

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, May 22, 2012**  
**7:30 p.m. – 9:17 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Catlin, Dennis, Day, Afzali and Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Stullich.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; and Peggy Higgins, Director of Youth, Family and Senior Services.

Mayor Fellows opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Catlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 8, 2012 and the Public Hearings on May 8, 2012 on Ordinances 12-O-04 and 12-O-05. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

**Announcements:**

Councilmember Day said the Calvert Hills Civic Association will have a general meeting and elections on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Afzali announced that the next Experience and Enjoy College Park Tour event will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at Fishnet Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. Robert Specter, Vice President of the University of Maryland will be the guest speaker.

Councilmember Wojahn announced that a Neighborhood Watch Recruitment meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Davis Hall, 9217 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

**Acknowledgment of Newly Appointed Board and Committee Members:**

Mayor Fellows acknowledged Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team members Ballard Troy and Rebecca Hayes.

**Amendments to the Agenda:** Councilmember Catlin requested that the two memorandums in the red folder be placed on the consent agenda: 12-G-67 – Parking Prohibition on the south side of Tecumseh Street for 10 feet on each side of the driveway entrances and in between the driveway entrances of the Oasis Condominiums (4705 – 4709 Tecumseh Street) and 12-G-68 – Parking Prohibition at the crosswalk along the south side of the street in front of 4902 Berwyn Road. At the end of the meeting, there will be a brief presentation on the new Comcate software to be used for customer request management.

**City Manager's Report:** Mr. Nagro reminded Council that all City offices will be closed on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>; all trash and recycling will be delayed one day the week of May 28<sup>th</sup>; College Park's Memorial Day event will be held on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial located at U.S. Route 1 and Greenbelt Road (parking courtesy of AMF College Park Bowling Lanes); and there will not be a Council meeting on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> as it's the fifth Tuesday of the month.

**Student Liaison's Report:** None.

**Presentations:** Mayor Fellows made a presentation to the winners of the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." Essay Contest. This year's winners were:

Holy Redeemer: School Winner and MML District Winner – Ella Lannon  
Paint Branch Elementary: School Winner – Ryan Mbuashu-Ndip and MML Semi-finalist – Donte Ligon  
Hollywood Elementary: School Winner – Aaron Kashapata and MML Semi-finalist – Seefat Meah  
Al-Huda: School Winners – Ismail Rodriguez, Amal Aulakh  
Berwyn Christian School: MML Semi-finalist – Wayne Edmonds, Jr. and MML Semi-finalist – Joshua Malsawma

**Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adopt the consent agenda, which consisted of the following items:

- 12-G-64** Approval of an Application by Embry A.M.E. Church for a Special Exception (SE-4702) subject to the following conditions: 1) Provide color architectural elevations of the proposed addition, along with architectural elevations or photographs of the existing building, for review by City and M-NCPPC staff; and 2) Revise the site plan to reflect the approved Alternative Compliance application (AC 11025); and approval of companion applications for Variance (VSE-4702); and Departure from Number of Parking and Loading Spaces (DPLS-371).
- 12-G-65** Motion to voice no objection to an application by Robert R. Baldini, Vice President, David A. Syarto, Assistant Secretary, Michael D. Hendrick, Assistant Secretary for a New Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Ruby Tuesday, Inc., t/a Lime Fresh Mexican Grill, 7419 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740 subject to the applicant entering into a Property Use Agreement with the City of College Park in substantially the same form as attached; Authorization for the City Manager to sign the PUA; and Authorization for staff to testify to the City's position at the BOLC hearing.
- 12-G-67** Parking Prohibition on the south side of Tecumseh Street for 10 feet on each side of the driveway entrances and in between the driveway entrances of the Oasis Condominiums (4705 – 4709 Tecumseh Street)
- 12-G-68** Parking Prohibition at the crosswalk along the south side of the street in front of 4902 Berwyn Road.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

**Action Items:**

**12-O-05 Adoption of 12-O-05, an Ordinance to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2013 Operating and Capital Budget for the City of College Park, Maryland**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to adopt Ordinance 12-O-05, an Ordinance to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2013 Operating and Capital Budget for the City of College Park, Maryland.**

Councilmember Catlin stated that the budget ordinance was introduced on April 24th and a public hearing was held on May 8th. The ordinance reflects the combination of the FY13 City Manager's requested budget and budget changes made by Mayor and Council during 2 budget worksessions.

Total General Fund revenues of \$14,741,584 include operating revenues of \$14,339,323, an interfund transfer from the Parking Debt Service Fund of \$251,950, and use of unassigned reserve of \$150,311. Total General Fund expenditures are \$14,741,584.

In the Parking Debt Service Fund, total revenues are \$215,000 and total expenditures are \$251,950.

The tax rates for real and personal property tax remain at 32.2 and 80.5 cents per \$100, respectively.

The total 5-year Capital Improvement Plan is \$51,491,833.

**Amendment #1**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and second by Councilmember Mitchell to amend the FY2013 proposed operating and capital budget for the City of College Park as follows:**

- 1. Subtract \$4,100 from General Fund expenditures for Admin-Mayor & Council-Retreat to reflect the removal of a proposed Mayor and Council retreat from the budget.**
- 2. Decrease the use of unassigned reserve by \$4,100 to offset this reduction in expenditures.**

Councilmember Afzali stated that a Mayor and Council retreat, including the use of a facilitator, was added to the budget during the budget worksessions. Mayor and Council have decided to eliminate the retreat from the FY13 budget.

Councilmember Catlin said that since he has been on Council there have only been two retreats and he is in favor of the amendment.

No comment from the audience members.

**Vote on amendment: 7 – 0 – 0.**

**Vote on the FY 2013 Budget, As Amended: 7 – 0 – 0.**

## **12-G-63      Appointments To Boards and Committees**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to reappoint Anna Sandburg to the Airport Authority for a four-year term.**

**The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.**

### **Council Comments:**

Councilmember Afzali said that this will be Shannon Hoffman's, Editor of the College Park Patch, last regular Council Meeting with the city as she is leaving the Patch.

Councilmember Dennis requested an update on the 4 Cities Meeting regarding the street sweeper. Mr. Nagro said that the recommendation of the Public Works Directors was to keep the old back-up truck and purchase a new sweeper for the truck. The cost of the sweeper would be \$25,000 for each city. The final decision hasn't been made at this time, but he will keep Council informed. If all 4 Cities are in agreement, it would take about six months to a year to get the sweeper in.

Councilmember Dennis also asked Mr. Nagro if there would be any plantings or shrubbery put in around the new community signs recently installed in Lakeland and Berwyn. Mr. Nagro will request Public Works Department to look into the matter once all the signs have been installed.

Councilmember Wojahn thanked staff for a very successful Bike to Work Day; there were over 100 people at the College Park Pit Stop and many businesses present. Councilmember Wojahn also commented on his "ride along" with the College Park Fire Department. He advised everyone if they get a chance to do it, it would be worth their time and a great way to learn about the fire department.

Councilmember Kabir said that he has received several calls from residents asking when will the construction at Rhode Island Avenue and Edgewood Road will be complete. As of today, the road work is done and Prince George's County advises that they will install the road markings and lights as soon as the rain subsides.

### **Addition to the Agenda: Comcate Presentation**

Chantal Cotton gave a presentation on the new Online Customer Service System: College Park Central.

College Park Central, the City's new customer service program, makes connecting with the City easier than ever. It helps connect you with the information you're looking for. No more guessing which department to call; College Park Central provides a one-stop-shop for City information and requests. It automatically sends your comments and questions to the City staff best equipped to address your concerns and allows you to track the progress of your request.

Access College Park Central by clicking the logo on the City's homepage or by typing [www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpcentral](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpcentral) into your browser. It can be used 24 hours, seven days a week.

**Comments from the Audience:**

**Rebecca Hayes, 8700 Baltimore Avenue #100, College Park, MD 20740 - Representative of the University of Maryland Clean Energy:** Thanked Council for passing the budget including the recycling money and looks forward to working with the City and Committee for a Better Environment to boost commercial recycling.

**Shannon Hoffman, College Park Patch:** Thanked Council for all their help the past year and all the interviews. This is her last meeting.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Day to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Fellows adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m. with a vote of 7 – 0 – 0.

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Yvette Allen  
Assistant City Clerk

Date  
Approved