

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, May 25, 2010**  
**8:00 P.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Robert Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Jill Clements, Director of Human Resources; Peggy Higgins, Director of Community Resources; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Elisa Vitale, Senior Planner; Dorothy Friedman, Planner; Student Liaison Becca Lurie.

Mayor Fellows opened the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Councilmember Wojahn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 11, 2010 Public Hearing on 10-O-03, the May 11, 2010 Public Hearing on 10-O-04, the May 11, 2010 Regular Meeting and the Confidential Minutes of the May 11 Executive Session were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Cook to approve the minutes. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**Announcements:**

Councilmember Mitchell thanked everyone who attended the West College Park Civic Association picnic and ice cream social; they were well attended.

Councilmember Perry invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day commemoration at the College Park Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m.

Councilmember Catlin announced that there would be an Open House at Paint Branch Elementary School on Friday to showcase all of their recent accomplishments.

Councilmember Wojahn said the College Park Day Planning Committee would meet on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center in Lakeland.

**Acknowledgment of Dignitaries:** Mayor Fellows recognized former Mayor Steve Brayman, Former Councilmember Don Byrd, Calvert Hills Civic Association President Morgan Gale and North College Park Citizens Association President Larry Bleau.

**Amendments to the Agenda:** None.

**City Manager’s Report:** Mr. Nagro announced that next Tuesday’s Worksession will begin at 7:00 p.m., and that next month the Council begins their summer schedule. The County Council was supposed to vote on the US 1 Sector Plan today but the vote was postponed to Tuesday, June 1. He pointed out the items in the red folders.

**Student Liaison Comments:** None.

**Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items:**

**Larry Bleau, 4901 Niagara Road, President of the NCPCA:** Mr. Bleau reported on the last meeting and stated that elections would be held at the next meeting on Thursday, June 10.

**Presentations:** Mayor Fellows presented certificates to the outstanding essayists in the Maryland Municipal League “If I Were Mayor, I Would…” Essay Contest: Aisha Khan - Al Huda, Joshua Olujide – Berwyn Christian, Claudia Giunta – Holy Redeemer, Alison Moreno – Paint Branch and Fatmata Barrie – Al Huda. Each student read their essay and had their pictures taken with the Mayor at the dais.

**Consent Agenda:** None.

**Action Items:**

**10-O-03 Adoption of Ordinance 10-O-03, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 110 “Fees And Penalties”, By Repealing And Reenacting §110-1 “Fees And Interests” To Increase The Application Fees For The Occupancy Permits Required By Chapter 144, And To Increase The Fees For Issuance And Renewal Of Parking Permits Issued Under Chapter 151, And By Repealing And Reenacting §110-2, “Penalties” To Increase The Fines For Parking Meter And Pay Station Violations**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to amend Chapter 110, Fees and Penalties, By Repealing And Reenacting §110-1 “Fees And Interests” To Increase The Application Fees For The Occupancy Permits Required By Chapter 144, And To Increase The Fees For Issuance And Renewal Of Parking Permits Issued Under Chapter 151, And By Repealing And Reenacting §110-2, “Penalties” To Increase The Fines For Parking Meter And Pay Station Violations.

Councilmember Wojahn said this ordinance would implement a small increase in certain fees that the City charges and would become effective July 1. Occupancy permit application fees would increase by \$10, Parking Permits Issuance and Renewals increase by \$5, Parking Violations increase by \$2.50 if paid within 15 days or by \$5 if paid later. A public hearing was held on May 11 so no further public comment will be taken tonight.

There were no comments from the Council.

**The motion passed 7-1-0 (Cook opposed).**

**10-O-04 Adoption of Ordinance 10-O-04, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2011 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland**

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Cook to adopt Ordinance 10-O-04, the FY 2011 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park. Councilmember Mitchell read the budget ordinance.

A public hearing was held on May 11 so no further public comment will be taken tonight.

Councilmember Catlin pointed out a correction that is needed on page 3 of the Ordinance, Paragraph number 8, Parking Debt Service Fund, where it states that 50% of the additional parking meter revenue generated from the 2008 increase goes to debt service -- the amount should read 100%. Mr. Groh will make the correction.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Nagle to amend the FY 2011 proposed budget to delete the direct grant to the College Park Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$12,500 and to reduce the use of the undesignated reserve by \$12,500 to offset the reduction in budgeted expenditures.**

Councilmember Perry reviewed the services and support that the City provides to the Boys and Girls Club at no cost. He is concerned that the Club does not report where their money comes from or how the money is spent. He is not sure how much fundraising they are doing.

**Comments from the audience on the amendment:**

**Mary Lintner, 5030 Laguna Road, President, College Park Boys and Girls Club:** Thanked the Council for their support and spoke about the difficulties they are facing. There are only 6 volunteers who are trying to hang on. They do try fundraising but some of their past sponsors have closed or the amounts have decreased. They weren't previously asked to provide an accounting of their funds which is why they haven't provided it, but will do so now.

**Julia Wilson, 4903 Fox Street:** Thanked the Council for their support of the B&G Club.

**Joan Keller, 9206 50<sup>th</sup> Place, Treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club last 8 years, 9206 50<sup>th</sup> Place:** Reviewed the Club's fundraising efforts but there is a core group of only about 6 volunteers and it is hard to find the time. They are trying to provide a positive atmosphere for the kids.

**Steve Brayman, 7604 Sweetbriar Drive:** Spoke against the amendment. His original intention when he proposed this grant was to support the Boys and Girls Club since it is so important to the neighborhood fabric of the City. If the Club goes under, who would pick it up? As to the accountability, he doesn't think it is fair to surprise the Club with that, because the City never asked for the accounting before this. They are volunteers without a paid employee so he hopes the accounting request is simple. He is aware of a large grant they received and of some community fundraising. To spend more time on fundraising would directly take away from time they spend with the kids: coaching, staffing the snack bar and running the organization.

Councilmember Afzali said that one of the objectives in the Strategic Plan is to improve the sense of community and make our City friendlier to families, and it would be a mistake to cancel funding to the Boys and Girls Club.

Councilmember Wojahn said the Boys and Girls Club has not presented an accounting of their finances over the last two years because the City hasn't asked, and that's a failing on the City's part and we shouldn't punish them for it. This is not an easy time to fundraise.

Councilmember Stullich said one thing people agree on is preserving the family-friendly quality in College Park and the Boys and Girls Club is a very important component of that effort.

**The amendment failed by a vote of 1 – 6 – 1 (Afzali, Mitchell, Cook, Stullich, Catlin, Wojahn opposed; Nagle abstained).**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Perry to amend the proposed FY 2011 budget to add a direct grant to Meals on Wheels of College Park in the amount of \$3,500, and to increase the use of the undesignated reserve by \$3,500 to offset the increase in budgeted expenditures.**

Councilmember Wojahn said that Meals on Wheels provides a very valuable service and have had a difficult time over the last two years with funding. Very recently they had a large expenditure of \$3,500 to replace a piece of equipment. This amendment would help them continue to provide meals to low income seniors for as little as \$5 per day.

**Comments from the audience on this amendment:**

**Lisa Ealley, 9526 Rhode Island Avenue:** She brought a sample meal to show the Council what they provide to seniors. They need extra volunteers to pack and drive.

**Mickey Vera Lawn, resident of Attick Towers, and Meals On Wheels customer:** Older people need help now more than ever because the prices of food are going up and they are on fixed incomes. Meals on Wheels give you excellent food but they are stretching it now as compared to before. Older people are beginning to get scared that the service might not continue.

