamation: Mayor Pro Tem Catlin read the Proclamation, “Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Promises To Keep, A Dream To Realize”

Amendments to the Agenda: (Wojahn) Remove item 13-G-05, Letter to District Council about the Greenbelt Sector Plan; add item 13-G-09, Letter to County Executive Baker re: funding for US Route 1.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro reviewed the items that were in the red folders. Curbside leaf collection is ending this week. Yard waste must now be placed in paper bags or recyclable containers.

Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items:

Seth Statler, 6901 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park Volunteer Fire Department: Thanked the Council for their support of the fire department and, speaking as a resident, requested consideration of increasing the contribution as funds allow.

Chase Fabrizio, Deputy Chief, Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department: Thanked the Council for their continued support of the department. He also asked for support to fight the removal of the paid personnel from the Branchville Fire Department, which would adversely affect the residents and put fire fighters at risk.

Consent Agenda:

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

- 13-G-01** Award of FY '13 Fire Department Capital Equipment Grants to fire companies providing "first response" to portions of the City, as follows: 1) \$15,000 to College Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to apply to debt service on 2012 Pierce Pumper, which was delivered in May 2012; 2) \$15,000 to Branchville Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Squad, Inc. to apply to debt service on new 2012 Ford F-450 ambulance chassis with Horton box, which was delivered in November 2012; and 3) \$15,000 to Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. to apply to debt service on 2010 Seagrave aerial ladder truck which responds to high-rise buildings in the City and on the UM campus. These grants are funded in C.I.P. project 012006, account 25-40.

- 13-R-01** Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park Maryland to extend the Downtown College Park Management Authority for a three year term ending on or about January 1, 2016.

- 13-G-02** Approval of a letter in support of PG 401-13-Prince George's County-Authority to Impose Fees for Use of Disposable Bags

- 13-G-03** Authorize the City Manager to exercise the option to extend the Police Services Agreement for an additional three year period from October 2011, to ratify the Police Services Agreement extension from October 2011 to January 2013, and to renew the Police Services Agreement for the remainder of the three year period from January 2013 to October 2014.

- 13-G-04** Authorize the City Manager to establish and enforce a new residential permit parking zone to include the 5200 and 5300 blocks of Lackawanna Street, from 52nd Avenue East to the dead end of Lackawanna, and the 9600 and 9700 blocks of 53rd Avenue, from the dead end of 53rd Avenue north to

52nd Place. This permit parking zone shall be enforceable seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

13-G-06 Approval of a letter to Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker regarding career staffing at the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad, Inc.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

Action Items:

13-G-07 Award of the following FY ’13 Public School Education Grants: \$2,500 to Berwyn Heights Elementary School for the Healthy Initiative project; \$2,500 to High Point High School for an Outreach Coordinator; \$2,500 to University Park Elementary School for STEM Fair/Extended Learning Program; \$7,500 to Hollywood Elementary School for Equipment Investment to Enhance Educational Opportunities; \$7,500 to Paint Branch Elementary School for Extended Learning Opportunities; and \$7,500 to Parkdale High School for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports/Essential 50 Mentoring Program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to approve the award of the following FY ’13 Public School Education Grants: \$2,500 to Berwyn Heights Elementary School for the Healthy Initiative project; \$2,500 to High Point High School for an Outreach Coordinator; \$2,500 to University Park Elementary School for STEM Fair/Extended Learning Program; \$7,500 to Hollywood Elementary School for Equipment Investment to Enhance Educational Opportunities; \$7,500 to Paint Branch Elementary School for Extended Learning Opportunities; \$7,500 to Parkdale High School for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports/Essential 50 Mentoring Program.

Councilmember Mitchell added that the City of College Park has strong commitments to the education of its children and encourages partnership with its schools through the public school education grant process that is one of its several education initiatives. Each year the City releases education grant applications to those schools that serve children from College Park neighborhoods. The purpose of this grant process is to support school initiatives and provide additional educational support and/or creative initiatives to the students. Grant amounts available are in two tiers: \$2,500 and \$7,500. The amount a school is eligible for is dependent on the number of College Park students in their school. Those schools with the largest number of College Park students are eligible for the \$7,500 grant and the others \$2,500. We appreciate these schools’ participation in this process and our collaborative partnership with them.

Comments from the audience:

Carolyn Bernache, 9318 St. Andrews Place, Chair, Education Advisory Committee:
Expressed the EAC’s appreciation for this opportunity to support our schools. There are three other schools that are revising their applications and will return in February.

The motion passed 8- 0 – 0.

13-AR-01 Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park Enlarging The Corporate Boundaries Of The City By Annexing Land Contiguous To And Adjoining The Existing Corporate Area To Include The Properties Known As The Domain Property, A Portion Of Mowatt Lane Abutting This Property, And That Portion Of Campus Drive Not Presently Within The City From Its Intersection With Mowatt Lane To Adelphi Road, And Containing Approximately 4.4384± Acres

A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to introduce Annexation Resolution 13-AR-01, A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park Enlarging The Corporate Boundaries Of The City By Annexing Land Contiguous To And Adjoining The Existing Corporate Area To Include The Properties Known As The Domain Property, A Portion Of Mowatt Lane Abutting This Property, And That Portion Of Campus Drive Not Presently Within The City From Its Intersection With Mowatt Lane To Adelphi Road, And Containing Approximately 4.4384± Acres.

Councilmember Day stated that the Public Hearing on 13-AR-01 is scheduled for February 12, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

13-R-02 Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park To Adopt An Annexation Plan For The Annexation Of Approximately 4.4384± Acres Of Land, To Include The Properties Known As The Domain Property, A Portion Of Mowatt Lane Abutting This Property, And That Portion Of Campus Drive Not Presently Within The City From Its Intersection With Mowatt Lane To Adelphi Road

A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to adopt 13-R-02, A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park To Adopt An Annexation Plan For The Annexation Of Approximately 4.4384± Acres Of Land, To Include The Properties Known As The Domain Property, A Portion Of Mowatt Lane Abutting This Property, And That Portion Of Campus Drive Not Presently Within The City From Its Intersection With Mowatt Lane To Adelphi Road.

Ms. Ferguson said that one requirement of the annexation process is to provide an annexation plan, which is the purpose of this resolution. Because the City has little zoning authority there is very little to say in the annexation plan except to recognize what is already there and state the zoning of the property. It is short, but it is a requirement we need to fulfill.

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

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

13-G-08 Appointments To Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to appoint Gloria Aparicio Blackwell to the Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Work Group. The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

13-G-09 Approval of a letter to Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker regarding state funding of US Route 1 improvements.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to send a letter to County Executive Rushern Baker encouraging the county’s prioritization of funding for US Route 1 improvements in the FY 2013 – 2018 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Plan.

Councilmember Wojahn stated that it is important to remind the County that US 1 reconstruction has been a City priority for decades and is necessary for the economic revitalization of College Park and the surrounding community. We need additional funding to move the project forward. Delegate Pena Melnyk suggested we send this letter because the County will be finalizing their list of priority projects later this week.

Councilmember Afzali said that the County Executive’s approval of additional developments on US 1 should make the case for his support.

Councilmember Catlin said the state’s budget needs more transportation funding.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

Update from Staff on the Cafritz development: Ms. Schum provided Council with an update on the Cafritz application for preliminary plan of subdivision. The item is expected to be on the Council’s Worksession agenda next week for action in Special Session.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Catlin adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. with a vote of 8 – 0 – 0.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 6:56 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Day to enter into an Executive Session for the following reasons:

G: To Consult with Counsel on a legal matter

The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bob Catlin; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), Dennis, Catlin, Stullich (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Day, Afzali and Mitchell.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Michael Stiefvater, Economic Development Coordinator. Tommy and Jimmy Marcos joined the meeting later.

Topics Discussed: The City Attorney advised the City Council about legal and financial issues related to an existing lease agreement.

Actions Taken: None.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to adjourn the Executive Session, and with a vote of 8 – 0 – 0, Mayor Pro Tem Catlin adjourned the Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.