

## MINUTES

### Public Hearing of the College Park City Council

Tuesday, September 26, 2006 - 7:30 P.M.

#### Ordinance No. 06-O-06, Amending Chapter 129, "Licenses:"

**An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 129 "Licenses", To Clarify That Solicitors Must Comply With All Applicable Laws Before Issuance Of A License And To Limit The Hours Of Solicitation To Between 7:00 A.M. And 9:00 P.M., To Remove Vending Machines, Taxicabs And Auction Houses From Licensing Requirements, To Clarify And Expand Licensing Restrictions As To Mobile Vendors, To Renumber Various Sections And To Amend Chapter 110, Section 110-1 To Remove The License Fees For Vending Machines, Taxicabs And Auction Houses.**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk

**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.

Mayor Brayman opened this Public Hearing at 8:12 p.m. He announced that this Public Hearing was being held to discuss proposed amendments to City Code Chapter 129, Licenses.

Bob Ryan provided an introduction and stated this discussion began in May, with proposed changes regarding door-to-door solicitors. It was then decided to take a look at the entire chapter and make further amendments. The changes that are proposed include clarifying that solicitor's must comply with all applicable laws, particularly obtaining the County's solicitor's license, before applying for a City license; removed sections that required licenses for vending machines, taxicabs and auction houses; gives the City the authority to deny a license for cause; and changed the hours for vending and solicitation. The most extensive changes apply to mobile vendors, such as step-van trucks and ice cream trucks.

Councilmember Perry asked questions about vending machines and hot dog carts. Mr. Ryan replied that a mobile food cart has to be moved every 15 minutes according to the Ordinance.

**Carl Baker, 4907 Tecumseh Street:** He believes solicitation should only be allowed between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday only.

**Jack Robson, 4710 Harvard Road:** Doesn't have a problem with the hours. Thinks the City should try to license taxicabs that sit at the taxi stand at the College Park Metro.

**Mark Shroder, 4909 Muskogee Street:** Perceives a discrepancy in Sections 129-6C (6) and (7) regarding Mobile Vendors: how can the City require vendors to keep their location clean and free of paper and also require them to move every 15 minutes.

**Morgan Gale, 7010 Wake Forest Drive:** Requested clarification on the enforcement of the stipulation that mobile vendors have to move every 15 minutes.

**Charles Sarahan, Box E, College Park:** Believes there are a lot of laws on the books that College Park is not enforcing now; the City should not add new laws until the old ones are enforced.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed at 8:35 p.m.

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Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk