

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, November 28, 2006**  
**8:00 P.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Peggy Higgins, Director of Youth and Family Services; Bob Levan, City Attorney.

Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements:**

Councilmember Krouse announced he is the new President of the College Park Woods Swim Club.

Councilmember Catlin commented on the number of candidates running for the City of Hagerstown Council vacancy.

**Acknowledgement Of Dignitaries:** Mayor Brayman recognized Morgan Gale, President, Calvert Hills Citizens Association; Mark Shroder, President, North College Park Citizens Association; Stephanie Stulich, President of the Old Town College Park Citizens Association; Former Mayors Joe Page, Anna Owens, and Dervey Lomax; Former Councilmember Tony Anchulis; Board of Election Supervisors Chief Jack Robson; Corey Harbison; Ethics Commission Chair Forrest Tyler, CBE Chair Mary Cook; and Former SGA President Andrew Rose.

**Acknowledgement of Newly Appointed Board and Committee Members:** Mayor Brayman recognized Denise Mitchell, member of the Education Advisory Committee.

**Awards:** None

**Amendments To The Agenda:** None.

**City Manager's Report:** Mr. Nagro reminded Mayor and Council about the meeting on Wednesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m., with Bond Counsel Lindsey Rader; about the Four Cities Meeting on Thursday November 30 in Greenbelt; announced that the date of the Special Election will be January 16, 2007; and announced that the City's Legislative Dinner will be held on January 4, 2007.

**Student Liaison Comments:** None.

**Comments From The Audience On Non-Agenda Items:**

**Stephanie Stulich, 7400 Dartmouth Avenue:** Announced her candidacy for the District 3 Council seat in the upcoming Special Election.

**Jack Robson, Board of Election Supervisors:** Announced that if a candidate submits a petition of candidacy on the last day, it will not be validated until the next business day, and encouraged candidates to submit their petitions early to allow time for validation.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Councilmember Krouse and seconded by Councilmember Milligan to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

**06-R-25        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-2006-16, 5212 Mineola Avenue, College Park, Maryland For A Variance Of Six Feet (6') From The Required Minimum Rear Yard Depth Of Twenty Feet (20') And A Variance Of One Foot (1') From The Required Minimum Side Yard Depth Of Eight Feet (8')**

**06-R-27        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-2006-19, 5006 Lakeland Road, College Park, Maryland For A Variance Of 2% Or 151.7 Square Feet From The Maximum Allowable Lot Coverage Of Thirty Percent (30%) Or 2,275.5 Square Feet To Allow For The Sunroom Addition; A Variance Of Four Feet (4') From The Required Eight Foot (8') Side Yard Depth To Validate The Existing Roof Overhang And A Variance Of Thirty-One (31') Feet From The Required Sixty-Foot (60') Setback For Accessory Structures To Validate The Existing Carport**

**06-R-28        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-2006-20, 4719 Niagara Road, College Park, Maryland For A Waiver Of The**

**Prohibition Of Parking Spaces/Areas In The Front Yards Of Dwellings To Allow The Property Owner To Widen An Existing Driveway**

**06-R-29 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-2006-21, 9307 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, College Park, Maryland For A Variance Of Four Feet (4') From The Permitted Nine Foot (9') Extension For A Deck/Terrace And A Variance Of Five Feet (5') From The Required Twenty-Five Foot (25') Minimum Front Yard Setback To Validate The Main Structure**

The Consent Agenda was adopted by a vote of 8-0-0.

**Action Items:**

**06-G-119 Revisit Petition Request For Change Of Existing Permit Parking Restrictions In The 9700-9800 Block of 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

The Public Hearing on this Petition Request was held on September 26, at which time the motion was tabled to a time definite of tonight. Tonight only new information may be commented upon by the public.

Councilmember Krouse gave an update on the situation at Al-Huda School and distributed new material to Council.

**Comments From The Audience:**

**Fazlul Kabir, 9817 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:** Provided information from Mr. Nada at Al-Huda School: they are transporting worshippers from a nearby parking lot to Friday services; agreed to transport students on Friday afternoon to nearby center to be picked up; started announcing to the congregation not to park in the neighborhood; agreed to study early dismissal on Friday; acknowledged that teachers are concerned about the loss of academic time if this is done; stated that parents have volunteered to monitor certain parking spots on Fridays to keep them available for senior citizen and handicap residents.

**Lourene Miovski, 9818 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:** Confirmed that the parking situation on 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue has improved on Friday afternoons. Believes there is no need to change the parking restrictions at this time.

**Sarwar Mohammed, 5023 Nantucket Road:** Confirmed Al-Huda's effort to control parking, and asked about the status of possibly widening Edgewood Road.

**Tom Bannister, 9818 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:** Confirmed that the parking situation has improved in the last two months but still has concerns about parking when special events held are held at Al-Huda.

**Tina Lofaro, 9747 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:** Is opposed to imposing permit parking from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight.

**Tony Yanchulis, 9815 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:** Things have improved and there is no need to act now.

A motion was made by Councilmember Milligan and seconded by Councilmember Krouse to table this petition request for 120 days. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**06-O-09 Introduction of An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 38 “Ethics, Code Of,” Article IV “Required Disclosures” By Adding §38-20 “Enforcement Of Required Disclosures” To Allow The Ethics Commission To Remove A Member Of An Authority, Board Or Commission For Failure To File Required Disclosures.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Catlin for the Introduction of Ordinance 06-O-09. Councilmember Perry read the Ordinance in to the record. The Public Hearing is scheduled for December 12, 2006 at 7:15 .m. in the Council Chambers.

**Council Comments:**

Councilmember Peña-Melnyk expressed her concerns about a letter sent from University Of Maryland President Mote to the SHA regarding phasing of Route 1 development.

Councilmember Hampton made farewell comments to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk.

Councilmember Fellows made farewell comments to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk.

Councilmember Perry made farewell comments to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk.

Councilmember Catlin made farewell comments to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk.

Councilmember Krouse asked that the Advisory Planning Commission be invited to a future Worksession to discuss the issue of variances for front yard parking. He then made farewell comments to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk.

Councilmember Milligan echoed Councilmember Peña-Melnyk's concerns about President Mote's letter to the SHA. He also made farewell comments to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk.

Student Liaison Jesse Blitzstein made farewell comments to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk.

**Comments From The Audience:**

**Mayor Lomax** urged the Council to continue to support Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk in their new positions.

**Devon Ellis, 3712 Marlborough Way**, stated he was proud to see Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk advance to higher office.

**Morgan Gale, 7010 Wake Forest Drive**, thanked Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk for getting him involved in local issues.

**Mayor Page** expressed deep appreciation to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk and the rest of the Council for their public service.

**Mayor Owens** expressed reservations about the University of Maryland's lobbying efforts in Annapolis.

**Stephanie Stulich, 7400 Dartmouth**, expressed appreciation to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk for their public service.

**Jack Robson, 4710 Harvard Road**, expressed his opinion about the University of Maryland's letter to the SHA.

**Andrew Rose, 3712 Marlborough Way**, expressed thanks to Councilmembers Olson and Peña-Melnyk.

**Presentations:** Mayor Brayman invited Councilmember Eric Olson and Councilmember Joseline Peña-Melnyk to the podium for a presentation. He made farewell comments to each Councilmember.

Councilmember Olson made personal comments about his tenure on the City Council and his future role as a County Councilmember.

Councilmember Peña-Melnyk made personal comments about her tenure on the City Council and her future role as a Delegate in the Maryland General Assembly.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Krouse to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

A reception in honor of Councilmember Olson and Councilmember Peña-Melnyk was held following the Council meeting.

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Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk