

WORKSESSION MINUTES
College Park City Council
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Council Chambers
7:30 p.m. – 11:19 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich, Day, Kujawa (arrived at 7:47 p.m.) and Cook.

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; Gary Fields, Director of Finance; Peggy Higgins, Director of Youth, Family and Senior Services; Steve Beavers, Community Development Coordinator; Chris Keosian, Student Liaison and Brandon Carroll, Deputy Student Liaison.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Please RSVP for the PGCMA Legislative Dinner
- 9th Annual Blues Festival
- Update on the modular building at Public Works

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Add discussion of a letter on the Hollywood Post Office (Kabir/Nagle 7 – 0 – 0). Approve as amended (Brennan/Kabir) 7 – 0 – 0.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1 Presentation: Zoning Rewrite Update on Module 3, Guest: Chad Williams, M-NCPPC Staff

Mr. Williams reviewed the attached PowerPoint. The current schedule: approval by County Council anticipated in 2017. Then comes testing the code. It will go live in 2018. Staff will then write a companion "Process Manual." City staff will review with Council at the December Worksession at which time the City will submit comments on Modules 2 and 3.

2 Review of Education Advisory Committee recommendations for public school education grants, Guest: EAC Vice Chair Charlene Mahoney

Review of the threshold of which schools are applicable for grant money: 1) neighborhood school, 2) a school with at least 14 College Park children. Greenbelt Middle School missed the deadline but has since submitted an application that will be reviewed by EAC and perhaps come back to Council. Per past practice, unused funds would transfer to the UMD summer camp scholarship fund. To consent agenda with EAC recommendations.

3 Award of Community Services Grants

Questions about criteria: do they have to be a registered non-profit? How many College Park people have been served by the program? Is it OK for the subcommittee to recommend a higher amount than applied for? Note that the Hold Harmless agreement must be signed by the actual applicant, not the sub-group. Request to make the Lakeland Heritage Community Project a direct grant recipient next year: this should be raised by Council as a budget wish list item. Request to have the

subcommittee review the criteria prior to next year. Grant recommendations to Consent Agenda next week. Subcommittee to return to a future Worksession with clarifications to the criteria.

4 Discussion of the City's legislative agenda, Guest: Leonard Lucchi and Eddie Pounds
Municipal zoning authority. Municipal influence on how the rain tax funds are spent on stormwater management projects. Municipal influence on business permitting. Bond bills should be 1) shovel ready, 2) in the \$50-100,000 range, 3) be a new project, 4) and are favorably viewed when done in conjunction with a nonprofit. Staff recommendations: Complete Streets and Duvall Field.

5 Award of contract for Community Survey
See Special Session Minutes.

6 Purchase of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the downtown parking garage – Steve Beavers, Community Development Coordinator:
2 hour maximum instead of 5 hour maximum. Should we charge a fee to the user for the electricity? It is our option, but they have to pay to park in the garage. Consent Agenda. Agreement subject to approval by the City Attorney.

7 Review of Maryland Department of Transportation Draft FY 2017-2022 Consolidated Transportation Program (road show is November 10 at 2:00 p.m.) – Terry Schum, Director of Planning:

- Couldn't find the page with "495 @ US 1 Interchange" which was included last year – will follow up on that project.
 - US 1 – Reiterate full funding of right-of-way and pedestrian safety
 - US 1 – Add Phase 2 design/engineering.
 - Support for bikeways program
 - Support for Purple Line
 - Support for sidewalk
- Letter on Consent Agenda next week.

8 Discussion of revisions to Ordinance 16-O-07 re permit fees in downtown garage (follow up from September 27)

Maintain status quo of 20-25 permits sold to monthly downtown business commuters – leave this to the City Manager's discretion. To agenda next week.

9 Discussion of holiday decoration awards – request of Councilmember Nagle
Civic associations would rate/judge the winners in each district. Winners of the first year could judge the second year contestants. Categories of a district winner and an overall winner. Prizes: recognition in the Municipal Scene, Blue Ribbon, Yard Sign. Contestants would be submitted or nominated. Councilmember Nagle to work with staff on the program publicity.

10 Requests For/Status of Future Agenda items

- Schedule Homeowner's Resource Fund before the budget (Nagle)
- Discuss indigenous people's day in early spring (Nagle)
- Discuss having a policy or process for reviewing all the professional contracts we have on a triennial basis (Nagle)
- Can we help Branchville Volunteer Fire Department with a recruitment video (Kabir)

11 Appointments to Boards and Committees

- Arthur Eaton to VMC

12 Mayor and Councilmember Comments

- Veterans Day
- Get out and vote
- Hollywood Clean up
- CP Metro station manager has been locking the gate before the last train arrives. Follow up with a letter.
- Concern about future potential of icy conditions on the stairs with the escalator work at the CP station
- Good Neighbor Day next April 1 – they have an online project application
- Student Liaison: Looking for a community service project to do downtown next spring.
- Mayor attended induction of law students at Elizabeth Seton, discussed last week’s “Live Smart Eat Local”, attended the opening of the new Anacostia River Trail connection. Direct access now from College Park into DC.

13 City Manager's Comments – None.

ADJOURN Kujawa/Day 11:18 p.m. 8 – 0 – 0.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved