

MINUTES
Special Session of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, February 2, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Nagle, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Cook, Afzali and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Councilmember Stullich.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Steve Halpern, City Engineer; Elisa Vitale, Planning Department staff; Student Liaison Jonathan Sachs and Deputy Student Liaison Becca Lurie.

During a regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Nagle to enter into a Special Session to vote on two legislative items. 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 10:12 p.m.

Action Items:

10-G-16 Approve a letter in support of HB 348 Public Institutions of Higher Education – New Design and Substantial Exterior Modification – Notice and Consultation

A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to approve a letter in support of HB 348 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter.

Councilmember Afzali drafted the letter and received input from the Mayor and Del. Peña-Melnyk's office. He thinks this bill is good for residents as well as for colleges and universities throughout the state because it would bring issues of light and noise pollution to their attention.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Catlin says he is concerned about the bill because the requirement is more stringent than Park & Planning's process.

City Manager Joe Nagro believes there may be some push back from the University about the three mile radius.

Councilmember Afzali thinks these details will be worked out in the legislative process.

The motion passed 4-0-3 (Catlin, Perry and Cook abstained).

**10-G-17 Approve a letter in support of HB 216 – State Highway Administration –
Unauthorized Signs on Highway Rights-of-Way**

A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to approve a letter in support of HB 216 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter.

Councilmember Afzali said anything that can help bring down illegal signs from our highways is very helpful and urges the Council's support.

There were no comments from the audience on this item.

The motion passed 6-1-0 (Councilmember Cook opposed).

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Perry to adjourn the Special Session. The Special Session was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC Date Approved
City Clerk