

**WORKSESSION MINUTES**  
**College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**  
**Council Chambers**  
**7:30 p.m. – 11:23 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Day, Cook and Kujawa (left at 10:30 p.m.).

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Stullich

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Somers, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Gary Fields, Director of Finance; Leo Thomas, Jr., Deputy Director of Finance; Sharon Fletcher, Public Services Department; Chris Keosian, Student Liaison.

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Update on Duvall Field and Modular Building construction projects.
- Senior Social Center is open Wednesday and Friday mornings 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon.
- Public Works yard will be open the last two Saturdays in October for fall clean up
- Friday, October 14 - Senior wellness event with flu shots
- Farmers Markets are still open
- Leaf collection schedule

**AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- Move #9 Consideration of county legislation to next week's meeting (Nagle/Cook, 6-1-0 Brennan opposed)
- Approve agenda as amended (Kabir/Day 7 – 0 – 0)

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1 Annual Police Agencies Presentations – Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services:**

- Chief David Mitchell, University of Maryland Police
- Major William Alexander, PGPD District 1 Commander
- Chief Stanley Johnson, M-NCPPC Police
- Lt. Tomika Holmes, Metro Transit Police
- Lt. James Keleti, PGPD, College Park Contract Police Supervisor

**2 Property Use Agreement for MilkBoy & Arthouse -- Linda Carter, Attorney representing the applicants; Marty Wolleson, The Clarice; Bill Hanson, Tommy Joyner and Jamie Lokoff, Milkboy+Arthouse:**

They are successful in Philadelphia. This is a new type of venue for College Park: a performing arts center rather than a restaurant or bar. Therefore the applicant is requesting revisions to the PUA:

- They don't want a food to alcohol ratio at all
- Page 3 ¶ 5: Change restaurant to "Performing Arts Venue"
- Hours: Don't want to have an hour restriction either for operating hours or for sale of alcohol
- They might want to have live music in the back courtyard and don't want that to be prohibited in the PUA. Discussion of amplification level of the outdoor music; the City's noise ordinance will apply.
- Don't want to always have to use scanners for IDs. Request that it be at their discretion depending on the type of event. Everyone will be TIP certified. They have never had an alcohol violation in Philadelphia.
- They will submit their security plan to UMD Police and PGPD but don't want to provide it to the City because they don't want it in the public domain.

They hope for broad and diverse audiences. UMCP Foundation owns the property. No pitchers or \$.50 drafts. They will sell alcohol on Sundays. There are four different spaces in the building; all sales are run through one POS system. Many events will involve ticket sales. Council wants to see the recycling plan. Circulate revisions to Council and take action either at October 11 (if OK for consent since applicant is unavailable) or on October 18 in Special Session. The BOLC date is October 25.

- 3 Presentation from the College Park Tennis Club and request for support from the City - Ray Benton and Ajay Pant:** Mr. Benton discussed the College Park Tennis Center (private membership club) and the Junior Tennis Champions Center (non-profit youth program whose goal is to allow kids to earn tennis scholarships to college) and presented a proposal of benefits to College Park residents in exchange for a \$10,000 grant paid in two parts. (See attached proposal.) Councilmember Day will take this to agenda next week. It would require a budget amendment if approved.
- 4 Report on Hollywood Road extended feasibility study - Jagdish Mandavia, Diane Yep:** Alignment #3 is the only one SHA would approve. Estimate of \$625,000 just to construct road – does not take into account right-of-way acquisition, stormwater, lease buy-outs. Mazza says there is no need for this connection road. Staff recommendation is not to proceed with the road at this time, but to make some safety adjustments to the current access to prevent left turns out of the property, subject to SHA approval. Councilmember Nagle will take this to agenda next week.
- 5 Discussion/Decision on whether to change the City's Homestead Tax Credit rate – Gary Fields and Leo Thomas:** Each percent of decrease to the HTC rate is roughly a \$15,000 decrease to the City. A 0% rate would be a loss to the City of approximately \$60,000. Staff recommendation is to maintain the 4% rate. Councilmembers Nagle and Cook interested in reducing the rate to 2%. Introduce an ordinance next week to lower the rate to 2%.
- 6 Discussion about the future of the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee –** Disband NWSC. Hold an annual meeting of NW coordinators. Public Services staff provides support. Resolution on consent next week.

- 7 **National Night Out planning:** Discussion of various options – centralized vs. neighborhood-based. Some neighborhoods want to keep it in their neighborhood, but not all neighborhoods have NW groups. Get broader feedback using Council listservs. Survey civic associations. See what people want to do and return to Council with feedback.
- 8 **Discussion of an amendment to the City Code to prohibit the placement of furniture not designed for outdoor use, within or under a permanent accessory structure such as a covered porch or gazebo (Chapter 125-10.N):** What is the problem we are trying to solve? “Upholstered furniture not designed for outdoor use” – hard to identify what this is. Many examples of upholstered furniture that is designed for outdoor use. Don’t move forward at this time.
- 9 ~~**Possible Special Session: CB-93-2016, healthy requirements for vending machines on County, municipal and M-NCPPC property throughout Prince George’s County and CB-84-2016, Outdoor Advertising Sign (Billboard) to include Digital Billboard.**~~  
Removed from agenda.
- 10 **Requests For/Status of Future Agenda items** – None.
- 11 **Appointments to Boards and Committees** – None
- 12 **Mayor and Councilmember Comments:**
  - Keosian: Clean City Project continuing, invitation to M&C to speak to SGA; October 13 at 6:00 p.m. Committee of Diversity and Inclusion “Breaking Bread” event
  - Mayor: Mayor’s Institute for Civic Design (Florida) report; MML Fall conference next week; Community Diversity Dialogs in College Park – Mayor is bringing together stakeholders on October 19
- 13 **City Manager's Comments** - None

**Adjourn: Brennan/Day 11:23 p.m.**

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Janeen S. Miller  
City Clerk

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Approved