

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**And**  
**Inauguration of the 2015 – 2017 Mayor and Council**  
**Monday, December 7, 2015**  
**Council Chambers**  
**7:30 p.m. – 8:42 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich, Day, Hew (arrived at 7:37 p.m.) and Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Jill Clements, Director of Human Resources; Steve Halpern, City Engineer; Peggy Higgins, Director of Youth, Family and Senior Services; Councilmembers-Elect Kujawa, Cook and Nagle; Adler Pruitt, Deputy Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows opened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and invited Imam Tarif Shraim to give the Invocation. Mayor Fellows led the salute to the flag.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 Public Hearing on Permit Parking in the 5200 block of Mineola Road; November 24, 2015 Public Hearing on Permit Parking in the 5100 block of Mineola Road; November 24, 2015 Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-O-05; November 24, 2015 Regular Meeting; December 1, 2015 Special Session; and confidential minutes of November 17, 2015 Closed Session. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

**Announcements:**

Councilmember Kabir announced the public hearing at the Greenbelt Library tomorrow night on the GSA’s draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Greenbelt Station development.

Councilmember Wojahn announced the next “Live Smart Eat Local” event on Wednesday, December 16 at Mamma Lucia’s restaurant. The speaker is City Manager Scott Somers.

Councilmember Brennan announced the BDCA Holiday Party on Saturday at Fealy Hall, and the next Third Thirsty Thursday event at Ledo’s Restaurant.

Councilmember Dennis said the next Lakeland Civic Association monthly meeting will be Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

**Acknowledgment of Dignitaries:**

Mayor Fellows recognized Mayor Craig Moe of Laurel and Mayor Len Carey of University Park.

**Amendments to the Agenda:** Councilmember Brennan requested that item 15-R-29 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on Action Items.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Stulich and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following item:**

**15-G-138 Reappointment of Rita Zito to the Veterans Memorial Committee**

**The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**15-R-29 Adoption of 15-R-29, the final Resolution in CEO-2015-02 (Cruz Development Corporation) reversing the recommendation of the APC**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Day to adopt 15-R-29, A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park Denying Appeal Number CEO-2015-02, Branchville Road, Requesting A Variance From City Code §87-23 To Construct A Fence Within The Front Yard.**

Councilmember Dennis said that College Park Code §87-23 prohibits front yard fences. Any request for a variance must comply with the criteria stated in §87-19 of the Code. After a full public hearing, and review of the record transmitted from the Advisory Planning Commission, the Mayor and Council have determined that three of the criteria have not been met, as more fully explained in the Resolution, and so voted on December 1, 2015 to deny the request. Resolution 15-R-29 is the written decision of this determination.

Councilmember Brennan said he made a mistake in supporting the decision last week, and he does not support the wording in this Resolution for items 2.1 – 2.3. He believes that modified with the additional proffers of the applicant reflected in Section 1.16, the recommendation by the APC would be acceptable. He does not want to see a fence at this location, but believes there is sufficient cause outlined in the APC decision to grant this variance.

**The motion passed 7 – 1 – 0 (Brennan opposed).**

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Fellows presented engraved mantle clocks to outgoing Councilmembers Alan Hew and Denise Mitchell.

Mayor-elect Wojahn presented an engraved gavel plaque to Mayor Fellows.

**REMARKS FROM OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Councilmembers Alan Hew and Denise Mitchell made personal remarks and reflected on their respective terms in office.

**REMARKS FROM MAYOR ANDREW M. FELLOWS:**

Mayor Fellows made personal remarks and reflected on his 6 years as Mayor.

**ADJOURN THE 2013 – 2015 MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to adjourn the regular meeting, and with a vote of 8 – 0 – 0, Mayor Fellows adjourned the meeting.

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**SWEARING-IN OF MAYOR PATRICK L. WOJAHN:**

Ms. Rita Robinson, the designee of the Honorable Sydney Harrison, Clerk of the Circuit Court, swore in Mayor Wojahn.

**SWEARING-IN OF THE 2015 – 2017 CITY COUNCIL:**

Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn swore in the new Council.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Day, Stullich, Cook and Kujawa.

**APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR PRO TEM:**

Mayor Wojahn stated that he is appointing Councilmember Dennis to be the Mayor Pro Tem.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**15-G-140 Approval of 2016 Council Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Day to adopt the 2016 Council Meeting Schedule. The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

**REMARKS FROM INCOMING COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmembers Nagle, Cook and Kujawa made personal remarks.

**ADDRESS:** Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn gave his inaugural address.

**BENEDICTION:** The benediction was given by Imam Tarif Shraim.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adjourn the meeting. With a vote of 8 – 0 – 0, Mayor Wojahn adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC  
City Clerk

Date  
Approved