**Don Byrd, 5101 Iroquois Street:** Said 176 meals were delivered today at a cost of \$5 per day. They recently spent \$3,500 for a refrigerator. They have to follow health department regulations. They have been fortunate the last three years to get community grants, but the status of future grants is uncertain. They will be happy to share any financial paperwork the Council might want to see. When they raised the prices from \$20 - \$25 per week in January, some customers cut back because they could not afford the increase. They do fundraising events.

**Jim Hartsock, 4719 Mangum Road, Chairperson, Meals on Wheels:** Spoke about the dedicated volunteers who work at Meals on Wheels. The donations they receive from other groups have decreased over the years. The Colesville Meals on Wheels charges \$30 per week for two meals a day, whereas College Park charges \$25 per week for three meals per day.

**The amendment passed by a vote of 7 – 0 – 1 (Nagle abstained).**

**The vote on the main motion as amended: 7 – 1 – 0 (Perry opposed).**

**10-G-55          Approval, With Conditions, of Detailed Site Plan 09010 for the Chinese Bible Church of College Park, Inc., 9618 Autoville Drive**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Perry to approve Detailed Site Plan 09010 for the Chinese Bible Church subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. Approval of the alternative development district standards for Site Design S.3.C Building Siting and Setbacks. To allow the Applicant to construct the proposed addition 63 feet from the ultimate right-of-way for North Autoville Drive.**
- 2. Approval of the requested departure from the Prince George’s County Zoning Ordinance’s Parking and Loading Standards to waive the required loading space.**
- 3. The Applicant shall revise the Detailed Site Plan as follows:**
  - a. Reduce the width of the driveway to 22 feet and reduce the radius of the curb to 15 feet.**
  - b. Show the 5-foot sidewalk continuing over the driveway to the northern property line and provide handicapped ramps.**
  - c. Provide bicycle racks for 10 bicycles at building entrances.**
  - d. Consider pervious pavement for a portion of the parking provided.**
  - e. Show the cross-section for Autoville Drive and stripe the centerline and bike lane.**
  - f. Show wheel stops.**
  - g. Label building setbacks and dimensions of the proposed addition.**
  - h. Revise the Parking Tabulation on the site plan to accurately reflect the number of seats in the addition.**
- 4. The Applicant shall revise the landscape/lighting plan as follows:**
  - a. Show foundation planting on both the east and west sides of the church.**
  - b. Provide foundation planting beds in a serpentine arrangement along Autoville Drive.**
  - c. Locate evergreen trees along the building’s Autoville Drive façade at the juncture of building sections to provide vertical elements.**
  - d. Provide 6 ornamental trees in between the foundation plantings and the line of trees on Applicant’s property.**
  - e. Provide 6 HADCO pedestrian light fixtures along Autoville Drive and include specifications on the plan.**
  - f. Provide specifications for any exterior, building-mounted light fixture.**
  - g. Provide a wood or solid masonry fence to screen the parking lot from the single-family homes to the west and north.**
  - h. Provide a detail for the trash enclosure. Paint the enclosure a beige color to match the church.**

5. **The Applicant shall revise the TCP II so that the parking areas coincide with the parking on the site plan.**
6. **The Applicant shall revise the building architecture for review and approval prior to certification as follows:**
  - a. **Provide offsets or recesses to break up the building's length.**
  - b. **On the west elevation, in the classroom section of the addition, align the bottom sill of all windows.**
  - c. **On the east elevation, eliminate the two glass block windows and replace with windows that match the size and shape of the other windows in this section. Provide two evenly spaced windows in the building section connecting the classroom section of the addition with the multi-purpose room.**
  - d. **Redesign the new entrance on Autoville Drive to provide a vestibule similar to the main entry off the parking lot.**
  - e. **Eliminate the stepped parapet roof and redesign.**
  - f. **Provide a complete elevation of the church's south façade.**
7. **Provide a color and materials board.**

Councilmember Afzali commented that this involves construction of a 23,919 square-foot addition to provide additional classroom space and a multi-purpose room for church activities. Staff has been working closely with the Applicant since the Worksession and the architect has indicated that he will work to revise the architecture to address the conditions. The Applicant's engineer indicated in an e-mail, dated May 19, 2010, that it was not feasible to incorporate pervious pavement in the parking lot. There are no projects on the church property or in close proximity to the church that were identified in the Paint Branch Watershed Management Plan. The Prince George's County Planning Board public hearing is scheduled for June 24, 2010. He said the church has done a great job of outreaching to the community and have been good neighbors.

