

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
January 28, 2020
Davis Hall, 9217 51st Avenue
7:30 p.m. – 12:13 a.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Brennan, Dennis, Day, Rigg, Mackie and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Robert Marsili, Director of Public Works; Frank Pacifico, Assistant Director of Public Works; Gary Fields, Director of Finance; Dan Alpert, Student Liaison; Julia Nikhinson, Deputy Student Liaison.

Mayor Wojahn opened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Kabir announced the weekly community police meeting. He remarked on the passing of community member Ruth Herbert.

Councilmember Mackie remarked on a fire in College Park Woods and thanked first responders.

Councilmember Mitchell requested speed enforcement on St. Andrews.

Councilmember Dennis announced the police coffee club.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Somers reviewed the lay-on-the-table item and discussed the Complete Count Committee’s census activities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Day to invite the Complete Count Committee to present to Council at a Future Worksession. Motion passed 8-0.

AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- Remove 20-G-10 from the agenda (Brennan/Dennis 8-0)
- Add minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting to 20-G-21 (Rigg/Dennis 8-0)
- Adopt agenda as amended (Rigg/Mitchell) 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Dave Dorsch, resident: The Calvert Hills Stormwater Management project should be completed sooner rather than later because of ongoing flooding concerns.

George Tansill, resident: Regarding the barrier at University Blvd at the Trolley Trail – the new barrier doesn’t allow bicycles to pass to the left and the right which messes up the flow. Was that the intention.

Sean Robson, resident, Boy Scout Troop 740 from Holy Redeemer: Intersection by Volunteer Fire Department in Berwyn Heights needs a stop sign.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Fields introduced Robert Diss from Lindsey + Associates, auditors, who gave a presentation on FY '19 Audit. Mr. Diss reviewed and explained various sections of the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report). No internal control deficiencies were found and the financial statements were not materially misstated.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-O-01, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Amending City Code Chapter 119, "Refuse, Yard Waste, Solid Waste and Special Trash;" Chapter 161, "Recycling;" and Chapter 110, "Fees and Penalties," to make changes to the collection of Special Trash, to prohibit placement of materials at properties that did not generate the materials, to set fees for collection and fees for Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste receptacles, to set penalties for violations, and to consolidate Recycling provisions into Chapter 161.

Mr. Marsili reviewed the staff report. This ordinance involves special trash collections. The main objectives are to curtail abuse, have a fair and equitable service, be a sustainable City, provide for better worker safety, and increase efficiency. There are two decision points for Council in this ordinance: the number of free refuse carts (one or two) and the cost of additional refuse carts. This is separate and distinct from the next ordinance which is about bulk trash collection.

There was discussion about the definitions/differences between special trash and bulky trash. Ms. Ferguson noted that the definitions of Regular Trash, Bulky Trash, Special Trash, and Overweight Oversized items, are located in Section 4 of the Ordinance, in §119-4 of the City Code.

Public Comment:

Mitchell Miller, non-resident, rental property owner: City should not pick up contractor material. Sometimes you set out items but then the number of items changes by the time the pick up occurs. He thought the \$180 trash fee covered bulk pick ups.

John Hawvermale, non-resident, rental property owner: Confused about why you want to cut people back to one trash toter. City should not pick up contractor material. This is way too complicated.

Bob Baer, resident, rental property owner: Revisit this to focus on things that are auditable. Don't place an administrative burden on staff. Promote programs that pick up appliances. Keep it simple. Rental properties already pay a \$180 trash fee, and do not get the Homestead Property Tax Credit.

Francie Wasser, resident: Concerned about mechanisms for counting items that are set out: administrative burden, documentation and accuracy. Consider a pilot instead. Limit number of pick ups, not number of items.

Lisa Miller, non-resident, rental property owner, representing PGPOA: Submitted an email for the record. She gave examples of all the things the PGPOA has done for the City over many years. She feels there has been a pull back on that collaborative spirit recently – for example, unruly gatherings was just rushed through. There hasn't been a lawsuit to date but that doesn't mean there isn't one coming. Its up to the Council moving forward to determine how the PGPOA will respond.

Mary King, resident: This started in April 2018 with the SCS trash study. The charge for an extra refuse cart should be \$100/year. Residential properties should receive one, rental properties two. \$20 fee for white goods pick up and \$100/hour for crane pick up seems appropriate based on the 2018 study.

Dave Dorsch, resident, rental property owner: The City has an outstanding trash collection system. Change is being proposed because of 5% are abusing the system with construction debris. If that is true, just address that problem and nothing else. The \$180 trash fee for single family rental properties is unfair. Rental properties don't get to take the Homestead Tax Credit. The City has not presented data. Supports a pilot program.

Jim Donnelly, non-resident, rental property owner: The City should not pick up construction debris. Keep the system simple. There are just a few abusers. Landlords already pay more in taxes and fees.

Carol Macknis, resident: The City should not pick up construction debris. Do a better job of publicizing where you can recycle and donate things.

George Tansill, resident: Prefers two trash totes. Questions about used motor oil recycling, hazardous materials, grease, alkaline batteries, LED lights. Can small car parts, construction debris go into the toter? Questions about where specific items can be recycled.

Chris Gordon, resident: Suggests limiting the number of pick-ups and not counting the number of items. He only puts out his trash toter every 5-6 weeks, but had 7 bulk trash pick ups. The data in the report is terrible. Don't pick up white goods at all, call people to take it to PG Scrap.

Oscar Gregory, resident: Collecting waste prevents illegal dumping. Sustainability is taken care of by the County. Not opposed to incentivizing residents to contribute to sustainability, but this is a money grabbing effort.

Sean Robson, resident: He sees a lot of trash that he thinks is generated by parties. Trash is not good for the environment because it can end up in the ocean.

Stephanie Stulich, resident: This ordinance seems less controversial than the next one. Agrees about no contractor debris. Move-out generated debris is distressing; so much is reusable but is dumped at the curb. You can only accomplish so much with education.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Wojahn declared this public hearing as having been held.

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-O-02, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Amending City Code Chapter 119, “Refuse, Solid Waste and Special Trash” and Chapter 110, “Fees and Penalties,” to change how bulky trash is collected, to set fees for collections of an excess number of items, and to set penalties for violations.

Mr. Marsili reviewed the staff report. This ordinance sets out a maximum number of bulk trash items and collections per year and a fee schedule for additional items. He is confident that his staff can handle the administrative aspects of the program. This recommendation is a sustainable plan that shouldn't impact 95% of the residents. The City should not serve as a hauling company. We have to do something to curb the amount of waste that goes into the landfill. The decision point for Council in this ordinance: should the maximum number of items per year that would be free be 12 or 20 for an owner occupied home.

Mr. Somers reminded Council of the 2018 SCS study that addressed the City's bulk trash program. This is more than just an environmental issue, it is a fairness and equity issue. For the 5% of people who are using more of the system, the other 95% are subsidizing that cost. The City's current program is that whatever you place at the curb, the City will pick up, and the City taxpayers are paying for that. There is no incentive to reduce waste or curtail pickups. For the \$180 trash fee, landlords are receiving a credit for 9 items, so the decision point for rental properties is either 21 or 29 items per year.

Public Comment:

Mitchell Miller, non-resident, rental property owner: Wants a rebate because he didn't set out that many items per year and he does pay the \$180 fee.

Alexa Bely, resident: Supports the ordinance. There is a small number of heavy users of the City's bulk trash pick-up service that are being subsidized by a large number of residents. A policy of unlimited bulk pick ups is fiscally irresponsible and poor policy. Financial incentives will drive behavioral change.

Leo Shapiro, resident: Addressed the talking points that the PGPOA must be circulating: blame the contractors, praise Public Works, emphasize how confusing this is and the large administrative burden. The landlords who showed up tonight have a financial stake in being here because for a long time the taxpayers have subsidized their overuse of City services. Don't be swayed by their coordinated efforts. This should not be controversial.

Francie Wasser, resident: The data that was collected for the study was faulty data. If we collect data going forward, then we can make decisions. We should limit the number of pick-ups, not the quantity of items.

Mary King, resident: 4 bulk trash pick-ups per year does not diminish service; residents can also drop items at the Public Works yard. 29 items sounds like a whole house cleanout. She suggests limiting the number to 16 items per residents and 20 items per rental, and continue with the \$20 item per additional charge. Against raising the penalties; give two warnings and then issue an MI.

Dave Dorsch, resident: He pays the \$180 fee and has only had 2 bulk trash pick ups in 45 years – is that fair. Wants to see the data on trends. Repeated that contractor debris is most of the problem. There is no data to justify the 20-item limit.

Sally Wood, resident: She has always had an issue with all the items that are put at the curb. She doesn't think any other City allows this. There are so many groups that will pick up unused items. She would want to set the limit really low and limit the number of pickups. Why are we subsidizing the landlords?

John Hawvermale, non-resident, rental property owner: Who's subsidizing who? Non-owner-occupied properties pay more in fees than residents and don't get the Homestead Tax Credit. They urge their tenants to use Salvation Army, etc., but they are cutting back on what they take. We're not the devil.

Adam Rosenbaum, resident: He is not taking a stand on this item, but as a student he received a citation warning for furniture left outside that didn't belong to their house. He doesn't want to be fined for something set out by others earlier in the year.

Stephanie Stulich, resident: These numbers seem reasonable and appropriate. There has been limited participation in donation efforts that were organized in prior years. Education and encouragement are great, but without financial incentives there won't be a change in behavior.

George Tansill, resident: He supports any version of this that will pass.

Chris Gordon, resident: Criticized the SCS trash study, questioned the savings, we don't need more bureaucracy, we need common sense solutions. Table this for six months and try alternate options. Change the white goods policy and hire a truck to come around once a week to pick them all up. What if the PGPOA takes you to court?

Oscar Gregory, resident: He had to clear out his mother's house. Public Works picked it all up without a problem. It would have cost him thousands under this ordinance. Vote down these ordinances or put it to a city-wide referendum.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Wojahn declared this public hearing as having been held.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Fields presented the Quarterly Financial report (attached).

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:

20-G-09 Approval of a task order under the on-call engineering services contract with Greenman-Pederson, Inc. in the amount of \$55,448.58 for design of Princeton Avenue pedestrian improvements.

- 20-G-10** ~~Approval of modifications to Permit Parking Zone 4A on a portion of Cherokee Street to add a visitor's parking zone for residents of the Townhouses on Cherokee Street. This item was removed from the agenda.~~
- 20-G-11** Approval of a letter to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation with City comments on the draft 2020-2025 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).
- 20-G-18** Award of Contract to Altenergy, Inc. of Upper Marlboro, MD in the amount of \$79,844 for the design, installation and maintenance of a Solar Photovoltaic System at the Department of Public Works Landscape Garage.
- 20-G-19** Award of contracts for the purchase and replacement of one (1) 2020 Freightliner Refuse Truck Rear Load Packer to Sourcewell, Contract #112014-NWY for \$227,092.99; AND and to Criswell Chevrolet (riding Montgomery County Contract #1065341) for \$160,058.64 for two (2) Chevy Bolt Electric Vehicles and (2) 2020 Chevy Silverado pick-up trucks with snow equipment packages, funded from CIP Account Number 925061 for a total of \$387,151.63.
- 20-G-13** Approval of a letter of support for PG-401-20 – Prince George's County – Authority to impose fees for use of disposable bags.
- 20-G-14** Approval of a letter of support for PG-402-20 – Prince George's County – State Highways – Toll Facilities.
- 20-G-15** Approval of the FY2021 budget guidelines and financial policies as presented in the attached staff report including maintaining the City's Homestead Tax Credit Rate at 0% for FY2021, providing the maximum tax relief from this credit.
- 20-G-20** Award of contract not to exceed \$56,000 to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., for design and engineering specifications for the construction of a park facility on the Odessa outlot in the Sunnyside neighborhood, subject to approval by the City Attorney and authorize the City Manager to sign.
- 20-G-21** Approval of minutes from the November 6, 2019 Worksession and the November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting and (ADDED) the November 19, 2019 meeting.

The motion passed 6-0 (Councilmembers Dennis and Mackie were out of the room at the time of the vote).

ACTION ITEMS

20-O-01 Adoption of 20-O-01, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Amending City Code Chapter 119, “Refuse, Yard Waste, Solid Waste and Special Trash;” Chapter 161, “Recycling;” and Chapter 110, “Fees and Penalties,” to make changes to the collection of Special Trash, to prohibit placement of materials at properties that did not generate the materials, to set fees for collection and fees for Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste receptacles, to set penalties for violations, and to consolidate Recycling provisions into Chapter 161, to become effective May 1 (this Ordinance replaces 19-O-14).

Ms. Ferguson began by saying a typo on page 16 of the ordinance will be corrected: The reference to Chapter 161 3 G should be 161 3 C.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Rigg to adopt Ordinance 20-O-01 as drafted, with 1 toter per household provided free of charge, with a start date of May 1, 2020.

Councilmember Brennan said this is not a financial matter; the City is seeking a behavioral change. Without a financial incentive, people will choose the path of least resistance. Staff has recommended this plan and say they can make it work.

Councilmember Kabir has mixed feelings and supports a pilot program. He believes we don’t have complete data.

Councilmember Mackie said we have a problem that needs to be addressed by the City as a whole whether we are students or owners or landlords. She doesn’t want to see trash outside of the toters so would agree to 2 toters.

Councilmember Day said the motion was made before we had a chance to discuss whether to provide 1 or 2 toters free of charge. What happens if you pay the collection fee for five items in advance, but then only three are picked up?

Amendment #1: A motion to amend the ordinance was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to 1) allow 2 toters free of charge as a minimum and 2) bill for the pickup after the collection instead of in advance. A clarification was made later that for any toter over 2, they would pay a one-time fee of \$50 per toter.

Mr. Somers said we don’t have a billing system set up which will require more administrative work; the payment in advance system is simpler. Mr. Marsili said he understands the concern and we could look into it.

Councilmember Brennan noted that the first part of the motion is legislative and the second part is administrative. Ms. Ferguson said the language can be broadened to include “payment when invoiced” in §119-6.

[At 10:30 p.m., a motion to extend the meeting was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Day. Motion passed 8-0.]

Comments from the audience on Amendment #1:

Mitch Miller: Supports 2 toters free of charge.

Carol Macknis: Supports 2 toters free of charge.

George Tansill: Supports 2 toters free of charge.

Councilmember Mitchell thinks the \$50 for each additional toter should be assessed each year instead of one time, to promote environmental sustainability.

Councilmembers Dennis thinks most people already have two green toters, so this wouldn't create a problem for them.

Councilmember Rigg can't support this because people could purchase 14 green toters and fill them up with their bulk trash.

Councilmember Kennedy would like to see an annual fee for additional toters instead of a one-time fee.

Amendment to Amendment #1: A motion to amend Amendment #1 was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to 1) cap the number of toters to no more than three.

Councilmember Rigg said we are trying to keep things out of the landfill, so limiting the number of toters will help.

Comments from the audience on the amendment to Amendment #1:

Mitch Miller: Supports.

Amendment to Amendment #1 passed 7-1 (Kabir opposed).

Amendment #1 as amended now reads: 1) allow two toters free of charge; to 2) cap the maximum number of free toters per household to no more than three; 3) charge a \$50 one-time fee for the third toter; 4) allow staff the administrative flexibility to bill for the pickup after the collection instead of in advance.

Councilmember Brennan motioned to change the \$50 fee for the third toter from a one-time fee to an annual fee. Councilmember Kennedy seconded.

Comments from the audience on this amendment:

Stephanie Stulich: Supports the annual fee.

Francie Wasser: Does not support the annual fee.

Carol Macknis: Does not support the annual fee.

Vote on Amendment #1 as amended by making the fee for the third toter an annual \$50 fee:

Yes: Kennedy, Mackie, Rigg, Brennan

No: Kabir, Mitchell, Day, Dennis

Tie Vote

Mayor voted Yes
Motion passed 5-4

Vote on Amendment #1 as Amended: (2 toters free of charge; absolute cap of three toters; \$50 annual fee for the third toter; and allow staff to bill for collection):

Vote on Amendment # as Amended:
Yes: Kabir, Kennedy, Mackie, Day, Rigg, Brennan, Dennis
No: Mitchell

Amendment #1, as amended, passed 7-1.

Back to the Main motion as amended:

Councilmember Rigg reviewed the problem that was evidenced in the SCS report. The current trends are unsustainable; we have to change behavior.

[At 11:00 p.m. a motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to suspend the rules. Motion passed 8-0.]

Councilmember Kabir asked if this ordinance is about bulk trash, or special trash. Mr. Somers said the four times a year limit is to bulk trash; it does not apply to special trash. Ms. Ferguson further clarified that 20-O-01 applies to all the kinds of trash you have, and that 20-O-02 is just for the fee schedule assessed for excess collections.

Vote on Main motion as amended (the first two toters are free; maximum number of toters is three; third toter costs \$50 per year; administrative allowance to bill for collections; fix the typo referenced by Ms. Ferguson):

Yes: Kennedy, Day, Rigg, Brennan, Dennis
No: Kabir, Mackie, Mitchell
Motion passed 5-3

20-O-02 Adoption of Ordinance 20-O-02, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Amending City Code Chapter 119, “Refuse, Solid Waste and Special Trash” and Chapter 110, “Fees and Penalties,” to change how bulky trash is collected, to set fees for collections of an excess number of items, and to set penalties for violations, to become effective May 1.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to adopt Ordinance 20-O-02, with a 20-free-items limit for owner occupied properties, and a 29-free-items limit for rental properties, effective May 1, 2020.

Councilmember Rigg said he is horrified when he sees piles of bulk trash placed in front of houses at move-out time, year after year. It is public health, taxation and environmental sustainability issue. We spend a lot more on solid waste because of our lax policy. This is a chance to correct it.

Councilmember Day agrees there should be a limit and said we should punish the abusers of the system. We also need to look at our food waste program and the trash to treasure program which would make a small step to diverting trash. We should try to get this right the first time.

Councilmember Brennan said this ordinance isn't being passed without putting other measures in place.

Councilmember Kennedy thinks a lot of important PR is needed, and that the CBE might be able to help with that.

Councilmember Mitchell echoed the theme about education and said there has to be a plan to explain this to residents.

Councilmember Kabir feels it is disturbing to set a limit when we don't have the data. He will vote against.

Councilmember Mackie feels some of the fees are high. She supports Trash to Treasure and helping landlords donate. She doesn't want to use money as the incentive to change behavior.

Councilmember Dennis said the challenge is how to inform our residents about what we are doing and why we are doing it. We need to tell them how to get rid of their things in other ways.

Mayor Wojahn said he would support this because he is concerned about the level of abuse of our current program. He agrees that we need to do a lot more to educate people about options.

Councilmember Day said there are still a lot of kinks to be worked out.

Amendment #1: An amendment was made by Councilmember Day to put this ordinance in a pilot program for no less than six months, and no more than a year, to address all of these questions. During the pilot period, staff will track the accounting for how many pick-ups you have, how many items you have, how many you have left, and what the charge would be if you got charged. During the pilot period the fees would be waived, but residents would know what they would pay. During the pilot period the staff would work through the processes and procedures that they need to put into place to make this work. During the pilot period the City needs to educate everyone in the City. Councilmember Mackie seconded the motion.

Comments from the audience:

Mitch Miller: He is also concerned by the amount of trash he sees. Code Enforcement doesn't fine them anymore. He doesn't know why.

Lisa Miller: Supports the pilot program.

Francie Wasser: Supports the pilot program.

Chris Gordon: Supports the pilot program and reiterated that the data in the report is bad.

George Tansill: Agrees the data in the report is bad.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if the pilot would be one neighborhood and then expand it? Councilmember Day is proposing a City-wide pilot. She doesn't want there to be any confusion about the rules. Councilmember Day feels a City-wide pilot will give us the data we need and will give staff time to work through the process and procedures.

Council discussed the alternative of adopting the ordinance now but suspending the fees for a period of time.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy to amend the amendment: to move forward with the ordinance now, to have six months of no fees, and at the end of six months unless we take action, the fees start. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Rigg does not support a pilot to collect data when we already have data.

Councilmember Brennan thinks its hard to figure out people's behavior without having the financial disincentive in place. We can move this forward tonight and allow staff to tweak as needed.

Vote on Amendment #1:

Yes: Kabir, Kennedy, Mackie, Mitchell, Day, Dennis

No: Rigg, Brennan

Amendment passed 6-2.

Main Motion as Amended:

Yes: Kabir, Kennedy, Mackie, Mitchell, Day, Dennis

No: Rigg, Brennan

Motion as amended passed 6-2.

