

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 2013**  
**7:30 p.m. – 8:42 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Andrew Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Catlin, Dennis, Day and Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Afzali and Stullich.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works.

Mayor Fellows opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adopt the minutes of the Public Hearings held May 14, 2013 on 13-O-03, 13-O-04, and 13-O-05 and of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2013. The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.

**Announcements:**

Councilmember Mitchell announced the West College Park Civic Association and Neighborhood Watch would hold its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Day on Saturday from 12 – 3 at the Park.

Councilmember Wojahn announced the June meeting of the North College Park Citizens Association would be held on June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Davis Hall.

Councilmember Kabir said the Hollywood Farmers Market will open on Saturday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the MOM's/REI Shopping Center, and will continue every Saturday during the summer.

Councilmember Fellows commented on the Memorial Day event.

**City Manager's Report:** Mr. Nagro discussed the summer Council meeting schedule. He said the APC item that was on last week's Worksession is not on tonight's agenda because the appeal period doesn't end until May 29; it will be on the Council's Worksession on June 11 for approval in Special Session. The June 11 Worksession will begin at 7:00 p.m. for the Looney's Pub application for a Dance Hall license.

**Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items:**

**Kennis Termini, 5029 Edgewood Road:** She invited everyone to attend the Hollywood Farmers Market and identified the many different vendors that will participate.

**Don Byrd, College Park Meals On Wheels:** Discussed the benefits that the Meals On Wheels program brings to needy clients, and thanked the Council for their support.

**Presentations:** Mayor Fellows recognized College Park's outstanding essayists in the MML "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest: 1) Al Huda School Winner: Omar Malash; 2) Berwyn Christian School Winner: Rebekah Paige Tinsley; 3) Hollywood Elementary School Winner: Aniyah Jeter; 4) Holy Redeemer School Winner: Andrew Wagner; 5) MML Semi-Finalists: Asma Aulakh and Mashaal Awan from Al Huda School; and the MML District Finalist: Yomyra Villatoro from Hollywood Elementary.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **13-O-05 Adoption of 13-O-05, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland.**

This budget ordinance was introduced on April 23, 2013 and a Public Hearing was held on May 14. The ordinance reflects the combination of the Fiscal Year 2014 City Manager's Requested Budget and changes made by the Mayor and Council during the budget Worksession. The total General Fund revenues of \$14,625,708 include operating revenues of \$14,361,797, an interfund transfer from the Parking Debt Service Fund of \$228,906, and use of unassigned reserve of \$35,005. The total General Fund expenditures are \$14,625,708. In the Parking Debt Service Fund, total revenues are \$250,000 and total expenditures are \$228,906. The tax rates for real and personal property tax will be set at 33.5 and 83.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value, respectively. The total 5-year Capital Improvement Program is \$50,959,256. The budget ordinance will be effective July 1, 2013.

**Proposed Budget Amendment #1: A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to amend the FY 2014 proposed Operating and Capital budget for the City of College Park as follows: Add \$15,000 to General Fund expenditures for Public Services-Animal Control to add hot and cold running water and sewer inside the animal shelter at the Public Works yard; and increase the use of unassigned reserve by \$15,000 (from \$35,005 to \$50,005) to offset this addition in expenditures.**

Councilmember Wojahn said this request came from the Animal Welfare Committee after the requested budget was completed, requesting the addition of hot and cold running water and sewer to the inside of the animal shelter to allow washing and sanitizing of supplies and cleaning at the shelter. Currently, only cold water is available outside the shelter building. He understands there is a lot to discuss to resolve the long-term direction of our animal welfare program, and these funds are being used as a placeholder in the budget until those issues have been resolved. He thinks it is important to support our volunteers and to make sure they have what they need to do their work. The actual amount for this project may be less than the \$15,000 that is being requested.

**Comments from the audience on Proposed Amendment #1:**

**Harriet McNamee, 9514 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue:** She is on the Animal Welfare Committee and said that hot water inside the shelter is needed for sanitation and for the comfort of the volunteers. The AWC supports the requested amendment.

Councilmember Kabir is in favor of the amendment. We may not need the full amount, but we should support the work of our volunteers by this small token.

Councilmember Dennis said he will not support the amendment because there is a possibility the improvements can be made for less, and rather than making a budget amendment, it may be possible to do it some other way. He believes further discussion is necessary about the long term plans for the animal welfare program.

Councilmember Wojahn is not sure how the improvements would be made without the budget amendment to set aside the funds.

**Vote on Proposed Budget Amendment #1:**

**Yes: 3**

**No: 3 (Dennis, Day and Catlin)**

**The proposed amendment fails (the Mayor cannot break a tie on the budget)**

**On the main motion:**

**The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.**

**13-O-06 Introduction of 13-O-06, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending City Code, Chapter 127 “Rent Stabilization”, §127-13 “Expiration Date” To Extend The Effective Date Of The Rent Stabilization Law Through September 1, 2014**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to introduce Ordinance 13-O-06.**

Councilmember Wojahn read the title of the Ordinance and announced that the Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**13-O-07 Introduction of 13-O-07, An Emergency Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Property Located In The Osage Street Right Of Way That Is No Longer Needed For Any Public Use**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to introduce Ordinance 13-O-07.**

Ms. Ferguson announced that because of the timing needed, this is an Emergency ordinance, so will become effective the night it is adopted. Councilmember Dennis read the title of the

Ordinance and announced that the Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**13-O-08 Introduction of 13-O-08, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 184, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 184-11, "Prohibited Parking" To Prohibit Vehicles From Blocking Or Obstructing Public Ways And Trails**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to introduce Ordinance 13-O-08.**

Councilmember Day read the title of the Ordinance and announced that the Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Catlin announced that he will attend the International Town Gown Association conference in New York next week.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adjourn the regular meeting. With a vote of 6 – 0 – 0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC  
City Clerk

Date  
Approved