

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, July 9, 2019**  
**Council Chambers**  
**7:30 p.m. – 9:55 p.m.**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mitchell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Gary Fields, Director of Finance; Miriam Bader, Senior Planner; Steve Halpern, City Engineer.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilmember Kabir announced the North College Park Community Association meeting on July 11, 2019 at Davis Hall.

Councilmember Kennedy thanked staff for their help with the ice cream social.

Councilmember Dennis announced the Coffee Club meeting on July 10 at Jason's Deli and the Lakeland Civic Association meeting on July 11 at the College Park Community Center.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Gardiner thanked the Mayor and Council for hosting the staff ice cream social on July 5, thanked everyone for a successful July 4<sup>th</sup> event, and announced that the Purple Line construction has begun and that Campus Drive between the Trolley Trail and River Road will shift to one lane in each direction.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** Mayor Wojahn read the proclamations for The Parish Choir of St Andrew's Episcopal Church and National Small Cities Month.

**AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Remove 19-G-105 from the agenda (Rigg/Day 7-0). Move 19-G-103 to after the Public Hearing (Kennedy/Kabir 7-0). Approve agenda as amended (Kenney/Kabir 7-0).

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

**Ann Bolduc, resident:** Thanked Mayor and Council for their support for the Seniors program and submitted pages of signatures requesting that they be kept informed of the study on the need for a Community Senior Center.

**Carol Macknis, resident:** reminded Mayor, Council and staff to speak directly and clearly into the microphones. Requested that a line item be added to the budget for Cyber Security. Urged Council to send a letter requesting that the City be included in the Government Accountability Office study.

**Brooks Boliek, resident:** Suggested that the City look at ways to increase voter turnout.

**Camuela Topia, resident/Living Arts & Co:** requested that the City advocate for the arts in College Park.

**Oscar Gregory, resident:** Supports sending a letter to Congressman Hoyer to include the City in the Government Accounting Office helicopter noise study. Suggested that Council look at restrictions for eScooters prior to signing any contract.

**Dave Dorsch, resident:** Install the extension of the guiderail on US 1 prior to someone getting hurt. Open Rhode Island Avenue to Paint Branch Parkway prior to the street cars behind the Hotel. Many areas downtown have overgrown shrubbery blocking sidewalks.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Petition Request for Traffic Calming in the 5000 block of Muskogee Street:**

Steve Halpern, City Engineer reviewed the staff report. Mayor Wojahn invited public comment:

**Chris Martin, resident:** Mr. Martin lives across the street from the park and is in favor of two or three raised traffic calming devices to be installed.

There were discussions regarding the lack of a stop sign on Muskogee Street at Narragansett Parkway. Since traffic calming devices must be 200 feet from an intersection, Mr. Halpern will look into a raised crosswalk.

**David Dorsch, resident:** We should not spend money on installing speed humps near a stop sign.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Kabir for the installation of two speed humps in the 5000 block of Muskogee Street to be located at the City Engineer's discretion.**

**The motion passed 7-0-0.**

**ORAL ARGUMENTS**

- A. Oral Argument in CPV-2019-03, 9604 51<sup>st</sup> Place, College Park, Maryland. Transcript attached.
- B. Oral Argument in CPV-2019-04, 5105 Iroquois Street, College Park, Maryland. Transcript attached.

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

- 19-G-95 Approval of the Option Year 3 extension of the current Miscellaneous Concrete Maintenance and Asphalt Resurfacing Contract # CP-17-01 in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 to NZI Construction Corporation for the period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

- 19-G-96** Authorize the City Manager to sign an amended contract with Hitachi Vantara, to expand the City security camera system in North College Park and replace non-functioning equipment in Old Town, subject to approval by the City Attorney
- 19-G-97** Award of contract for parking station software upgrade and award of contract for purchase of pay station hardware to Amano-McGann, subject to approval by the City Attorney
- 19-G-98** Approval of a letter of support for a UMD grant proposal to the National Science Foundation for “Bringing Local Community Benefits to Prince Georges County, Maryland Through Demand Response Modeling for Electricity Usage in Buildings” –
- 19-G-99** Approval of an amendment to the contract with HR & A for real estate consulting services
- 19-G-104** Approval of HR&A consulting services regarding the development agreement with the University of Maryland in an amount not to exceed \$45,000
- 19-G-100** Approval of a change order for \$42,000 for Design Collective for the additional design modifications to reduce the size of the City Hall / UMD office space
- 19-G-101** Approval of a letter requesting that the City of College Park be included in the Government Accountability Office study of the effect of helicopter noise in the Washington Metropolitan Region
- 19-R-12** Adoption of a Resolution approving a One-Year Shared Mobility Pilot Program and to approve a contract with Veoride, Inc. to provide Mobility Vehicles and Services
- 19-G-102** Approval of a letter to M-NCPPC supporting a pilot project regarding eScooters and eBikes on local trails
- 19-G-106** Approval of Minutes from the May 21, 2019 Worksession

The motion passed 7-0-0.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 19-R-13** Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Individuals Experiencing Homelessness to use the address of a City of College Park building as their residential address for the purpose of registering to vote

A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to authorize individuals experiencing homelessness to use the address of a City of College Park building as their residential address for the purpose of registering to vote.

Councilmember Kennedy stated that voting is a right and we need to make sure we do not put up barriers to anyone especially those that are most vulnerable such as someone who is experiencing homelessness.

**Comments from the audience:**

**David Dorsh, resident:** Would like to know how voter fraud is prevented especially since we now have same day voter registration.

Mayor Wojahn stated that the City does not have same day voter registration at this time.

**Brooks Boliek, resident:** Supports this resolution. Voter turnout is very low in the City.

**Dylan Burns, resident:** Supports this resolution. Displaced individuals have the right to vote.

**Giovanni Marchard, resident:** Supports this resolution. It is important that homeless individuals have political representation and their voices should be heard.

**Jack Robson, resident:** The City does not have same day voter registration.

**Oscar Gregory, resident:** Stated that the City voter roster is full of ghost registered voters due to the transient UMD students that no longer live in the City. These voters have not been purged from the County voter list. This resolution will allow additional ghost voters. Giving homeless voters an address to vote but not shelter is hypocritical.

**Charlotte Hu, resident:** Spoke about the book “Enemies: A History of FBI” and believes that there would not be a challenge regarding this resolution.

**The motion passed 7-0-0.**

**19-O-11 Introduction of Ordinance 19-O-11 authorizing and empowering the City to sell and issue, upon its full faith and credit, General Obligation Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19 Million for the public purpose of financing a new City Hall (\$14M maximum) and Duvall Field renovations (\$5M maximum)**

Gary Fields, Director of Finance, stated that this bond ordinance authorizes the City to issue general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$19 million for a new City Hall and improvements and or renovations of Duvall Field. The Public Hearing is scheduled for August 13, 2019.

Lindsey Rader, Funk & Bolton, stated that this is a parameters ordinance and it does not mandate the issuance of the bonds. Authorizes three types of general obligation bond. Ms. Rader summarized the ordinance.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to introduce Ordinance 19-O-11, authorizing and empowering the City to sell and issue, upon its**

**full faith and credit, one or more series of (1)(A) general obligation bonds and (B) general obligation bond anticipation notes, each in an original aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$19 million, and (2) general obligation refunding bonds, subject to the limitations provided for in the Ordinance, for the public purpose of financing, reimbursing or refinancing a new City Hall and Duvall Field renovations.**

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**COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Kennedy commented on the Supreme Court ruling that the federal courts are not the appropriate venue to resolve allegations of partisan gerrymandering and non-citizens allowed to vote. If you would like to talk more about these issues, please contact her.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/COMMENT:**

Agenda Items for the July 24 Four Cities Meeting in Berwyn Heights:

- Councilmember Kabir: Submit information regarding the Government Accountability Office study on the helicopter noise.
- Councilmember Kennedy: Suggested to add noise in general.
- Councilmember Rigg: Asked about working with other cities in the surrounding area.

**ADJOURN:**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Day to adjourn the Regular Meeting and with a vote of 7-0, Mayor Wojahn adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.**

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Yvette T. Allen, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk

Date  
Approved