

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, June 9, 2015
Council Chambers
7:30 p.m. – 8:01 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Wojahn, Stullich and Day.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows opened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adopt the minutes of the May 19, 2015 Special Session and the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2015. The motion passed 5 – 0 – 0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Kabir thanked everyone who participated in last Saturday's Sunnyside Community Clean-up. The North College Park Civic Association will meet this Thursday at Davis Hall.

Councilmember Brennan said the Berwyn District Civic Association would meet next Thursday, June 18, at Fealy Hall. On June 19 there will be a free afternoon performance of Chamber Music for senior residents at The Clarice; this is a partnership between the University of Maryland and the College Park Youth, Family and Senior Services Department.

Councilmember Dennis said that the Lakeland Civic Association would meet this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

Mayor Fellows announced that Mrs. Thelma Lomax was sworn in as a Commissioner of the College Park Housing Authority earlier tonight.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro reviewed the Council's summer meeting schedule. At the next meeting on July 7, there will be a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the draft 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

He reviewed the latest conference call with WMATA on the progress of replacing the pedestrian overpass at the end of Berwyn Road. The structure will be steel and concrete, not precast. The schedule is not yet known; the engineering and drawings still need to be approved by Metro. The work will involve 2 or 3 shutdowns of the Metro Green Line. There are still discussions

with CSX about replacing the overpass on the other side over the CSX tracks, but that would involve additional shut downs. The next conference call is June 19.

Mr. Nagro reviewed the changes to the refuse/recycling schedule that are effective next week.

Student Liaison's Report: Mr. Holocker said Summer Session #1 is underway, and congratulated the Terps Baseball Team on their post-season run.

Comments From The Audience on Non-Agenda Items:

Dave Milligan, 4902 Iroquois Street: Mr. Milligan noted that he knows the person appearing on tonight's episode of "Hell's Kitchen" who are friends of their family.

Anne Martens, University of Maryland: She attended the International Town Gown Association conference last week and announced that Councilmember Denise Mitchell has been appointed to the Board of this international association for the next three years.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 15-G-67** Award of FY 2015 Fire Department Grants as follows: 1) College Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., apply toward purchase of CPVFD-owned and controlled ladder truck - \$15,000; 2) Branchville Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Squad, Inc., apply to debt service on 2010 Pierce Pumper E-111 - \$15,000; 3) Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc., Use to supplement a deposit on a new Rescue Squad vehicle and related equipment - \$15,000. The total of the three awards is \$45,000 which is funded in C.I.P. project 012006, account 25-40.
- 15-G-68** Award of FY 2015 Community Services Grants as follows: 1) The National Museum of Language, Inc., for Language camp and events - \$2,500; 2) Lakeland Community Heritage Project, for Lakeland Heritage weekend - \$2,500; 3) American Legion Auxiliary, College Park Unit 217 for Scholarships for Miss College Park pageant participants - \$2,500; 4) Pregnancy Aid Centers, Inc. for Food Pantry Program - \$2,500; 5) College Park Woods Swim Club for Senior Summer Day Camp - \$2,500; 6) Embry Center for Family Life for Lakeland All-Stars Basketball Program - \$2,500; 7) College Park Center for Faith & Community for College Park Community Library - \$2,000; 8) B-Roll Media & Arts Inc. for Photography, audio engineering classes for students - \$1,500. The total of the grant awards is \$18,500, which is funded in the FY 2015 Operating Budget in account 1010.25-20.
- 15-G-69** Motion to voice no objection to the transfer of a Class B (BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Sri Sai Baba, LLC t/a RASOI Restaurant, 8601 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, subject to the applicant entering into a Property Use Agreement with the City of College Park in substantially the

form as attached, authorization for the City Manager to sign the PUA, and for the City to send a letter to the BOLC stating the City's position.

The motion passed 5 – 0 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS:

15-G-70 Approval of a letter in response to the letter dated May 18, 2015 from the State Highway Administration regarding City funding of US Route 1 utility undergrounding

Mayor Fellows directed Council's attention to a revised draft letter in the red folders that reflects recent developments based on discussions with SHA.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to send the revised letter to the State Highway Administration regarding undergrounding of utilities on US Route 1.

Councilmember Brennan read the revised draft.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Mitchell said the SHA deadline was June 8 and she is concerned about financial consequences. Are we going to state our concerns about the money we have spent so far?

Mayor Fellows said we were given more time, until the end of this week. He believes this letter will be received in a positive fashion so there should be no consequences.

Councilmember Kabir said this revision is different from the draft they discussed last week and he is disappointed not to have seen it earlier. This letter talks about a May 28 meeting but we didn't hear about it at the last Worksession.

Mayor Fellows said that at the May 28 meeting Sen. Rosapepe said he would pursue discussions to identify potential funding sources, but we did not know the results of those discussions until late last week, which is what informed the revisions to the letter. Simultaneously, staff began a parcel-by-parcel review of the project. SHA will attend the August 5 Worksession to present the newest design. This letter is requesting more time, and Council will have an opportunity to weigh-in in July.

Councilmember Kabir asked staff if the SHA has stopped working on the design. Ms. Schum said yes, they have gone as far as they can go for now, without engaging the utility companies. Councilmember Kabir is concerned about the amount of money that has been spent so far. There is no point in spending more if it's not going to happen.

The motion passed 5 – 0 – 0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adjourn the regular meeting. Mayor Fellows announced that Council would reconvene in a Worksession to meet with the Chair of the Citizens Corps Council. With a vote of 5 – 0 – 0, Mayor Fellows adjourned the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved

Pursuant To §3-103 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, the Mayor and City Council met in Administrative Function session from 7:00 p.m. – 9:49 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present at this meeting were: Mayor Fellows, Councilmembers Mitchell, Day, Dennis, Kabir, Wojahn, Brennan and Hew. Also in attendance was Jim Mercer, the Executive Search Consultant who is conducting the City Manager search.