

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2006**  
**8:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Krouse, Catlin, Perry, Fellows and Hampton; Student Liaison Jesse Blitzstein.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services.

The meeting opened with the Pledge Of Allegiance led by Councilmember Hampton.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 24, 2005 Regular Meeting, the November 14, 2006 Regular Meeting, the November 21, 2006 Special Session, and the November 28, 2006 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Hampton to accept the minutes. An amendment was proposed by Councilmember Fellows and seconded by Councilmember Krouse. The amendment was to little page 27 of the May 24, 2005 Regular Meeting minutes, to amend comments made by Councilmember Fellows. The amendment passed 6-0-0. The minutes, as amended, were adopted by a vote of 6-0-0.

The City Manager clarified that the reason the May 24, 2005 Regular Meeting minutes were just now being presented for adoption is because it was recently discovered that these minutes had not been prepared by the previous City Clerk and had never been presented for approval.

**Announcements:**

Councilmember Perry announced that the Berwyn District Civic Association would hold their annual holiday party on Saturday December 16 at Fealy Hall. There will be no regular meeting of the BDCA this month.

Councilmember Krouse announced that membership applications for the College Park Woods Swim Club are now available.

Councilmember Milligan announced that the North College Park Citizens Association would be held on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Davis Hall. Following the regular meeting there will be holiday refreshments.

**Acknowledgement Of Dignitaries:** Mayor Brayman recognized Senator John Giannetti and his wife; Councilmember Tom Hendershot; Morgan Gale, President of the Calvert Hills Citizens Association; and Jerry Anzulovic, member of the Democratic Central Committee.

**Acknowledgement of Newly Appointed Board and Committee Members:** None.

**Awards:** Mayor Brayman requested Councilmember Tom Hendershot and Senator John Giannetti to join him at the podium.

Mayor Brayman recognized the 22 years of public service provided by Councilmember Tom Hendershot, both as an elected member to the Board of Education and then to the County Council. He thanked Councilmember Hendershot, and presented an award from the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Brayman recognized the 4 years of public service provided by Sen. John Giannetti in Annapolis. He thanked Senator Giannetti, and presented an award from the Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Hendershot thanked the Mayor and Council, and made personal remarks about his career.

Senator Giannetti thanked the Mayor and Council, and made personal remarks about his career.

**Presentation of Service Awards:** Mayor Brayman requested Councilmembers Perry, Milligan and Krouse to join him at the podium. He presented service pins to Councilmembers Milligan and Krouse for two years of service, and to Councilmember Perry for 20 years of service. These awards should have been presented at last year's holiday party, but because the party was postponed, they were not presented.

Councilmember Perry commented on his 20+ years of service on the College Park City Council.

**Amendments To The Agenda:** Item #06-G-142 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and will be heard under tonight's action items.

**City Manager's Report:** Mr. Nagro announced that the City's Special Election would be held on Tuesday, January 16, from 11 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. You must be registered to vote by December 17 to be eligible to vote in the Special Election. Requests for Absentee Ballots are available on the City's web site and from the Clerk's office. Voting for the District 3 Council seat will take place at City Hall, and for the District 4 Council seat will take place at Davis Hall. Petitions of Candidacy must be turned in by 5 p.m. on December 22.

The Columbia Avenue road project is moving along well.

**Student Liaison Comments:** Mr. Blitzstein wished everyone happy holidays and Happy New Year.

**Comments From The Audience On Non-Agenda Items:**

**Morgan Gale, President, Calvert Hills Citizens Association:** Mr. Gale stated that Santa will pay a visit to Calvert Hills on Sunday at 5:30. There also will be a tree lighting at the end of Dartmouth Road.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Councilmember Fellows and seconded by Councilmember Milligan to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

**06-G-141      2007 City of College Park Mayor and Council Meeting Schedule**

The Consent Agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0-0.

**Action Items:**

**06-O-08      To Adopt An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Granting A Cable Franchise To Verizon Maryland, Inc., And Authorizing A Franchise Agreement**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Fellows to adopt 06-O-08 granting a cable franchise to Verizon Maryland, Inc., and authorizing a franchise agreement. This Ordinance was introduced at a Special Session on November 21, 2006 and a public hearing was held earlier this evening; there will be no further public comment taken at this time.

Councilmember Hampton thanked Ms. Ferguson for her efforts to negotiate this agreement on behalf of the Prince George's municipalities.

The motion to adopt this Ordinance passed 6-0-0.

**06-G-143      To Approve The Cable Franchise Agreement Between The City of College Park And Verizon Maryland, Inc.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Fellows to approve the cable franchise agreement between the City of College Park and Verizon Maryland Inc., in substantially the form that is before the Council this evening. This is the second step in bringing Verizon cable to the City.

There was no public comment on this item.

The motion to approve this Agreement passed 6-0-0.

**06-O-09 To Adopt An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Amending Chapter 38 “Ethics, Code Of”, Article IV “Required Disclosures” By Adding §38-20 “Enforcement Of Required Disclosures” To Allow The Ethics Commission To Remove A Member Of An Authority, Board Or Commission For Failure To File Required Disclosures**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to adopt Ordinance 06-O-09. Councilmember Perry read the title and comments into the record. This Ordinance was introduced on November 28, 2006 and a public hearing was held earlier this evening; there will be no further public comment taken at this time.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 06-O-09 passed 6-0-0.

**06-G-144 Authorize The City Manager To Sign A Consultant Contract With Matrix Consultant Group To Perform A Police Services Study In The Bid Amount Of \$60,000.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Fellows and seconded by Councilmember Milligan to authorize the City Manager to sign a consultant contract with Matrix Consulting Group for a police services study. Councilmember Fellows read the comments into the record.

There were no comments from the audience on this item.

Councilmember Milligan spoke in favor of this motion and supports the police services study.

Councilmember Catlin also spoke in favor of this motion and discussed the individual interviews the consultant is required to conduct with the Mayor and members of the Council.

Councilmember Perry spoke against the motion and will not support it, although he is interested to see what the consultant recommends.

Student Liaison Blitzstein applauded the efforts of the City to look into crime and safety issues in College Park. He asked about the time line of the study.

Mayor Brayman spoke in favor of this study, which will consider many policing options in addition to a municipal police department. He will ask the consultant to explore high tech options that might be available to improve public safety.

The motion passed 5-1-0 (Councilmember Perry opposed).

**06-O-10 Introduction of An Emergency Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 125 “Housing Regulations”, Section 125-17 “Firesafety Laws” To Adopt By Reference The Fire Codes Of Prince George’s County And The National Fire Protection Association 101 Life Safety Code**

A motion was made by Councilmember Milligan and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to introduce Emergency Ordinance 06-O-10. Councilmember Milligan read the comments into the record. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**06-G-142 Approval Of A Letter In Support Of PG 410-07, Creating A Specific School Facilities Surcharge Exemption Zone For Multifamily Housing Designated As Student Housing.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Krouse to send a letter to Chairman Obie Patterson in support of PG 410-07. The letter was discussed at length and an amendment was proposed, which would request an amendment to the bill. There was additional discussion and clarification of the proposed boundary of the surcharge exemption zone. With the understanding that the areas need not be contiguous, it was agreed that two separate areas would be shown instead of having the two designated areas connected by a flagpole (line) that follows Route 1. There was specific discussion about University House on Berwyn House Road.

A motion to amend was made by Councilmember Perry to remove area #2 as shown on little page 43. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The motion gives staff authorization to amend the language in the letter to designate the boundaries within the parameters discussed tonight.

**Morgan Gale, 7010 Wake Forest Drive:** Had questions about the proposed bill and boundaries.

Councilmember Perry will not support this motion because he believes the student housing on Berwyn House Road should not be in the exemption zone.

The motion passed 5-1-0 (Councilmember Perry opposed).

**06-G-145 Appointments To Boards And Committees**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Hampton for the following appointments:

Reappointment of Jackie Kelly to the Tree and Landscape Board for a two-year term.  
New appointment of Milton Grodsky to the Airport Authority for a two-year term.  
New appointment of Robert White to the Noise Control Board for a four-year term.  
Reappointment of Robert Day to the Noise Control Board for a four-year term.

The motion carried 6-0-0.

**Council Comments:**

Councilmember Milligan stated that he attended his first National League of Cities conference last week. He learned a lot and thinks it was worthwhile.

Councilmember Krouse asked for a Worksession item on the installation of bollards for the bike lanes on Rhode Island Avenue. He also requested a Worksession item on the Community Tool Chest.

Councilmember Catlin also attended the National League of Cities conference last week. They attended several good workshops and visited several worthwhile exhibitors' booths.

Councilmember Perry asked if the City is tracking electric aggregation legislation. He also asked if #1 Liquors can be invited to a Council meeting prior to their January 23 liquor license transfer hearing before the Board of License Commissioners.

**Comments From The Audience:** None.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Milligan to adjourn the meeting. The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. by a vote of 6-0-0. A Worksession was scheduled to follow the regular meeting, and the Council will not reconvene into a public session.

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Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk