

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
7:10 p.m. – 7:22 p.m.

Ordinance 14-O-02
An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland
To Adopt The Fiscal Year 2015 Operating And Capital Budget

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Brennan, Dennis, Hew and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Stulich and Day.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Leo Thomas, Deputy Finance Director; Robert Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Miriam Bader, Senior Planner.

Mayor Fellows opened the public hearing on the FY '15 Budget at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Groh provided an overview. The City Manager's requested budget was issued on March 30. This ordinance was introduced on April 22 and is the final result of budget Worksessions. The Summary of Changes between the City Manager's Requested Budget and this revised budget were outlined.

Mayor Fellows invited public comment.

Dave Dorsch, 4607 Calvert Road: The City's budget is up almost one-half million dollars from where it was last year. It wasn't too long ago that the budget was \$10M. Why do we have to increase our budget? We're not adding tens of thousands of people or square miles to the city. What are we doing that we have to keep adding to the budget. The city should come up with a budget that spends less.

Elizabeth Turner, 4602 Hartwick Road: She spoke in favor of the surveillance camera at the corner of Hartwick and Princeton. She has been the victim of vandalism and feels this is an important item in the budget.

Oscar Gregory, 9253 Limestone Place: The rapid development is bringing a lot of people into the City and his concern is how we can afford to handle the influx of people and traffic. He hears that people are going to ride their bikes but how will that work when we have snow or other inclement weather? We are giving away \$60,000 in tax credits next year for student housing. They are temporary folks - not residents like us - so why are we giving them a tax break? The residents will have to pay the bill. A lot of people are unhappy about what is going on.

There being no further comment, Mayor Fellows closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date Approved