20-G-16 Approval of Change Order #2 to the Agreement with Davis Construction for site development work for the City Hall Project

Mr. Somers reviewed the staff report. Tonight's Change Order will carve a piece out of the construction contract to move the project forward. This Change Order is for the surveying, excavation, and any contract work, for a total of \$4.1M. The City's share is \$1,743,223. It is not an additional cost; it will come off the top. We are still finalizing estimates and don't have the Guaranteed Maximum Price yet. The contract is with the City and the University will pay back their portion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Rigg to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract change order after review by the City Attorney

in an amount not to exceed \$4,150,530 to authorize the City Hall project work outlined in the Davis Summary of GMP #2 Costs.

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

The motion passed 8-0.

20-G-12 Approval of a letter of support with amendments for SB 209 – Criminal Law – Unruly Social Gatherings - Civil Penalties

Mr. Gardiner gave an overview. This would put legislation into place state-wide similar to what the City adopted last year. Ms. Ferguson contacted the bill drafter and found that the intent is that only a civil citation would be issued. We suggested language to make that clear and state that a conviction would not give anyone a criminal record. We also suggested they increase the number of persons to 8.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to send a letter in support of this legislation with the amendments outlined by Ms. Ferguson that would align the bill more to the City's ordinance.

Councilmember Rigg said this builds on the hard work that the City did to get our own ordinance passed. He supports creating behavior change without criminalization.

Mr. Alpert said it is irresponsible to comment on any issue without having City data to back it up. We don't know yet how the City's bill has affected our community. There was a lot of opposition to the City's ordinance when it came up. The bill writer is from Towson, so to make this statewide legislation would affect our minority communities more than anyone else.

Councilmember Day asked if the University had given any input. Mayor Wojahn said Mr. Colella said there were some concerns about the initial language that inferred a criminal citation, and that he expressed a concern that we would expect the UMD police to enforce. Mr. Somers added that the primary agency to enforce remains Prince George's County. Councilmember Day will not support. It reminds him of the corner law and he doesn't believe it will be enforced fairly throughout the state.

Yes: Kennedy, Mackie, Rigg

No: Kabir, Day, Dennis, Mitchell

Motion fails 3-4 (Brennan out of the room at the time of the vote).

20-G-17 Appointments to Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Day to appoint Nikesha Poncho Lewis to the CBE. The motion passed 7-0 (Brennan out of the room at the time of the vote).

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Day to adjourn the Regular Meeting. With a vote of 7-0, the regular meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC City Clerk	Date Approved
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Closed Session Statement for Saturday, January 18, 2020

Pursuant to the statutory authority of the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305, the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park met in a Closed Session in Davis Hall at the Department of Public Works on Saturday, January 18, 2020 to discuss a matter relating to the contents of a proposal before a contract is awarded.

At 9:00 a.m., prior to the Mayor and Council Retreat, a motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to enter into the closed session for the purpose of receiving information from and discussing the proposals submitted by consultants who applied to facilitate the City's Strategic Plan. The motion passed 8-0.

The Mayor and all Councilmembers were present. In addition, the meeting was attended by City Manager Scott Somers and Assistant City Manager Bill Gardiner. Terrie Glass, Stacia Aylward, Jeffrey Parks, and Jessica Brown each attended a portion of the meeting. Mayor Wojahn was the designated Open Meetings Trainee.

The Mayor and Council received information from and discussed the proposals submitted by the selected consultants. No action was taken.

At 10:40 a.m., on a motion by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, and a vote of 8-0, the closed session was adjourned.

Closed Session Statement for Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Pursuant to the statutory authority of the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305, the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park met in a Closed Session in Davis Hall at the Department of Public Works on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 to discuss a matter relating to the contents of a proposal before a contract is awarded.

At 11:02 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Day to enter into the closed session for the purpose of evaluating the presentations from the consultants who submitted proposals to facilitate the City's next five-year Strategic Plan. The motion passed 8-0.

The Mayor and all Councilmembers were present. In addition, the meeting was attended by City Manager Scott Somers; Assistant City Manager Bill Gardiner; City Clerk Janeen S. Miller; and City Attorney Suellen Ferguson. Mayor Wojahn was the designated Open Meetings Trainee.

The Mayor and Council discussed and evaluated the selected consultants who made presentations during the Closed Session on Saturday, January 18. Staff will check references.

At 11:32 p.m., on a motion by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Dennis, and a vote of 8-0, the closed session was adjourned.
