

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**January 24, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers: Milligan, Krouse, Perry, Catlin, Olson, Fellows, Hampton and Peña-Melnyk; Emily Guskin, Student Liaison.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager, Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk, Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager, Terry Schum, Director of Planning, Robert Ryan, Director of Public Services, and Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney.

During the meditation, Mayor Brayman wanted all to reflect on the tragic loss of Mr. David Ellis, a University of Maryland Student majoring in the College of Arts and Humanity and a WNUC Disc Jockey who died today in a fire in his off campus apartment. Our heart felt condolences go out to his family and friends.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Perry

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Olson and seconded by Councilmember Perry for the adoption of the January 10, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes. Emily Guskin, Student Liaison stated that she was in Florida, not New York. Minutes were changed to reflect the correct location. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilmember Olson thanked staff for coordinating the day long EPA session this past Saturday. Also announced the Calvert Hills Civic Association will be having a community meeting on February 1, 2006 at Friends Community School.

Councilmember Fellows urged all to attend the Public Hearing on January 31<sup>st</sup>, in the Council Chambers regarding the Downtown Redevelopment Project.

Councilmember Peña-Melnyk thanked staff for the job they did on the EPA session. The Committee for Transit Alternatives will hold a meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Also announced that there will be a City wide Neighborhood Watch Meeting on March 1, 2006 at Davis Hall.

Councilmember Milligan announced that a former resident of College Park, Jim Hainer, wrote a book called "Soccer Head" which features stories from his College Park Boys and Girls Club Soccer team. The book comes out in mid April. Also announced that the College Park Boys and Girls Club held their award banquet this past Saturday and the recipient of the Mayor Doc Davis Award was awarded to Michael Belshay and the Mayor Owens Award was awarded to Sarah Milligan. All award winners' photos are on the College Park Boys and Girls Club web site at [cpbgc.org](http://cpbgc.org).

Mayor Brayman encouraged all to come to the Public Hearing on January 31, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. with respect to the Downtown Redevelopment Project regarding the two remaining sites of the Special Lot and the Friends School for the location of City Hall.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNATARIES:**

Mayor Brayman recognized former Councilmember Mark Shroder, President of the North College Park Civic Association; Morgan Gale, President of the Calvert Hills Citizens Association; Dr. Pillai, former candidate for City Council and newly appointed Alternative Transportation Committee Member; and Devin Ellis, Chief of Staff of the Student Government Association.

A motion was made by Councilmember Olson and seconded by Councilmember Peña-Melnyk for the Appointment of Tom Kennedy to the College Park Housing Authority. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0. Mayor Brayman administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Thomas Kennedy to the Housing Authority for a five (5) year term.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Councilmember Perry moved 06-R-05, A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, To Approve A National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement And Appoint The City Manager To Negotiate Specific Operations Plans For Review And Final Approval By The Mayor And Council, from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Joe Nagro, City Manager, thanked the Mayor and Council for getting their Wish List in for the budget. Mr. Nagro also stated that we have received the signed resolution, CR-2-2006, from Prince George's County where they approved our Fence Ordinance 05-O-12.

#### **STUDENT LIAISON COMMENTS:**

Emily Guskin announced that Mr. David Ellis is the second student to who passed away in a fire this year and that we cannot afford any one else to perish in a fire. Ms. Guskin urged Council to enforce sprinklers and to work on educating the public.

#### **COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

James Garvin, 4805 Drexel Road and member of the Airport Authority, requested that the Mayor and Council approve a letter to be sent to Melvin High, Chief of the Prince George's County Police Department regarding the PGCPD Helicopter Division.

Councilmember Olson asked Mr. Garvin if he would prefer the College Park Airport Authority to send the letter or would he like the letter to come from the City of College Park. Mr. Garvin stated that the higher the authority the best. Therefore, Councilmember Olson added this letter to the agenda – Item Number 06-G-09.

Devin Ellis, Chief of Staff of the Student Government Association, echoed Ms. Guskin's remarks and requested that we make it a priority to consider enforcing sprinklers in buildings prone to fire.

Morgan Gale, 7010 Wakeforest Drive, commended staff on putting together the EPA meeting and stated it was the most useful meeting he has attended. Announced that the Calvert Hills Citizens Association will meet February 1, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Friends Community School.

Amos Kedem of 4810 Harvard Road, in the process of moving to 4622 Knox Road #9, stated that he does not own a car and his employer allows him to use the cab of his work truck which he brings home and parks in the alley of Harvard Road. The Code Enforcement Division sent a violation letter stating that the truck could not park on residential property. Mr. Kedem asked if there was something that could be done to allow him to bring the truck home.

Mayor Brayman informed Mr. Kedem of the rules and regulations of parking of commercial vehicles on residential property and City streets.

Councilmember Fellows asked if Mr. Kedem knew of any other place that he could legally park the vehicle and take public transportation to get to the vehicle.

Councilmember Perry suggested that this item go to worksession and asked that the city staff stand down until we can get more information on this matter. Mayor Brayman stated that since this is a Prince George's County Law, it would be irregular for us to ask staff to stand down on enforcing what is already city code.

Councilmember Olson requested that staff work directly with Mr. Kedem, and that staff continue enforcing city code as it stands.

Mayor Brayman encouraged Mr. Kedem to talk with staff off line and to continue to follow all rules and regulations of the city code.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

06-G-06 Approval of Field Use Request from the City of College Park

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry to approve the Consent agenda. Councilmember Olson seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

06-R-05 A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, To Approve A National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement And Appoint The City Manager To Negotiate Specific Operations Plans For Review And Final Approval By The Mayor And Council

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry for the approval of 06-R-05. Councilmember Perry read the Resolution in to record. Councilmember Catlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

06-G-09 Approval of a letter to be sent to Melvin High, Chief of the Prince George's County Police Department regarding the PGCPD Helicopter Division.

A motion was made by Councilmember Olson to approve a letter to be sent to Chief Melvin High. Councilmember Olson read the letter in to record. Councilmember Perry seconded.

Councilmember Olson stated that the City Council and the Airport Authority worked very hard to bring the Prince George's County Aviation Division to the College Park Airport and they have honored the flight pattern.

Morgan Galel, 7010 Wakeforest Drive stated that the Calvert Hills Citizens Association is on record for supporting the Helicopter Division and has no reason to believe that the position has changed.

Councilmember Perry stated that this letter reinforces the community's support for the Prince George's County Police Helicopter Unit at College Park. Councilmember Perry commented that the Police Helicopters are much quieter than the other helicopters.

Mayor Brayman suggested that the County Executive and Sgt. Stevens be copied on this letter.

The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

06-G-08 Appointment to Boards and Committees

Councilmember Peña-Melnyk motioned to appointed Dr. Partha Pillia, 9000 Acredale Court, to the Alt. Transportation Committee. Councilmember Hampton seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

Recess 9:00 p.m.

Reconvene 9:25 p.m.

06-G-07 Approval To The Revision To Approved Conceptual Site Plan And Preliminary Plans For Greenbelt Station

Mayor Brayman commented that he would like all parties involved to understand a base line of surface and subsurface water or the hydrology of the area affecting the Hollywood neighborhood and a base line for measurement of any change in ground and/or surface water, upstream and downstream, before a conceptual site plan can be agreed upon.

Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney, stated that we were not able to come to an agreement with Mr. Riveria of Rifkin, Livingston, Levintan & Silver, LLC. Mr. Riveria would like to go back to his client and discuss this again at the next Worksession meeting.

Discussion between Mr. Riveria, Rifkin, Livingston, Levintan & Silver, LLC, and Council which determined that this item will be brought back before the Mayor and Council at the Tuesday, January 31, 2006 meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Olson and seconded by Councilmember Peña-Melnyk to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

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Yvette Allen  
Assistant City Clerk