

MINUTES
Special Session of the College Park City Council
March 3, 2009
9:02 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Perry.

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Groh, Acting City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works.

During a regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Hampton to enter into a Special Session. Mayor Brayman noted the Special Session was needed to act on state legislation. The possibility of the Special Session was advertised on the Worksession agenda. The motion passed 7-0-0, and the Council entered Special Session at 9:02 p.m.

Action Item:

09-G-22 Motion in support of HB 1055, “Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Stullich that the City Council reaffirm their prior position of support for HB 1055, Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Wojahn said the Council supported this last year and should support it again.

The motion carried 7-0-0.

09-G-23 Approval of a letter stating the City’s position on and suggesting amended language to HB 921, An Emergency Bill Entitled, “Construction Permits – Expiration Dates.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to conditionally support HB 921 as follows: to express the City’s concerns, to request an amendment, and to give staff discretion to craft specific language for the proposed

amendment either to exempt building permits for projects in residential neighborhoods under \$50,000, or to require that once construction begins on certain residential projects under \$50,000, the original timeframe would apply.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Stullich is concerned that this exception might have opposite of the desired effect, and might be difficult for cash-strapped homeowners.

Mayor Brayman noted the advantage of having the applicant apply for a new permit is that if there are changes to the code, the applicant would have to comply with new codes. This is specifically desirous in the case of changes to the life safety code.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to propose an amendment that would express the concern that any changes made to the life safety code during the four year period would be implemented on the project when it came up for re-permit.

There were no comments from the audience. There were no further comments from the Council on the amendment.

The amendment carried 7-0-0.

The main motion as amended carried 7-0-0.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Hampton to adjourn the Special Session. The motion carried 7-0-0, and Mayor Brayman adjourned the Special Session at 9:18 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller
City Clerk

Date Approved