**Comments from the audience:**

**Mary Cook, 4705 Kiernan Road:** She said the Chinese Church has been a great neighbor, they contacted the community regarding their expansion and everyone is pleased with the plans. She is in support of this motion.

**The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.**

**10-G-56      Approval, With Conditions, Of Conceptual Site Plan CSP 09002 and Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-09039 for Domain College Park, LLC, Subject to Applicant Entering Into An Amendment to Declaration of Covenants**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Catlin that the City Council recommend approval of Conceptual Site Plan 09002 subject to the following conditions:**

1. **Prior to submittal of the Detailed Site Plan for the Property, the Applicant must either (a) provide a plan for improvement of an adjacent, adjoining or abutting property as**

a public amenity that meets the intent of Section 27-545 of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, either through a public access easement or purchase, or (b) achieve the required density for the proposed project through other means of satisfying Section 27-545 as mutually agreed to by Domain and the City, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the Applicant cannot achieve bonus density pursuant to Section 27-545, the density of the project must be reduced accordingly.

2. If the Applicant achieves its desired density through improvement of an adjacent, adjoining or abutting property, as contemplated by Condition 1, the Applicant must provide, or cause to be provided, public pedestrian access to the public amenity on the adjacent, adjoining or abutting property.
3. Provide crosswalks on Campus Drive and Mowatt Lane at the driveway entrances to the subject property. Show bus stop locations.
4. At the time of Detailed Site Plan provide detailed information regarding lighting, site and streetscape amenities, and loading areas.
5. If the Applicant is unable to achieve the required density for the proposed project and is forced to reduce density, consider the massing of the building and revise the architecture to provide additional relief at the corner of Campus Drive and Mowatt Lane.
6. If bonus density is achieved, in whole or in part, through an outdoor plaza under Section 27-545(b)(6) of the County Zoning Ordinance or alternate County approved amenity, the Applicant, if acceptable to the County, shall incorporate the work of art or water feature, such as statuary, fountains or pools, into the streetscape elements along Campus Drive, in full satisfaction of any requirement to provide a work of art or water feature under that section, regardless of the eventual location of the outdoor plaza or alternate County approved amenity. The Applicant and the City agree to work with the County to achieve the preferred location on Campus Drive of the said art work or water feature.
7. Seek Alternative Compliance to address the insufficient bufferyard along the western property line at the time of detailed site plan.
8. The Applicant agrees to enter into an amendment to declaration of covenants and agreement in substantially the form as attached.

Councilmember Mitchell further moved that the City Council recommend approval of Preliminary Plan 4-09039 subject to the following conditions:

1. Obtain Approval of an Active Category 3 designation for Parcels E, F, and 38 prior to recordation of the final plat.
2. Revise Note 11 on the Preliminary Plan to accurately reflect the existing water and sewer categories.
3. Dedicate 10 feet along Campus Drive for an ultimate right-of-way of 80 feet.
4. Dedicate 10 feet along Mowatt Lane for an ultimate right-of-way of 40 feet from the centerline.
5. Revise the Traffic Study to accurately reflect proposed access and turning movements.
6. Establish a trip cap for the property of 151 AM peak hour and 210 PM peak hour trips.

- 7. In coordination with the University’s plans for improvement and subject to approval by the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the University of Maryland, the Applicant should revise the Mowatt Lane section along its property frontage (to the centerline of the road) as follows:  
12-foot planting lawn for foundation plantings, 8-foot sidewalk, 5-foot planting lawn for street trees, 5-foot bike lane, 10-foot travel lane, 10-foot median.**
- 8. Subject to approval by the University of Maryland, the Applicant should provide a left-turn lane, with sufficient stacking area, into the subject property from Mowatt Lane. The left-turn lane can be “carved-out” of the median.**
- 9. Should a new access road be constructed immediately to the west of the Domain property, the Applicant shall agree to remove its Campus Drive curb cut and gain access to the proposed parking garage on the property from the new road, subject to approval of the government with jurisdiction over the new access road.**
- 10. Subject to approval by the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the University of Maryland, the Applicant should revise the section for Campus Drive along the subject property’s frontage to reflect a relocated access drive for the University’s surface parking lot, a tree-planted median, and left-turn lanes into the subject property and the University’s surface parking lot.**
- 11. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the Applicant should provide full financial assurance in the form of a bond with, and in an amount acceptable to, the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation, for the above-referenced Campus Drive and Mowatt Lane improvements. The Campus Drive and Mowatt Lane improvements shall be constructed prior to issuance of the Use and Occupancy permit. If at the time of building permit the final Purple Line alignment has not be determined, the applicant may delay bonding and construction of the tree-planted median on Campus Drive until such time as the location of the Purple line is finally determined. If the Purple Line is finally determined to be located along Campus Drive in front of the property, then the Applicant shall not be required to bond or construct the tree-planted median.**
- 12. Provide a recreational facility list with verified cost information for review and approval by the City and M-NCPPC.**
- 13. The Applicant agrees to enter into an amendment to declaration of covenants and agreement in substantially the form as attached.**

City Attorney Ferguson said that the City has reached agreement on the changes discussed at the last Worksession, and that this motion and the revised Amendment to the Declaration of Covenants reflect those changes.

Councilmember Mitchell commented that the Applicant’s property consists of a 2.66-acre site in the M-X-T Zone, located at the southwest corner of Campus Drive and Mowatt Lane. The property is located in an unincorporated area. When the City reviewed the Applicant’s request to rezone the property in 2008, the developer indicated its commitment to annexation. The City held a charrette April 28 – 30 that looked at the Domain project area. The charrette identified three primary themes: create a compact, pedestrian-friendly mixed-use neighborhood; enhance Campus Drive as an attractive pedestrian-oriented “gateway” and calm traffic; and improve Mowatt Lane as a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly residential-scale street. The Applicant is

proposing to develop a mix of uses with 258 units of market rate multifamily apartments in four stories over 11,000 square feet of ground floor retail oriented to Campus Drive with structured and underground parking.

**For the applicant: Megan Owens, Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan and Silver, on behalf of the applicant, Hanover Company.** She asked for a change to condition #10 on the preliminary plan, adding the language after “revise the section for Campus Drive” by adding “along the subject property’s frontage” just to clarify the condition. This had been discussed and was agreed to by all parties.

Councilmember Wojahn encouraged the applicant to actively pursue LEED silver certification.

Councilmember Perry asked if these are all rental properties. The response was yes, these are market rate rental, not condominiums.

Councilmember Catlin described this as an upscale apartment complex, discussed the location, and stated this is a mixed use project with retail on the ground floor.

**The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.**

**10-R-07          Adoption of Resolution 10-R-07 To Extend Parking Garage Bond  
Anticipation Notes (BANs) With SunTrust Bank through October 31, 2010**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Perry to adopt a Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of City Of College Park (The “City”) Authorizing The Extension Of The Maturity Dates Of The Outstanding General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes Issued By The City On April 23, 2008 In The Respective Aggregate Principal Amounts Of (I) Eight Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$8,650,000.00) And Designated City Of College Park Tax-Exempt Parking Garage Bond Anticipation Note Of 2008 And (II) Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) And Designated City Of College Park Taxable Parking Garage Bond Anticipation Note Of 2008, From May 1, 2010 To October 31, 2010, And Certain Additional Modifications To The Terms Of Such Notes; Authorizing Officials Of The City To Take Certain Actions In Connection With The Extension Of The Maturity Dates Of And Other Modifications To The Terms Of Such Notes; Providing That The Provisions Of Resolution 08-R-08 Will Continue To Apply To Such Notes, As So Extended And Modified, Except As Otherwise Expressly Provided Herein; And Generally Relating To The Extension Of The Maturity Dates Of Such Notes And Related Modifications.**

Councilmember Catlin stated the City issued two Bond Anticipation Notes on April 23, 2008 to provide interim financing for the construction of the public parking garage. The general obligation BANs from SunTrust Bank were for a period of two years, expiring May 1, 2010. The City has approval from SunTrust to extend the maturity dates of the BANs to October 31, 2010 to provide additional time to solicit bids for the permanent financing to replace the BANs. During the extension period the City will pay interest-only on the BANS just as we have done

during the two year term of the BANs. The City has received a very favorable temporary financing rate of 1%. He does not think the permanent financing rate will be so low.

Councilmember Perry thanked the staff for moving this along at a very good financial benefit for the City.

**The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.**

**10-G-57 Purchase Award In An Amount Not To Exceed \$124,880 To Metric Parking Of Mount Laurel, NJ For 13 Aura Pay Stations (Requires An Extra Majority)**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Perry to approve that the City of College Park authorize a purchase of up to 13 Aura pay stations from Metric Parking of Mount Laurel, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$124,880. The pay stations will be installed in various parking lots and the City’s public parking garage. The price includes delivery of the pay stations and manufacturer’s warranty for a period of 1 year from date of installation or 18 months from date of delivery, whichever is sooner. Back office hardware, software and programming were included with our prior purchase of Metric “Accent 3” pay stations. This purchase award is “sole source”; as a result, an extra-majority vote of the Mayor and Council is needed for the award. This award is contingent upon obtaining approval from the respective property owners for the installation of pay stations on private property, and any contractual requirements of the City Attorney.**

Councilmember Catlin commented that last summer the City installed 2 “Accent 3” multi-space pay stations from vendor Metric Parking in the City Hall lot, replacing 35 parking meters. The machines accept coin, currency, debit and credit cards, and cost about \$18,000 each plus installation. In August 2009, 2 additional machines were installed in the parking garage, 1 in the elevator lobby and 1 near the southwest stairway exit.

The City obtained permission from Metric Parking to trade-in the existing pay stations for their new Aura model and purchase additional Aura machines at a substantially reduced price of \$10,500 each. In addition to the trade-in of the 4 pay stations (2 in the City Hall lot, 2 in the public parking garage), the City would purchase up to 9 additional machines for installation in the College Park Shopping Center (5 machines replacing 143 meters), Lehigh Road/Sterling Place (2 machines replacing 44 meters) and the public parking garage (2 additional machines). By converting these heavily-used parking lots from parking meters to pay stations, the City will substantially reduce the time spent by Parking Enforcement personnel in collecting meter coin and armored car costs. In addition, parking lot patrons will gain the flexibility to use currency, debit or credit cards for parking and the ability to add time to their prepaid parking at any of the networked pay stations. The new Aura machines have simpler and better laid-out instructions and much faster debit and credit card processing time.

Funding for this award is primarily provided in the Master Meter and Public Parking Garage C.I.P. projects, with an \$8,690 contribution from the IT budget in the General Fund. Recently, representatives from Metric Parking demonstrated the new machines, and they are better machines that operate more efficiently and quickly than the older ones. The downtown merchants were very happy to hear the City had a solution to the problems of the previous machines.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Nagle thinks we are buying these pay stations before fully evaluating where they should go. She doesn't think the City has fully evaluated using an attendant at the garage for large events. She suggests buying the meters now but further evaluating their actual placement.

Councilmember Catlin said the motion does not specify placement so that would be a matter for a future Worksession. Ms. Ferguson agreed that the motion itself does not talk about the placement locations.

