

**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council  
January 10, 2006

**PRESENT:** Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers: Milligan, Krouse, Perry, Catlin, Olson, Fellows, Hampton and Peña-Melnyk; Kip Edwards Student Liaison.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager, Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk, Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager, Terry Schum, Director of Planning, Robert Ryan, Director of Public Services, and Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Catlin.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Hampton for the adoption of the December 13, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 14, 2005 Special Session Minutes. Councilmember Catlin motioned to amend the minutes to change Lakeland Road to Pierce Avenue on the December 13<sup>th</sup> minutes on page three. Councilmember Perry motioned to correct the spelling of Consent on page two of the December 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Councilmember Catlin made a motion to amend the minutes as stated above and Councilmember Olson seconded. The amended motion passed unanimously 8-0-0. There being no further changes or corrections, the main motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Brayman announced that the City will hold an informational meeting on January 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall regarding the relocation of City Hall as part of the Downtown Redevelopment Project and a Public Hearing on January 31, 2006.

Councilmember Catlin announced that the Lakeland Civic Association will hold their meeting on January 12, 2006 at the College Park Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Krouse announced that the North College Park Civic Association will hold their meeting on January 12, 2006 in Davis Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Milligan announced that the qualified individuals of the tenth CERT class will be graduating January 12, 2006 at the Fire Academy.

Councilmember Olson announced that on Saturday, January 21, 2006 there will be a day-long EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Smart Growth Planning Workshop to discuss US Route 1 in the Council Chambers of City Hall from 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m. and invited all to come out and attend all or one of the sessions.

Councilmember Fellows thanked Councilmember Olson and staff for working on the grant and encouraged everyone to come to the EPA Workshop. He also invited all to come to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration to be held at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Saturday, January 14, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Peña-Melnyk reported that in the College Park Woods area, several air bags have been stolen and that the Civic Association will have a meeting in the near future to discuss implementing a Neighborhood Watch Program. Encouraged all residents to call police if your air bag is stolen and to purchase a club for your vehicle to discourage someone from trying to steal an airbag.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNATARIES:**

Mayor Brayman recognized Kip Edwards who is filling in for Emily Guskin and Miriam P. Wolff, former City Clerk.

#### **AWARDS:**

Mayor Brayman, Joe Nagro, City Manager, and Miriam Wolff, former City Clerk, honored Janeen Miller for the first Miriam P. Wolff Award. Mayor Brayman announced the attributes recognized by this award are: honesty, diligence, respect, flexibility, dedication, reliability, leadership and initiative. Ms. Miller was nonnominated for this award by Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Councilmember Hampton requested Resolution 06-R-04, Paying Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to be added to the agenda. Councilmember Perry requested item 06-R-02 be moved from the Consent Agenda to Action Items.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Mr. Nagro announced that Janeen Miller has accepted the City Clerk position and will begin on January 30, 2006. He also reported that the Prince George's County opened the blocked storm drain at College and Princeton Avenue and, in the process, the pipe broke and created a large hole in the roadway. Prince George's County has placed a steel plate over the hole and it should be fixed in the near future. He further announced that Public Works is in the process of street sweeping.

#### **STUDENT LIAISON COMMENTS:**

Mr. Edwards, filling in for Ms. Guskin, announced that Ms. Guskin is in Florida as she is a contestant on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. He reported that the students are on break and asked Council to work on crime and to keep up the good work.

#### **COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Robert Williamson, 5004 Fox Street, College Park, Maryland, 20740 stated that he is concerned with the panhandlers and homeless in College Park particularly at the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and Greenbelt Road. Mr. Williamson wanted to know: Is panhandling illegal? Can we call the police? If it is not illegal, is there a way to pass a law to make it illegal? Is there something that can be done to eliminate the homeless from the bus stop shelters? Mr. Williamson explained that this situation

has gotten worse and that he had tried to contact the Prince George's County Mental Health Services with no success.

Robert Ryan, Director of Public Services, stated that this item has been discussed recently. All door-to-door solicitors must have a permit through the Public Services Department and if any resident is solicited at their home, from people without a permit, they may contact the Public Services Department at 301-864-8877 and if an inspector is available, they would be dispatched to the area. Mr. Ryan explained that the homeless situation is difficult to address since Prince George's County regards it as a low priority call. The county police will move people along if they are soliciting in traffic since it is a county law.

Councilmember Fellows wanted to clarify who should people call if they are being solicited for money. Mr. Ryan stated that if you are solicited in the shopping center they should call Public Services and they will contact the property owner and/or the Contract Prince George's County Police Officers. If you are solicited at home and they feel it is an emergency, they should call the county police and then inform Public Services of the situation.

Councilmember Olson asked Joe Nagro, City Manager, if it was possible for the Director of Youth and Family Services, Peggy Higgins, to contact the Prince George's County Mental Health Services to try to resolve some of the homeless problems.

Councilmember Krouse stated that he would like this issue to be placed on a future Work Session Agenda to discuss this in more detail. Mayor Brayman agreed and requested staff check with other jurisdictions to see what or if they have any ordinance regarding this matter.

Councilmember Perry asked Mr. Williamson "What is his problem with these people?" Mr. Williamson stated that he has to see these people every day and that it is a safety hazard with people being in a three-foot median. There are also property value issues and that there are places to help the homeless. Mr. Perry stated that he does not approve of this nor is he accepting it, but as an urban area we are going to have this.

Councilmember Fellows thanked Mr. Williamson for his concerns.

Morgan Gail, 7010 Wakeforest Drive, College Park, Maryland, 20740, stated that the Calvert Hills Civic Association will meet on February 1, 2006 to discuss the right-of-way issues in Calvert Hills.

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 06-R-01      Approval Of A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Adopting The Recommendation Of The Advisory Planning Commission And Granting Variance Application Number CPV-2005-17, 9802 52<sup>nd</sup> Place For A Variance Of Three Point Five Feet (3.5') From The Required Minimum Twenty-Foot (20') Rear Yard Depth.
- 06-G-01      Approval Of The Mayor And Council Scheduled Meetings For The Year 2006.
- 06-G-02      Appointments/Reappointments To The Metropolitan Washington Council Of Governments
- 06-G-03      Approval Of Spring Field Use Request By The Boys And Girls Club – Bob Ryan, Director Of Public Services.

06-R-03      Approval Of The Livable Communities Grant Application (Street Sweeper) Resolution.

06-G-04      Approval of Mayor and Council Rules of Procedures.

A motion was made by Councilmember Olson and seconded by Councilmember Fellows for approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

06-R-04      A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park Paying Tribute To Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hampton and seconded by Councilmember Fellows for the approval of 06-R-04. Councilmember Hampton read the Resolution into record. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

06-R-02      Approval Of Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Adopting The Recommendation Of The Advisory Planning Commission And Granting Variance Application Number CPV-2005-10, 8708 48<sup>th</sup> Place For A Variance Of Eleven Feet (11') From The Required Minimum Twenty-Foot (20') Rear Yard Depth.

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry to approve Resolution 06-R-02 with one amendment: remove the word rental on the third page under section 1.6. Councilmember Catlin seconded. Mayor Brayman read the title into record. Motion passed 8-0-0.

06-G-05      Appointments to Boards and Committees.

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Fellows to appoint Mr. Gabriel Iriarte, 7302 Radcliffe Drive to the Airport Authority; Mr. Tim Aldridge, 4816 Berwyn Road, to the Airport Authority; and Dr. Partha Pillia, 9000 Acredale Court, to the Alternative Transportation Committee. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Olson to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

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Yvette Allen  
Assistant City Clerk

