

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
FY 2007 Budget Ordinance Number 06-O-02
Tuesday, May 9, 2006
Scheduled for 7:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Krouse, Catlin, Perry, Fellows, Hampton and Peña-Melnyk; Student Liaison Jesse Blitzstein.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olson

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Leo Thomas, Deputy Director of Finance.

Mayor Brayman opened the hearing at 7:48 p.m., to hear public comment on Ordinance Number 06-O-02: An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland To Adopt The Fiscal Year 2007 Operating And Capital Budget Of The City Of College Park, Maryland.

Mr. Groh gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget process and timeline, and referred to the attached handout, which is included for the record.

Mayor Brayman invited public comment.

Alan Tyler, 7204 Bowdoin Avenue: Disagrees that the budget meets the stated goal to “maintain or improve the quality of life” considering the tax increase. Believes City services could be maintained without a tax increase, and are good enough that they don’t need to be improved. Thinks the budget allocates too much money to public safety. The City should invest in fake cameras. How does an Historic District increase the tax base and encourage development, which is a stated goal of the budget?

David Dorsch, 4607 Calvert Road: We are re-doing things that we shouldn’t have to re-do, because they were done recently. Thinks we are not using good contractors to do the work in the first place. Why should we pay our tax money for the City attorney to defend the County?

Mayor Brayman commented that Ordinance 06-O-03 is scheduled to be adopted at the Council meeting on May 23, thereby giving the Council a chance to make any necessary amendments at the May 16 Worksession.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:55 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk