

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
7:30 p.m. – 8:08 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Catlin, Dennis, Stulich (arrived at 7:36 p.m.), Day and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Councilmember Afzali.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Joshua Ratner, Student Liaison.

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 Wojahn to adopt the minutes of the October 23, 2012 Regular Meeting. The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.

Announcements: Councilmember Mitchell announced that the Prince George's County Municipal Association would hold its annual legislative reception on Thursday, November 15 in the Gold Room in the City of Glenarden.

Councilmember Catlin said the Berwyn District Civic Association would meet on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in Fealy Hall.

Councilmember Wojahn said the initial meeting of the Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Workgroup will be held on Monday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The original date for this meeting was postponed due to weather. He also announced that the College Park Community Foundation is taking applications for its Board of Directors. More information is available at www.collegeparkfoundation.org.

Councilmember Kabir commented on the posters from College Park Day that are on display in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Fellows said he was honored to attend the award program for the National Capital Area Chapter of the American Planning Association where he accepted a Distinguished Leadership Award for an Elected Official for the City's commitment to the Capital Bikeshare Program. He thanked the City's Planning Staff for their efforts on this project.

(Councilmember Stulich arrived)

Proclamation: Mayor Fellows read the Proclamation for Municipal Government Works Month.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro reminded everyone that there is no meeting on November 20 and that City offices are closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. There is no impact to the trash/recycling collection schedule. Councilmember Wojahn requested information on why the City's e-mail continues to have problems. Mayor Fellows commented on the Veterans Day event.

Student Liaison's Report: No report.

Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items:

Emily Adams, Community Project Coordinator, UMD Office of Community Engagement: She recently joined the University's Office of Community Engagement where she coordinates the Paint Branch Elementary School partnership and other projects. The Office of Community Engagement is housed within the Vice President's Office for Administration and Finance. Part of their mission is to support the development of the surrounding physical and business environment. They are listening closely to learn how they can address needs in the City. Good Neighbor Day will be held on April 6 next year. They are entertaining ideas for community beautification projects.

Presentations: Stephen Jascourt, Chair of the Committee for a Better Environment, presented the annual Green Awards to: Christiane Williams, for Environmentally Friendly Landscaping and Beautification; Dr. Victor Yakovenko, for Environmental 3-Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; Clay Gump, for Conservation of Natural Resources; and Robert Boone, for Other Environmental Achievements

Action Items:

12-G-116 Appointments to Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Day to appoint John Krouse to the Tree and Landscape Board, Sarah Cutler and Andrew Foose to the Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Work Group, and to reappoint Melissa Day to the Education Advisory Committee. The appointment of Andrew Foose is contingent upon receiving his completed application form.

DISCUSSION OF THE 2013 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE: The Council discussed the 2013 meeting schedule that will be adopted in December.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Fellows adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. with a vote of 7 – 0 – 0.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved