

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, September 23, 2014
7:30 p.m. – 7:58 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn (arrived at 7:39 p.m.), Brennan, Dennis, Stulich (arrived at 7:42 p.m.), Day, Hew (arrived at 7:34 p.m.) and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows opened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. and announced there would be a closed session at the end of tonight's meeting to discuss a Personnel matter. Councilmember Day led the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Day to adopt the minutes of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting, September 9, 2014 Public Hearings on Ordinances 14-O-07, 14-O-08 and 14-O-09, and the confidential minutes of the September 9, 2014 closed session. The motion passed 5 – 0 – 0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Kabir discussed College Park Day which will be held on Saturday, September 27 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Councilmember Brennan said that the rain barrel demonstration hosted by CBE was informative. He announced the Public Forum hosted by the Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee would be held on Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Church Parish Hall.

Mayor Fellows announced the College Park Think-A-Thon would be held on Saturday, October 11 from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro reminded Council that there is no meeting next Tuesday (fifth Tuesday) and that the College Park Legislative Dinner would be held on Wednesday, October 1. The next Council meeting will be the Worksession on October 7.

Student Liaison's Report: Mr. Holocker discussed SGA/UMD participation at College Park Day and today's campus-wide voter registration effort. SGA has created a minimum wage ad hoc committee to look at the issue of raising minimum wage on campus.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adopt the Consent Agenda which consisted of the following:

14-R-31 Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Adopting The Recommendations Of The Advisory Planning Commission Regarding Variance Application Number CPV-2014-05, 5926 Bryn Mawr Road, College Park, Maryland, Recommending Approval Of A Variance From The Requirements Of The Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-420(A), To Permit The Construction Of A 6-Foot High Fence.

14-G-93 Approval of a Driveway Apron Variance for 3533 Marlborough Way subject to the owner entering into a Declaration of Covenants approved by the City Attorney

The motion carried 7 – 0 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS

14-G-94 Appointments to Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to appoint Normand Bernache to the Cable Television Commission, reappoint Jane Hopkins to the Cable Television Commission, and to appoint Michael Smith to the Tree and Landscape Board. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

(Councilmember Stullich arrived.)

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Wojahn discussed the various activities scheduled for College Park Day.

Councilmember Wojahn said he and a number of other Councilmembers have been working with the City Attorney on issues surrounding vacant properties. He is now requesting a waiver of the two-hour rule to allow the City Attorney to continue her research which would likely result in a memo to Council. Council concurred.

Councilmember Wojahn reported on the public meeting he attended this evening in Greenbelt about the possibility of the FBI relocating to Greenbelt Station.

Councilmember Stullich discussed current regulations concerning County entertainment licenses and questioned whether those regulations make sense in College Park. She is requesting a waiver of the two-hour rule for the City Attorney and City staff to compare the wording of the Prince George's County regulations to those in other parts of the state (Towson) with the purpose of identifying ways that 18-21 year olds could be allowed at events with entertainment.

Councilmember Mitchell asked if Council wanted to comment on the M-NCPPC budget. This topic will be added to a future agenda.

Councilmember Wojahn announced that the PGCMA Legislative Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, which conflicts with the Council Worksession. He asked for consideration to delay or reschedule the December 2 Worksession to allow Council to attend the PGCMA dinner. Staff will attempt not to schedule any items for December 2 so the meeting can be cancelled.

14-G-95: A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn that the Mayor be allowed to sign the thank-you letter in the red folders to Catholic Charities and the School of Public Health for the Mid Maryland Mission of Mercy and Health Equity Fair. The motion passed 7-0-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to adjourn into a Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter. The Council will not return into public session tonight. The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0. Mayor Fellows adjourned the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC	Date
City Clerk	Approved

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 7:57 p.m. on September 23, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to enter into an Executive Session to “Discuss a Personnel Matter.”

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0, and after a brief recess the closed session convened at 8:15 p.m.

Present: Mayor Andrew Fellows; Councilmembers Wojahn, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich, Day, Hew and Mitchell.

Absent: Councilmember Kabir (left after the vote but before the closed session began).

Also Present: Joe Nagro, City Manager, attended a portion of the session.

Topics Discussed: Mayor Fellows and the City Council conducted the City Manager’s evaluation.

Actions Taken: None.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Day to adjourn the Executive Session, and with a vote of 7 – 0 – 0, Mayor Fellows adjourned the Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.