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Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, May 22, 2007 – 7:05 P.M.

07-O-09:
An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 110
To Increase Parking Meter Rates Effective July 1

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Stullich

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Leo Thomas, Deputy Director of Finance.

Mayor Brayman opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m. and invited Steve Groh to give an overview. Mr. Groh stated that the City's parking meter rates, which have been in effect since FY '04, are 55¢ per hour on city-owned lots and streets, and 50¢ an hour on non city-owned lots and streets. This amendment to Chapter 110 will eliminate the two rate categories and increase all meter rates to 75¢ per hour, to bring rates in line with what other jurisdictions are charging, as was proposed by the parking consultant. The increased revenue, anticipated at \$212,500, is designated for a parking debt service fund, earning interest, to use for future debt service of the proposed public parking garage. The increase would take effect on July 1.

Mayor Brayman invited public comment.

Jack Robson, 4710 Harvard Road: He asked why the rates couldn't be raised more.

Ted Ankeney, President, Downtown College Park Management Authority: The DCPMA stands in support of this increase of parking meter rates and of the proposed downtown parking garage.

Mayor Brayman stated that the Council is scheduled to take action on this item tonight, and no further public comment will be heard unless there is an amendment.

There being no further public comment, the hearing was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.