

WORKSESSION MINUTES
College Park City Council
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
Council Chambers
7:30 P.M. – 10:28 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 Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Robert Marsili, Director of Public Works; Frank Pacifico, Deputy Director of Public Works.

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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Somers reported on National Night Out last night, Campus Drive lane closures due to Purple Line construction, the upcoming move, free summer parking. Questions to Mr. Somers about notifying residents about impacts from the football game on September 27 and about how to pay their parking tickets.

AMENDMENT TO/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved without amendment Rigg/Mitchell 8-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Bulk Trash – Robert Marsili and Scott Somers: Follow up from February Worksession. Review staff report and table on page 2. The goal is to reduce what is going to the landfill and to encourage re-use. Discussion of comments from the Committee for a Better Environment and the Prince George’s Property Owners Association.
 - Council wants a better understanding of the \$180 trash fee – what does it cover, how was it set, is it still relevant, and if so, is it in the correct amount. What is the cost of move-outs?
 - Staff must be diligent in tracking bulk pick-ups under the new plan.
 - Speak with UMD – they have PODS outside dorms and take goods to donation centers.
 - Importance of the education component of program.
 - Move forward with: no construction debris, mattresses must be wrapped, no pick-up of improper set-outs. How will we explain to the resident about improper set-outs?
 - Can staff to set the fees without returning to Council?
 - Move forward with Ordinance after presentation from CBE on Pay As You Throw

2. Design-Build Contract for College Park Woods Pool: Reviewed staff report. The plan is for the decommissioning of the pool (fill it in), raze the existing building, have a facilitated community meeting, approve new design, then build new building. Completion could be at the end of 2020.
 - Why only 1 bid? We haven’t followed up to ascertain why, but we are comfortable moving forward – the bidder received excellent reviews and the cost is within expected parameters.
 - At what stage would they come to the community? 2 meetings – early-on to get initial ideas, then to come back and present their plans to see if they are on the right track.

- Need to see bidder's current license.
To agenda next week.
3. Discussion of nuisances related to large gatherings and permits for special events (Chapter 141) – Bob Ryan and Scott Somers: This is separate from Chapter 138, Noise; this is regarding amendments to Chapter 141, Nuisances. Review ordinance from Kent OH. This is not a party registration ordinance. Instead, this defines nuisances in our Code and provides a way to cite nuisance violations in the same way as a noise violation, through a Municipal Infraction. Nuisances are not tied to a noise reading; they are tied to specific behaviors that will be defined in our Code. Standards must be clear and implemented equally across the City.
 - Can community service be assessed as the penalty? City Attorney does not believe the City can, but if we go to Court, the judge could. Council supports community service as an alternative to fines.
 - Follow up with County to see if they can/will enforce our nuisance ordinance.
 - We should not exempt large multi-family dwellings.
 - Can we see data from CMAST to review trends?
Return to future W/S prior to introduction.
 4. Review of Ordinance 19-O-09, amendments to Chapter 138, Noise: Same Ordinance that was brought forward last spring. Exemptions from state law have been included. Question about definitions of day and night. Start nighttime at 8:00 p.m. Morning stays the same. Introduce next week.
 5. Review language for advisory ballot questions: Discussion/revisions to draft language provided. Approve next week (Rigg).
 6. Boards and Committees: Jack Perry Award selection committee (Dennis, Catlin, Sean Perry); Jane Miller to Recreation Board; Darlene Nowlin to Seniors Committee; Doris Ellis to Education Advisory Committee; Judith Oarr to Recreation Board; Arelis Perez to Complete Count Committee.
 7. Future Agendas:
 - Helicopter noise: When we get input from Airport Authority, schedule W/S.
 - Residential Security Camera program – when can we schedule?
 - Municipal Equality Index – when can we schedule?
 - Request for discussion on Youth Advisory Council (Kennedy/Rigg 8-0)
 - Add next week – re-do of Radichevich garden marker
 8. Council Comments: Farmers Markets, Attick Towers Garden clean-up, tips from our Boards and Committees, National Night Out events, repairs to the Calvert Road Post Office facility, MWCOG Board retreat.

The Worksession was adjourned in Closed Session at 10:28 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller
City Clerk

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Approved