

## WORKSESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Council Chambers

7:30 p.m. – 9:50 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich (arrived at 8:04 p.m.), Day, Cook and Kujawa (arrived at 7:31 p.m.)

**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; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Leo Thomas, Deputy Director of Finance; Sarah Price, IT Manager; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison.

Mayor Wojahn opened the Worksession at 7:30 p.m.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The Old Parish House is temporarily closed while structural repairs are being addressed. Davis Hall is also closed for installation of the new modular building.
- UMD Shuttle is running a pilot shuttle route down College Avenue through Old Town. Pilot will end in August and they will evaluate whether to continue it.
- Ceremonial opening of Berwyn Pedestrian Bridge Saturday June 20 or Wednesday July 27. Actual opening will be sooner.
- Friday night is the volunteer reception at UMD Golf Course Clubhouse.

**AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** 1) Add Four Cities letter in support of the FBI going to Greenbelt (Brennan/Kabir) 6 – 0 – 0 (Day out of the room). 2) Add Closed Session at end of meeting re: acquisition of real property for a public purpose (Kabir/Cook) 7 – 0 – 0. Approve agenda as amended (Dennis/Day) 7 – 0 – 0.

### AGENDA ITEMS:

#### 1 Discussion of possible budget changes after public hearing – Leo Thomas:

Write proposed amendments for:

- Reduction in tax rate (Kabir)
- Remove .5 FTE for Seniors Case Manager (Cook)
- Remove statistically significant resident survey (Nagle)
- Add \$50,000 to CPCUP/UMD Homeownership grant program (Day)
- Remove \$20,000 for employee engagement survey (Nagle)

Schedule a Worksession to review City's Homestead Tax Credit Rate (Nagle)

#### 2 Discussion about raising the Pride Flag at City Hall

175 signatures on a change.org petition. Fly for one week in June. Flag pole does not lend itself to this – instead hang flag on side of building as a banner. Message of inclusivity. What about other groups that want to fly their flags? Who should decide: M&C, Mayor, committee of residents, policy? City Clerk to survey other municipalities for policies. Stullich to agenda – first full week in June, under City Hall sign.

**3 Presentation on the Towne Place Suites development – Matt Tedesco and Dan Hampton:**

Preliminary Plan was filed in 2006-2007. Financing is tight. They want to reduce the number of king rooms and add double queen rooms which will change footprint 4 feet on south elevation to help secure financing. Proposed change requires a limited minor amendment from Park and Planning staff. It will be referred to the City but not go to Planning Board. Erosion and sediment measures are in place. 13-month construction. Project goes through from US 1 to Autoville Drive – site is long and narrow and slopes back. 2 story garage under building and 20 spaces at grade. 4 ½ - 5 stories on US 1. Stullich to agenda.

**4 Purchase of IT server refresh (will require a super majority) – Sarah Price, IT Manager and Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager:**

Currently have a number of individual servers and need new servers for new services. They want to virtualize the servers which means buy a minimal number of servers that contain different servers within them. This will make disaster recovery faster, will reduce carbon footprint and electrical usage. This does not include the AS400. Two at City Hall and one at Public Works. We have used this vendor before, received two other bids, this is the low bidder. What about the power outage we had? We need to resolve that – either add fiber at Public Works or install a generator at City Hall. Consent.

**5 Discussion about the possibility of creating a Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee**

Tribute began as a grass roots effort in Lakeland 25 years ago and has grown steadily. Now desire to create a standing City committee to continue the tradition. Acknowledge involvement of schools (essays and artwork) to teach children about Dr. King's legacy. Return June 7 W/S with a resolution.

**6 Discussion of allowing free parking during summer weeknights**

Estimated loss of \$18,000. To help restaurants and other downtown businesses that suffer in the summer when students are gone. What about College Park Shopping Center? That is a private lot. Explore tie-in with DCPMA and Shop College Park for coupons? Consent.

**7 Discussion of Worksession seating arrangements**

Try a horseshoe shape open to the audience.

**ADDED ITEM: Support for Four Cities Letter on the FBI relocation to Greenbelt Station:**

Discussed at last Four Cities meeting in response to information that GSA is not using proximity to Metro as a factor. Greenbelt has already sent a letter. Most recent draft handed out. Add Glaros and Lehman to cc list. Consent.

## **8 Requests For/Status of Future Agenda items**

- Scott will re-send his email from 5/6/16 with recommendations for specific Future Worksession items, respond by June 1. Review the list at the next W/S.
- Schedule 48-hour-rule in June (Wojahn)
- Schedule amendments to Chapter 125 – see if there are other code items. (Brennan)
- If the update on the technology plan has been discussed as part of the Strategic Plan/Action Plan then the item can be removed (Kabir)
- Schedule an update on the Strategic Plan and where we are with Action Items
- Schedule Internship Program ASAP (Kabir)
- Update on City Hall? Future
- Transportation in general/City transportation possibilities/Lack of transportation on Metzert Road (Kujawa)

## **9 Appointments to Boards and Committees**

- Stuart Adams – Rec Board
- Judith Oarr – Rec Board (reappointment)

## **10 Mayor and Councilmember Comments**

- VMC will do something different at Memorial Day – instead of a speaker they will read the names of deceased Veterans from College Park (Cook)
- Can we link to PG County Animal Shelter Survey from our website? (Nagle)
- Saturday community clean-up in north College Park: free breakfast, lunch and T-Shirts (Kabir)
- Third Thirsty Thursday at Ledo's. LIDL meeting. Litter Logo competition ends May 20. Schedule a recognition for the winners. (Brennan)
- Saturday June 4 Explorations on Aging group holding a Legal Document clinic with an elder law attorney (Brennan)
- College Park Woods NW Pot Luck on Saturday (Kujawa)
- Rotary of College Park – Citizens of the Year: Dave Milligan, Jim McFadden, Manual Guevara.

## **11 City Manager's Comments: N/A**

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC  
City Clerk

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Approved