

MINUTES
Special Session of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, July 7, 2015
Council Chambers
10:18 p.m. – 10:52 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Beavers, Community Development Coordinator; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison.

During a regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Day to enter into a Special Session to discuss the University of Maryland's proposal to sell beer and wine at University of Maryland sporting events. The possibility of the Special Session was listed on the Worksession agenda. The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0 and the Council entered Special Session at 10:18 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

15-G-71 University of Maryland proposal to sell beer and wine at UMD sports events

Mayor Fellows said he would recuse himself from the discussion because of his affiliation with the University of Maryland. Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell presided.

Prior to entering into the Special Session, the City Council heard presentations by Linda Carter, attorney for the applicant; Dave Mitchell, Chief, University of Maryland Police Department; Joe Mollineaux, Director, UMD Dining Services; and Dr. Amelia Arria, Associate Professor at the UMD School of Public Health. After discussion, the City Council entered into a Special Session to take a position on the University's proposal. The matter is time sensitive because the BOLC hearing is tomorrow.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Day to send a letter to the Board of License Commissioners in support of the University's proposed one-year trial period to sell beer and wine to patrons at athletic events, with certain details to be included in the letter.

There were no comments from the audience nor was there any further discussion by the Council.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Dennis, Day, Stullich, Mitchell, Hew

Nay: Brennan, Kabir, Wojahn

Abstain: None

Motion passed 5 – 3 – 0.

The City Council recessed the Special Session at 10:22 p.m. and Mayor Fellows returned to the table.

Council reconvened in Special Session at 10:25 p.m. to consider a request from the College Park City-University Partnership for a Resolution in support of their application to the state for the Maryland Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

15-R-10 College Park City-University Partnership Application To The Maryland Department Of Housing And Community Development For Allocation Of Tax Credits Under The Community Investment Tax Credit Program

Eric Olson, Executive Director of the College Park City-University Partnership, said the Partnership is applying to the state for a Community Investment Tax Credit that would allow a 50% tax credit for those who donate to the CPCUP. This is a state program to help non-profits build their donor base. They need the City Council's support on the resolution for the application. They have not developed a program yet, but if they are awarded this incentive, they might use funds to expand the homeownership program or the safety ambassadors program. If Council agrees, they need the resolution tonight because the application is due July 9. The possibility of the Special Session was listed on the Worksession agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Day to adopt Resolution 15-R-10, A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park In Support Of The College Park City-University Partnership Application To The Maryland Department Of Housing And Community Development For Allocation Of Tax Credits Under The Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

Councilmember Stullich said this would be beneficial by encouraging individuals and businesses to support the Partnership in the many wonderful things they are trying to do for our community.

Comments from the audience:

Carlo Colella, Vice President of the University of Maryland and Vice Chair of the College Park City-University Partnership: Spoke in favor of this Resolution.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

The Council recessed from the Special Session at 10:27, and reconvened in Special Session at 10:51 p.m. to discuss a contract award. The possibility of this Special Session was listed on the Worksession agenda.

15-G-72 Contract award to Victor Stanley, Inc. not to exceed \$100,000 for US 1 streetscape furniture to be paid from an EDI grant.

Steve Beavers said that the City has funds remaining in the HUD Economic Development Incentive Grant (EDI) that can pay for streetscape improvements along Route 1. A portion has

already been spent. We have a preliminary design plan from College Avenue to Hartwick Road for 9 benches, 15 tables, 14 trash/recycling bins and 4 planters. He is asking Council to approve the contract, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, and to sole-source this purchase to Victor Stanley, the vendor we have used in the past. The need for the Special Session is because it takes Victor Stanley 8 – 10 weeks lead-time to manufacture these items, and we are running up against a September deadline.

Councilmember Kabir asked when staff learned about this and why there is such a rush. Mr. Beavers said we were waiting for State Highway Administration to make more progress on their Route 1 plans so we could integrate our purchases with their design, but that hasn't moved as quickly as we hoped. We have used some funds to make some improvements in front of the Bagel Place. There is a legislative deadline that this money has to be spent by the end of September. Mr. Gardiner said this was a congressional earmark; the funds originally went to the University of Maryland specifically for downtown College Park and then were transferred to the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stulich and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to authorize the purchase of streetscape furniture from Victor Stanley, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, subject to the review and approval of a contract by the City Attorney and confirmation by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that all procurement and grant requirements for this contract have been met.

There were no comments from the audience or from the Council.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Stulich and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to adjourn the Special Session. With a vote of 8 – 0 – 0, Mayor Fellows adjourned the Special Session at 10:52 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved