

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, April 24, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
07-CR-02

A Charter Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Article IX, "Officers And Employees", §C9-1 "Discrimination" To Clarify That Employees May Retain Their Positions While Running For Office Or Serving As Elected Or Appointed Officials Of Jurisdictions Other Than The City, Unless, Such Office Would Present A Real Or Potential Conflict Of Interest Or The Appearance Of A Conflict Of Interest.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Catlin, Perry, Fellows, and Stulich; Student Liaison Jesse Blitzstein.
Councilmember Cook arrived at 7:04 p.m.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Hampton and Krouse.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Bob Levan, City Attorney; Carole Sheringham, Director of Human Resources.

Mayor Brayman announced that this Public Hearing was being held on Charter Resolution 07-CR-02, A Charter Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Article IX, "Officers And Employees", §C9-1 "Discrimination" To Clarify That Employees May Retain Their Positions While Running For Office Or Serving As Elected Or Appointed Officials Of Jurisdictions Other Than The City, Unless, Such Office Would Present A Real Or Potential Conflict Of Interest Or The Appearance Of A Conflict Of Interest.

Mr. Levan noted this Charter Resolution would remove an absolute prohibition on political activity by City employees, some of whom now serve in other jurisdictions. The City never intended to prohibit all kinds of such conduct, particularly if the service did not interfere with their activities as City employees. This Charter Resolution resolves that problem. It will be followed by an amendment to the Ethics chapter in the City Code.

Mayor Brayman invited public comment. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Brayman noted that this hearing is the only opportunity for public comment on this item.

The public hearing was declared closed at 7:05 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk