

**MINUTES**  
**Special Session of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**  
**Council Chambers**  
**9:54 P.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Day and Kujawa.

**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; Alex Tobin, Student Liaison; Serena Saunders, Deputy Student Liaison.

During a regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to enter into a Special Session to act on two time-sensitive matters. The possibility of the Special Session was listed on the Worksession agenda. With a vote of 6-0, Council entered into Special Session at 9:54 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**19-G-41 Discussion and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with State Highway Administration regarding pedestrian lights on US 1 between College Avenue and 193.**

Mr. Gardiner reviewed the staff report and said we received updated information from SHA and revised pricing for 134 pedestrian lights. SHA's policy is that the MOU must be signed prior to bid opening, so the actual cost won't be known until after the bid opening on March 7. This is only for Phase 1 of the US 1 reconstruction project. The cost to the City can be financed in a couple of different ways: carried over two fiscal years as pay-go, or included in the anticipated bond for City Hall and other capital projects. There is the possibility of some pay back to the City from developers if/when certain parcels are redeveloped.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to authorize the City Manager to sign the attached State Highway Administration Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the shared cost of installing pedestrian lighting as part of phase 1 of the Baltimore Avenue reconstruction project. The MOU shall be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.**

Councilmember Brennan said he is in favor of taking advantage of the cost-sharing program with SHA and that installation of uniform pedestrian street lights will improve our streetscape which could help spur development.

**The motion passed 6-0.**

**19-G-42 Discussion of legislation: SB 478/HB 1317, Property Tax-Vehicles Valued as Stock in Business-Alteration of Tax Credit:**

Mr. Gardiner reviewed legislation and staff report. If approved as proposed, the bill would reduce the business personal property taxes the City collects from automobile dealers. Mr. Gardiner believes there is an amendment to “allow” not “require” municipalities to offer the tax credit which would be beneficial to the City. Council is interested in supporting the amendment.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to send a letter in support of the proposed amendment to SB 478 / HB 1317, that would make the proposed tax credits optional, and thus would not be harmful to the City.**

**The motion passed 6-0.**

**ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to adjourn from the Special Session, and with a vote of 6-0, Mayor Wojahn adjourned the Special Session at 9:58 p.m.**

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Janeen S. Miller  
City Clerk

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Approved