

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Stulich, Hampton and Mary Cook; Student Liaison Dan Hartinger.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Perry and Mark Cook.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Peggy Higgins, Director of Community Resources.

A quorum being present, Mayor Brayman called the Meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Councilmember Catlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 14 Public Hearings on Ordinance 09-O-02 and Charter Amendment Resolutions 09-CR-01 and 09-CR-02, and the April 14 Regular Meeting, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Mary Cook and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to approve the minutes. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Mary Cook announced that the College Park Woods Civic Association would meet on May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Swim Club.

Councilmember Catlin stated the Berwyn District Civic Association will hold a pot luck dinner in the park on Friday, May 1 instead of having an April meeting.

Councilmember Wojahn said the Committee for a Better Environment is now accepting nominations for Green Awards.

Acknowledgement of Dignitaries: Mayor Brayman recognized Larry Bleau, President, North College Park Citizens Association; Monroe Dennis, President, Lakeland Citizens Association; and Maryland State Delegate Tawanna Gaines.

Acknowledgement Of Newly Appointed Board And Committee Members: None.

Proclamations: Mayor Brayman read the Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week.

Amendments To The Agenda: None.

City Manager’s Report: Mr. Nagro reminded the Council about Thursday’s Four Cities Meeting at New Carrollton City Hall, and stated that the parking garage should be completed in late May.

Student Liaison Comments: Mr. Hartinger announced that his term is winding down and he is working on an information sheet to help ease the transition for the next liaison.

Comments From The Audience On Non-Agenda Items:

Davey Rogner (Environmental Liaison) and Joanna Calabrese (Senior Vice President), University of Maryland Student Government Association: Discussed their opposition to the proposed development of 9 of the 22 acres of forested area on the “wooded hillock” site in conjunction with the East Campus development. Requested the Council’s input and support for their recommendations to make this site the most sustainable and carbon neutral site on campus.

Larry Bleau, 4901 Niagara Road, President, North College Park Citizens Association: Mr. Bleau reported on the April 23 meeting of the NCPCA: they had a presentation by the Prince George’s County Police District 1 Community Response Officer. They heard a presentation by Baywood Hotels on the proposed redevelopment on US 1 between Delaware and Cherokee Streets; the association did not take a position on the development. They formed a nomination committee for the June elections. The new website is almost ready to go public. They reviewed the City’s budget and reassessed their budget priority list and decided to drop the request to widen Edgewood Road where it meets Route 1. Finally, they talked about ways to improve the NCPCA.

Vivian Conway, 4920 Lakeland Road: Discussed her concerns for youth between the ages of 16 – 24 in the Lakeland community, and is interested in mentorship, counseling, and job readiness programs for this age group. She mentioned her organization, Bree’s World. Her goal is to hold a forum in conjunction with other agencies where the youth can talk to the Council. She has met with the Lakeland Civic Association and is seeking help with her efforts.

Presentations:

Spring Earth Day Cleanup and Tree Planting: A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Dar-us-Salaam and Al Huda School for their help with the spring Earth Day Cleanup and Tree Planting on Saturday April 18 in north College Park.

Certificates of Appreciation were also prepared for the UMD Panhellenic Association and Maryland Interfraternity Council but representatives were unable to attend the meeting.

Lakeland STARS: Tabitha Mwita, Coordinator of the College Park Scholars Program, discussed highlights of the Lakeland STARS program this year. Certificates were presented to several tutors who were present; no STARS were able to attend. Special recognition was given to Garrison Hersey, a UMD graduating senior who has tutored students for all 8 semesters that he was a UMD student. Mr. Hersey stated that it was rewarding to give back to the community and his experience as a volunteer helped to shape his career goals. A UMD Alumnus and former tutor, Vince Fillah, returned to talk about the continuing impact the program has had on his life

and stated that he has continued his volunteer service with youth in his community, so the program has had an impact on the lives of the students as well as the tutors extending beyond College Park.

Consent Agenda: None.

Action Items:

09-O-05 Introduction of FY 2009 Budget Amendment Ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Molinatto and seconded by Councilmember Stulich to introduce 09-O-05, the FY 2009 Budget Amendment Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

09-O-04 Introduction of the FY 2010 Budget Ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto to introduce 09-O-04, the FY 2010 Budget Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

09-G-43 Appointments To Boards And Committees

Mayor Brayman nominated Dr. Victoria McDonald as the University of Maryland appointment to the Education Advisory Committee. Councilmember Catlin nominated Carolyn Bennett from District 2 to the Education Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Councilmember Stulich and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto to approve the nominations. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Council Comments: None.

Comments From The Audience: None.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0, and Mayor Brayman adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller
City Clerk

Date Approved