

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the College Park City Council
Monday, July 30, 2007
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Catlin, Perry, Fellows, and Cook.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Krouse, Hampton and Stullich.

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Groh, Acting City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; and Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager.

Mayor Brayman opened the Special Meeting stating that last week he became aware of a technical problem regarding a Charter Resolution that was acted on earlier this year. When Charter Resolution 07-CR-04 was drafted, language that was intended to be deleted was inadvertently omitted from the resolution, and should have been shown with a delete strike through it. The new language was added and the resolution read as if everything was fine. Mayor Brayman clarified that it was their intent to change the Charter Resolution to require that if you are running for office that you be a registered voter in the City and State for twelve months prior to an election instead of continuously residing within the City for twelve months. Mayor Brayman further stated that we don't want someone to interpret the language that was not shown with a line through it, as still being in the code.

Mayor Brayman explained that this error was recently found when the campaign packets were being developed and thought the best way to fix the error was to have a meeting with Council. If there is a motion to adopt Charter Resolution 07-CR-05, we would officially delete language that was intended to be deleted in April and would make the Charter read as it was intended. All Councilmembers were notified of this meeting, however, several have conflicting meetings or are out of town and unable to attend. The original Charter Resolution was previously advertised and a public hearing was held.

07-CR-05 Charter Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Article III, "Mayor And Council", § C3-1 "Elected Officers Of The City" To Make A Technical Amendment Clarifying The Requirement That A Candidate Must Be A Registered Voter In The City For One Year Prior To Election.

Councilmember Catlin moved to adopt Charter Resolution 07-CR-05.

Councilmember Milligan seconded.

Councilmember Catlin stated that as the title of Charter Resolution 07-CR-05 indicates, this proposed Charter Resolution is a technical amendment only, to correct language that was previously thought to have been deleted in April. This change would put into effect what we thought we voted on in April.

Comments from Audience:

Jack Robson, Chief Election Supervisor, stated that Charter Resolution 07-CR-05 reflects the intent of what the Board of Election Supervisors asked the Council to do at the Public Hearing held in April and that the change would basically do what was requested.

The motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Fellows to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Yvette Allen
Assistant City Clerk

Attachments: Color Copy of Charter Change