

**MINUTES**  
**Special Session of the College Park City Council**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2011**  
**10:49 p.m. – 10:52 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stulich, Afzali and Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Nagle and Cook.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Brian Burrell, Student Liaison.

During a regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to enter into a Special Session to consider two pieces of state legislation that require a vote tonight if Council wishes to take a position on them prior the their hearings. The motion passed 5 -1 – 0 (Perry opposed, Cook and Nagle absent) and the Special Session convened at 10:49 p.m.

**Action Items:**

**11-G-31 Letter in support of HB 72/SB 87 – Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011 which continues funding for the Community Legacy Program**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee in support of HB 72 and SB 87 which continues funding of the Community Legacy Program.**

Councilmember Afzali stated that Community Legacy provides local governments and community development organizations with funding for essential projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization. Funding, in the form of grants and loans, is available for projects located in Priority Funding Areas and is meant to compliment and supplement other state funding programs. As part of a competitive application process, communities are required to have and/or develop a comprehensive revitalization plan that specifically identifies projects meant to revitalize blighted areas. College Park uses the Route 1 Sector Plan. In this time of limited resources, it is important to state our support for this program.

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

**The motion passed 5 – 1 – 0 (Perry opposed).**

**11-G-32 Letter in support of SB 410 – State Highway Administration – Unauthorized Signs on Highway Rights of Way**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the Senate Judiciary Proceedings Committee in support of SB 410 – State Highway Administration – Unauthorized Signs on Highway Rights of Way.**

Councilmember Afzali stated this is the crossfile of House Bill 289 that the Council previously supported. This bill prohibits unauthorized persons from placing signs within the right-of-way of a state highway and authorizes city staff to remove signs posted illegally along the US 1 corridor, Route 193 (University Blvd.) and Maryland 430 (Greenbelt Road).

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

**The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.**

**Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to adjourn the Special Session. Mayor Fellows adjourned the Special Session at 10:52 p.m. with a vote of 6 – 0 – 0.

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC  
City Clerk

Date  
Approved