**The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.**

**10-G-58      Award Of Contract To Optotraffic (A Division Of Sigma Space Corporation Of Lanham, Maryland) For Automated Speeding Violation Detection, Imaging And Citation Services (Speed Cameras)**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Perry to approve a contract, in substantially the form as attached, with Optotraffic, a Division of Sigma Space Corporation, 4801 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD 20706, for automated speeding violation detection, imaging, and citation services (speed cameras); and to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City.**

Councilmember Wojahn said this is the next step in the process of installing speed cameras in the City. In February, the Council authorized the City Manager to explore the installation of an automated speed enforcement system (speed cameras), research potential vendors, and determine appropriate locations for enforcement. State legislation adopted in 2009 and amended in 2010 allows the City to implement a speed camera program. The Council was provided background briefing materials in February. The Council adopted Ordinance 10-O-01, enacting Section 184-15 to authorize enforcement by speed cameras. Staff have investigated the speed camera legislation further, subsequent to the amendments adopted during the 2010 General Assembly legislative session, and have determined that the amendments will enhance implementation of a speed camera program in the City. Staff have also determined that an existing contract for vendor services, competitively awarded by the Town of Cheverly, is available for the City to use in lieu of issuing a request for proposals under §69-2(B) of the City Code. The Cheverly vendor is Optotraffic, which provided briefing materials to the Council previously, and is the vendor of choice for several cities and towns in Prince George's County. Council considered the attached draft contract at the work session last week. The draft contract includes services to evaluate

potential enforcement locations which would be most effective to improve public safety, especially for pedestrians, city-wide.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Perry noted that if the cameras are successful in lowering the speed limit in one location, they will be moved to another location. The point of the program is to slow traffic down.

Councilmember Mitchell asked what form of action is meant by section 18 C of the contract on Page 10, where it refers to “delete event records.” Mario Voroquez, representing Optotraffic, responded that events they record are stored in a computer server. After they age to 26 months, the records are deleted, unless they have a request by the County to retain them.

Councilmember Nagle asked when the actual locations of the speed cameras would be discussed. Mr. Nagro replied that item is on next week’s Worksession.

Ms. Lurie asked if the 30 day warning period would be given every time the camera is moved. That question could be discussed at next week’s Worksession.

Councilmember Catlin predicts this will help the College Park Trolley Trail be safer than it was in the past.

**The motion carried 7 – 1 – 0 (Cook opposed).**

#### **10-G-59      Appointments To Boards And Committees**

Councilmember Wojahn nominated Pam Toschik and Stephen Jascourt for reappointment to the Committee for a Better Environment. Councilmember Afzali nominated Caitlyn Hutchison to the Recreation Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to approve these nominations. The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

#### **Council Comments:**

Councilmember Mitchell announced that on June 11, Envision Prince George’s would hold their Economic Outlook Forum at the Samuel Riggs Center on the UMD Campus. She also announced that she has been elected to the Board of Directors for the PGCMA (Prince George’s County Municipal Association).

Councilmember Perry asked when the Council would discuss financial reporting by direct grant recipients; Mr. Nagro said it is on the next Worksession. He reminded everyone about the Memorial Day event.

Councilmember Catlin said he is attending the International Town Gown annual conference in Ames, Iowa next week.

Councilmember Wojahn discussed the last PGCMA meeting and the suggestion of making the loss of Highway User Revenues an election issue this year since it represents a \$630,000 loss to the City. He thanked the Cub Scout and Daisy troops for helping with a recent neighborhood cleanup.

Councilmember Nagle said she saw a contract officer on bicycle patrol recently who said there has been an increase in robberies of people walking home from the metro. The police are providing an extra presence in that area and she urged resident to be more aware.

**Comments from the Audience:** None.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Stulich to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Fellows adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m. by a vote of 8 – 0 – 0.

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC  
City Clerk

Date Approved