

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**  
**Council Chambers**  
**7:30 p.m. – 8:43 p.m.**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Gary Fields, Director of Finance; Ryna Quinones, Communications Coordinator; Alex Tobin, Student Liaison.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilmember Dennis announced the Coffee Club schedule over the summer months.

Councilmember Day congratulated the 87 students graduating from the College Park Academy tomorrow and said this is the first graduating class. He and Councilmember Mitchell are Board Members of the CPA.

Councilmember Rigg discussed the successful effort to convince WMATA to negotiate with M-NCPPC on the purchase of the Albion Road property in order to preserve the green infrastructure.

Councilmember Mitchell announced upcoming events in College Park Woods: the Neighborhood Watch picnic and the meeting regarding School Board plans for Buck Lodge Elementary School.

Mayor Wojahn thanked the Veterans Memorial Committee for the Memorial Day event.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Somers discussed free summer parking; the survey in the weekly bulletin about interest in a community newspaper; Trolley Trail Day; and First Thirsty Thursday.

**AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Councilmember Kabir requested to change one word in the motion of 19-G-80, a Consent Agenda item, from "will" to "may." The Council concurred and the City Clerk will note the change in the minutes. A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Day to approve the agenda. The motion passed 8-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Stephanie Stullich, resident:** Ms. Stullich commented on the proposed noise ordinance, and specifically the proposed change in the nighttime hour to 9:00 p.m. from 8:00 p.m. She said that would be a big deal; sometimes it is a struggle to wait until 9 p.m. for the lower nighttime decibel level to take effect. She also commented on the request by the owner of 4619 College Avenue to amend the Covenants with the City regarding occupancy limits at that property. She reviewed her

research on this owner's number of code violations over all of the properties he owns, and urged the Council to tie any request by the owner regarding 4619 College to better management of all of his properties.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- A.** Presentation on new City Public Safety and Quality of Life maps: Mr. Ryan reviewed the new public safety maps that will be posted monthly on the Public Safety page of the City website. This is only Prince George's County Police data. Council had the following questions and comments:
- a. What about when crimes aren't reported right away – will maps be updated? Yes.
  - b. Note that these are static, not interactive, maps.
  - c. Can details from the police report be added to each item? Not at this time.
  - d. Can we integrate UMPD data? We can provide a link to their data. Also note that MSP and Park Police data are not included. Please ask if they can provide their data like this.
  - e. Add some context to the webpage where this is posted to make clear what this map does and does not report
- B.** Farewell to Student Liaison Alex Tobin: Mayor Wojahn thanked Mr. Tobin for his term as Student Liaison and presented a check and plaque. Mr. Tobin made personal remarks.

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

- 19-G-79 Approval of a City Event and City-Initiated Solicitations Policy**
- 19-G-83 Approval of an amendment to the City Policy "Regarding Fundraising and Funds Held for City-appointed Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees or for Outside Entities"**
- 19-G-80 Approval of the designation of Ritchie Coliseum instead of City Hall as a polling location in the November 5, 2019 City election because City Hall may not be available.**
- 19-G-84 Approval of a letter to University of Maryland President Dr. Wallace Loh in support of the continuation of the on-campus tailgates**

The motion passed 8-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 19-O-09 Introduction of an ordinance to amend Chapter 138, Noise, §§138-2, "Definitions", 138-5, "Prohibited Acts", and 138-6, "Violations and Penalties" to Define Construction Activity and Noise Disturbance, Change the Hours Included in the Definitions of Day and Night, Include Noise Disturbance as a Violation, Clarify the Noise Measurement Point for Multi-Family Dwellings, Include Reference to Various Noise Activities that are Prohibited by or Exempted from**

**this Chapter through the State Environmental Article, and to Make Other Clarifying and Conforming Changes**

Mr. Ryan gave an overview. This is a culmination of discussions over the last year and incorporates exemptions from state code and matters that the Council has discussed. If introduced tonight, the Public Hearing would be held on July 9.

Councilmember Rigg requested delay of the introduction of this Ordinance tonight because of conversations he had at the International Town Gown Association conference last week. He wants to have the chance to review those ideas in this context. Mayor Wojahn asked when the nuisance item is coming back to Council. Staff said that item is not scheduled at this time. The suggestion was to consider both matters at one time. Council agreed; no introduction tonight.

**19-G-82 Approval of a City Policy for “Timely Adoption of Minutes for Council-Appointed Advisory Boards That Meet Infrequently”**

Ms. Miller reviewed the staff report and explained how this policy would be used, if approved tonight. This would provide a way to approve minutes for those boards that meet infrequently.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to approve the policy “Timely Adoption of Minutes for Council-Appointed Advisory Boards That Meet Infrequently.”**

There were no comments from the audience or Council.

**The motion passed 8-0-0.**

**19-O-10 Adoption of Ordinance 19-O-10, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund Budgets of The City of College Park**

Mr. Fields reminded Council that the City Manager presented a balanced budget with a reduction of the property tax rate of 1 cent. He said that all required deadlines had been met and that the public hearing was held on May 14.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to adopt Ordinance 19-O-10, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund budgets for the City of College Park.**

Because the public hearing was held earlier this month there is no public comment tonight.

Councilmember Brennan thanked the staff for their efforts on this budget and said our budget document has become easier to understand.

Mayor Wojahn said staff has been diligent and has made the Council’s job easier to serve the City’s residents.

**The motion carried 8-0.**

**19-G-81 Appointments to Boards and Committees**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to reappoint Dawn Powers to the Education Advisory Committee and Lilla Sutton to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee. The motion carried 8-0.**

**COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Brennan expressed his sympathies in regard to the alleged homicide that occurred on the Trolley Trail in Berwyn last week.

Councilmember Mitchell discussed the excitement of seeing the first graduating class of the College Park Academy and thanked former Mayor Fellows and Bob Catlin for their efforts.

Outgoing Student Liaison Alex Tobin discussed graduation and introduced next year's Student Liaison, Dan Alpert.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to adjourn the Regular Meeting and to enter into a Closed Session to consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations, to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice, and to consult with staff and other individuals about pending or potential litigation. With a vote of 8-0, Mayor Wojahn adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.**

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC  
City Clerk

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Date  
Approved

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**Closed Session Statement**

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 the Council Chambers at City Hall on May 28, 2019 to consider matters that relate to collective bargaining negotiations, to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice, and to consult with staff and other individuals about pending or potential litigation. After a brief recess, the closed session began at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor Wojahn and all members of the City Council were in attendance. The Closed Session was also attended by City Manager Scott Somers, Assistant City Manager Bill Gardiner, City Clerk Janeen Miller, and Finance Director Gary Fields. Mayor Wojahn was the designated Open Meetings Trainee.

The City Attorney provided legal advice to the City Council about an existing contract. The City Manager updated the City Council about collective bargaining negotiations.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adjourn the Closed Session, and with a vote of 8-0, the Closed Session was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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