

**WORKSESSION MINUTES**  
**College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**  
**7:30 p.m. – 9:01 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Esters, Whitney, Adams, Rigg, Mackie. Mayor Wojahn attended the meeting via Zoom

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kenneth Young, City Manager (Via Zoom); Bob Ryan, Acting City Manager; Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Miriam Bader, Senior Planner; Robert Marsili, Director of Public Works; Valerie Graham, Student Liaison; Adrian Andriessens, Deputy Student Liaison.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell announced that Mayor Wojahn lost his father last week and to keep him in your prayers. She stated that Mr. Young and Mr. Gardiner are attending a professional conference this week.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:** Mr. Ryan had no report but asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Rigg asked about an email from County Council Member Glaros about fast-moving state legislation. Staff will look into this.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda, Rigg/Esters, passed 8-0.

**WORKSESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Expansion of Community Outreach in non-English languages – Ryna Quinones, Communications and Events Manager:**

Ms. Quinones reviewed the staff report and gave a demo of several translation tools that are readily available. Questions about how good/accurate the on-line AI translation tools are; can we develop a landing page on the website in the top five non-English languages that welcome our non-native English speakers and explain accessibility; they will add a page to the Resident Guide about translation and accessibility; give the Councilmembers some accessibility fliers to hand out in the community; instruct people how to use the on-line translation tools; availability of regular real time interpretation at our public meetings and community meetings; can Zoom real-time captions be translated; can we emphasize the translation widget; should we create a language access policy; training for seniors/others on how to use the translation tools.

**Special Session:** Enter Special Session, Rigg/Kennedy, 8:12 p.m., 8-0

**Agenda Item 22-G-129:** *See Special Session minutes for Recommendation on DSP-21024 for the EcoGrads development.*

**Exit Special Session:** Mackie/Adams, 8:43 p.m., passed 8-0.

**REQUEST FOR/STATUS OF FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Adams:

- Request a Traffic Calming Study Rhode Island Avenue between Calvert and Harvard Road, Adams/Rigg, 8-0.
- Request a Traffic Calming Study for 4600 block of Clemson; petition failed but many neighbors are interested, Adams/Rigg, 8-0

Wojahn:

- Receive a presentation on Ranked Choice Voting, Adams/Rigg, 8-0. Invite BOES.

Mackie:

- Request for a traffic study about lowering speed limit on Rhode Island Avenue, Mackie/Whitney, 8-0.

Mitchell

- Request for a city-wide Economic Development Plan. Kabir – include reviewing the incentives we can provide. Esters – include consideration of the Branchville Industrial Area. Kabir/Esters, 8-0.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Rigg – thanked the Calvert Hills Civic Association for kickball fest and picnic.

Kabir – next Saturday 9/24 PG County Electronics and Hazardous Waste Disposal in Beltsville, 4545 Amendable Road.

Esters – The Clarice recital in support of the food pantry.

Whitney – Berwyn Day, Saturday 9/24 from 12 – 4.

Adams – Thanked the participants in the Old Town/Calvert Hills Quality of Life Forum last week.

Mackie – Zoom tomorrow night for Paint Branch Reserve north and south.

Kennedy – field trips as part of the COG committees.

Mitchell – Can we add a section to the agenda for a regular debrief of COG committees.

Wojahn – Saturday presentation about COVID-19 Pandemic; College Park Aviation Museum Fly-In for Hispanic Heritage Month on 10/1.

Adrian Andriessens – Hispanic Heritage cookout on McKeldin Mall.

**Adjourn:** Mackie/Kennedy 9:01 p.m. 8-0.