

WORKSESSION MINUTES
College Park City Council
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Council Chambers
7:30 p.m. – 11:08 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich (arrived at 7:44 p.m.), Day, Kujawa and Cook (left at 11:00 p.m.)

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Miriam Bader, Senior Planner.

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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Closed session after the Worksession tonight
- Fall Clean Up – Public Works yard open October 22 and 29
- YFS building was closed due to burst pipe but reopened to clients today
- Recreation Board and College Park Moose Club present dinner/dancing with Night Life Band on Friday night
- Halloween Thing at YFS on Saturday October 29
- Drug Take-Back at UMD Police station on Saturday October 22

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: No amendments (Cook/Day) 6 – 0 – 0.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1 Request by the College Park Ethics Commission for an amendment to Chapter 38 of the City Code. Guests: Joe Theis, Chair, and Ken Sigman, Counsel, College Park Ethics Commission – Add the definition of immediate family member. Introduce next week (Dennis)**

- 2 Motion to support the application for a new Class B (BLX) Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Milkboy College Park, LLC t/a Milkboy & Arthouse, subject to the applicant entering into a Property Use Agreement (PUA) with the City in substantially the form attached; authorize the City Manager to sign the PUA; and authorize staff to testify to the City’s position at the BOLC hearing. (See Special Session minutes 16-G-122)**

- 3 Proposed amendments to the Fence Ordinance and discussion about the APC’s suggestion that the City provide financial incentives to residents to promote the use of fence materials other than chain link – Coming back after recommendations from APC were discussed with Council. APC has reviewed this ordinance and they support it. Some revisions resulted from the listening session they held; some are staff requests to make it easier to understand. This authorizes garden fences in the front yard and conforms to County Code to make it easier to read together. Provided measurements to define “openness” but**

some think it is confusing. This puts all items requiring a variance in one place and gives examples of what can be in a yard without requiring a permit. Does anything in here make it more restrictive or difficult for residents? Corner lots were discussed. When a variance is/is not needed was discussed. When a permit is/is not needed was also discussed. "All fences require permits, but not all fences require a variance." Needs further clarification. Include the diagrams that go with the ordinance. Have an easy-to-read explanation of the fence ordinance on our website or in a flier. APC is researching the idea of providing incentives to residents for something other than chain link. Ideas of incentives: waiving the permit fee, eliminating the variance requirement. Introduce next week (Cook).

- 4 Update from the College Park City University Partnership: Eric Olson, Executive Director, CPCUP and Sen. Jim Rosapepe, Chair, CPCUP** – Mr. Olson: Gave 6 month update per attached PowerPoint. Council: Request for better communication about what the subcommittees are doing. Should ideas/initiatives be vetted through the Council first? Concern that CPCUP is not balancing its focus equally on all parts of the City and is straying from original intent. Senator Rosapepe said they created the subcommittees to try to get more City input – there is a Councilmember on every subcommittee. The CPCUP itself does not have any power. It is a vehicle to get the two institutions (City and University) to work together on joint priorities. The annual work plan is presented in December so now is the time to tell them what you want them to do.
- 5 Detailed Site Plan for EZ Storage, 5151 Branchville Road: Bradley Ferrar, Attorney, and Craig Bittinger.** Miriam Bader reviewed the City staff report. The Planning Board date is November 3. P&P Staff report not yet available. Staff recommends approval with conditions. Access hours are 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; office hours are 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This project will need a dedication of right-of-way. If the County does not accept this as a condition, we will need a separate deed of dedication so it is recorded. Brennan to agenda.
- 6 Approval of a City Position that an applicant shall not use City occupancy permits to justify an increase in density on 4210, 4212, 4214, and 4216 Knox Road**
(See Special Session Minutes 16-G-130)
- 7 Discussion of a policy change regarding the 48-hour prohibited parking rule (follow up from June 7 W/S):** Staff recommends a policy change rather than a change to the City Code. Agreement to support a change in practice to exempt vehicles continuously parked within one block of the owner's residence from the application of the 48 hour rule. We can revisit this in the future if there is a problem.
- 8 Discussion of honorary status for certain Board/Committee members: Janeen Miller, City Clerk -** Reviewed suggestions in staff report. This is seen to be a rare occurrence conferred only in very special circumstances. Adopt resolution next week.
- 9 FY '18 M-NCPPC Budget Requests:** Reviewed letter. Additional suggestions:
Day – connect bike trail that runs along the airport to the new playground
Cook – College Park Woods trail
Kabir – Hollywood Neighborhood Park: reconfigure softball field to a soccer field/cricket field. Opposition to the stormwater pond being proposed.
Letter to agenda (Kabir).

- 10 Discussion of a letter to Chief Bashoor about career staffing at the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Leizear, BVFD:** Discussion about the impact that the loss of daytime career staff has had on Branchville – they have been unable to run calls during the day because they don't have enough volunteer staff. They have been out of service more than before; once for 36 hours straight. Harder now to get volunteers; they are down from 80 members to 15. Letter next week to express concerns and request data.
- 11 Agenda items for October 26 Four Cities Meeting in Greenbelt**
- 12 Requests For/Status of Future Agenda items**
- Restricted parking for street sweeping/snow removal?
 - Ask what future Tuesday night both David Allen and Carlo Colella will be able to attend a Council meeting to discuss parking
 - Letter on next week's agenda to Adam Ortiz and Ronnie Gathers supporting NCPCA's position on stormwater pond at Hollywood Park.
- 13 Appointments to Boards and Committees**
- Reappoint Chris Gill to APC (Mayor)
 - Appoint Alex Tobin to NQOL (student rep) (Brennan)
 - Appoint Seth Statler to NQOL (resident rep) (Day)
 - Appoint Cristophoros Beck to EAC (Dennis)
- 14 Mayor and Councilmember Comments**
- Can we air League of Women Voters forum on Question D (Cook)
 - Medicare workshop on Saturday in Hyattsville (Cook)
 - Council should share information about the CPCUP subcommittees they are on (Nagle)
 - Third Thirsty Thursday at Ledo's Thursday (Brennan)
 - BDCA meeting Thursday (Brennan)
 - Can we rebroadcast Council meetings during the day (Kujawa)
 - Discussions underway about fixing up the Paint Branch underpass under Route 1 (Mayor)
 - Stakeholder meeting for diversity dialogs on Wednesday (Mayor)
 - "Live Smart, Eat Local" on Monday at 7:00 p.m. at Krazy Kabob (Mayor)
- 15 City Manager's Comments**
- Need subcommittee to review Community Services Grants – Kujawa, Day and Nagle

ADJOURN: Into Closed Session at 11:08 p.m. (Brennan/Kujawa 7 – 0 – 0)

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved