

WORKSESSION MINUTES
College Park City Council
Tuesday, July 2, 2019
Council Chambers
7:30 P.M. – 11:02 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Brennan, Dennis, Day, Rigg (arrived at 7:32), Kujawa and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Kacy Rohn, Community Development Planner; Gary Fields, Director of Finance

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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Somers highlighted items from the weekly bulletin: 4th of July celebration, Asian Tiger mosquitoes, and free summer parking.

AMENDMENT TO/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- Add letter of support to the Government Accountability Office re a study on helicopter noise in the region (Kabir/Kennedy). Letter to be added to Consent next week with request for more information from the City’s Airport Authority about helicopter activity at the College Park Airport in the future. 8-0.
- Add Proclamation for “Small Cities Month” to next week’s agenda. (Mitchell/Day 8-0.)
- Approve tonight’s agenda without amendment Brennan/Kennedy 8-0-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discussion on bonding for City Hall and other projects - Gary Fields and Jennifer Diercksen from Davenport and Associates: Ms. Diercksen reviewed the PowerPoint and estimated debt service for various borrowing scenarios. Council is interested in financing for City Hall not to exceed \$14M and up to \$5M for Duvall Field renovations.
2. Update on City Hall Design – Meredith Sullivan from Design Collective, Architects: Ms. Sullivan reviewed the design slides.
 - Parking - There will be parking on Yale (pull-in) and on Lehigh (parallel) for City Hall visitors and handicap parking.
 - Value Engineering – less steel, more concrete; shorter ceiling heights; terra cotta instead of brick; less overall square footage.
 - Plaza – less permanent/built-in furniture for more flexibility; space for 10x10 tents for market setup; wifi and electricity; public art.
 - Plans will be sent to Davis Construction for bids from subcontractors at the end of July, so the budget will be available at the end of August.
3. Mobility Share Services – Kacy Rohn: We were not able to come to agreement with Zagster so the current bike share service, MBike, will end on August 31. A new company has been identified to operate a variety of pedal bikes, electric scooters and electric bikes – VeoRide - for a one-year pilot program with the University of Maryland and University Park, plus one location in Riverdale Park Station and the Discovery District. These are dockless vehicles. Program will begin with limited hours of

operation. VeoRide will provide scooter training sessions. Discussion of County and City trail systems. Currently, County Trails don't allow motorized vehicles so electric bikes and scooters would not be allowed, but they are studying this policy. Support for a letter to the County for a trail study. Do we need a trail policy? To agenda next week: Resolution adopting the pilot program and letter to County on trail policy.

4. Discussion of voter registration for individuals experiencing homelessness – Janeen Miller, City Clerk: Ms. Miller reviewed the staff report. This would allow a person identifying as homeless to use a City building address as their residential address on voter registration forms. There would be one address per district, so the person could register to vote in the district in which they live. Identification is still required. To Agenda (Kennedy).
5. Committee on Committee recommendations: Councilmember Kennedy reviewed the highlights –
 - Once-a-year recruitment and appointment period
 - Consistent 3-year terms
 - One-third of membership expires each year
 - Members can reapply and be considered for another 3-year term
 - Annual orientation
 - Larger role for the staff liaison: prepare meeting materials, post packets on website, develop workplans, Council approves the workplans
 - Process: Recruitment, Application, Interview applicants who are not known to Council, Appoint/Reappoint at one meeting, Conduct orientation, Develop workplan, Council approves Workplan.Return future Worksession.

[10:30 p.m. - Motion to extend the meeting: Kennedy/Mitchell 8-0.]

6. Charter Review Commission report of four-year terms and whether to put the question on the ballot: Interest in putting the question on the ballot. 2 questions – 2 or 4 year terms and staggered or concurrent. It would not be effective for this election. Public education – refer people to the report of the CRC. Return in August with draft language.
7. No appointments
8. Future Agendas: CSX track safety (Rigg/Day 8-0), delay College Park Woods item because Councilmember Mitchell will be away (8-0), review standards for review of parking tickets (Brennan/Day 8-0), discuss Maryland Equality Index (Brennan/Kennedy 8-0).

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller
City Clerk

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Approved