

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, September 25, 2007
8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Krouse, Catlin, Perry, Fellows, Stulich, Hampton and Cook; Student Liaison Danielle Kogut.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant To The City Manager.

Mayor Brayman opened the meeting at 8:14 p.m. following an earlier meeting. Councilmember Hampton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 11 Public Hearing on 07-CR-06, the September 11 Public Hearing on Permit Parking in Lakeland, and the September 11 Regular Meeting were presented for adoption. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Krouse to adopt the minutes. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Hampton announced she will seek reelection in the November 6 City election. The College Park Woods Civic Association will meet on Sunday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. The neighborhood watch program will hold their annual community event on October 13 from 11 - 4 at the College Park Woods park.

Councilmember Cook announced she will seek reelection in the November 6 City election.

Councilmember Catlin announced the Berwyn Neighborhood Playground has been reopened after a renovation by Park and Planning. He announced that he will be a candidate in the November 6 City election.

Councilmember Krouse announced that he would not seek reelection in the November 6 City election. He announced there are four candidates for the two District 1 Council seats. The North College Park Citizens Association will hold a candidates night on October 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Davis Hall.

Councilmember Milligan announced that the city is holding a Family Fun Fest on Saturday, September 29, from 11 – 3 at Duvall Field.

Councilmember Stulich announced that the Old Town Civic Association is meeting on Monday October 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House. She announced that she will seek reelection in the November 6 City election.

Acknowledgement of Dignitaries: Jerry Anzulovic, President of the Berwyn District Civic Association

Newly Appointed Board and Committee Members: Alan Hew, Animal Welfare Committee

Amendments To The Agenda: None

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro announced that the Committee For A Better Environment is applying for a special appropriation grant through Councilmember Olson's office to help fund an expansion of their emissions inventory project. Saturday the Tree and Landscape Board under the direction of Dr. John Lea-Cox will conduct the pilot project for their roadside tree inventory in designated areas throughout the City. The three City ordinances that required the County's approval were approved today by the County Council. The WAWA store in the College Park Shopping Center is closing as of Sunday, September 30. He also mentioned Saturday's Family Fun Fest on Saturday at Duvall Field.

Student Liaison Comments: Danielle Kogut invited the Mayor, Council and staff to attend the Student Government Association's Safety Walk, scheduled for October 15. She acknowledged the Safety Walk is scheduled on the same night as the City's Legislative Dinner. Communiversity Clean Up is scheduled for Sunday September 30 at 11:00 a.m.

Comments From The Audience On Non-Agenda Items:

Larry Bleau, 4901 Niagara Road: He announced his candidacy for a District 1 Council Seat in the November 6 City election.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to adopt the consent agenda, which consisted of the following items:

07-G-98 Approval of a Modification to the City-University Partnership MOU Regarding Designation of the CPCUP Attorney

07-G-101 Approval of a Letter to Darrell Mobley, SHA District 3 District Engineer, To Request Regular Routine Maintenance of State Right-Of-Way

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

Action Items:

07-G-99 Approval of a Letter to Councilmember Tom Dernoga in Support of the Proposed Rhode Island Avenue Improvements

A motion was made by Councilmember Milligan and seconded by Councilmember Krouse to approve a letter to Councilmember Tom Dernoga in support of the proposed Rhode Island Avenue improvements.

Councilmember Milligan read the letter and discussed the history of the project over the last four years. He thinks the plan addresses a lot of City's concerns regarding public safety and traffic, and discussed the importance of Rhode Island Avenue to the City as a whole.

Mayor Brayman clarified that there will be ample opportunity for community input on the project and the letter is just preliminary support for the project so it can move forward.

Councilmember Krouse thanked Councilmember Dernoga for his efforts on the comprehensive approach to the Rhode Island Avenue project.

Councilmember Perry inquired about the published agenda item title and the motion that was made.

Councilmember Perry is concerned about the lack of sidewalks in the proposal, which would encourage people to walk in the service roadway. He questioned why the County believes roundabouts are necessary on Rhode Island Avenue. He discussed segmentation of the project, its extension north of Edgewood Road, and asked about funding.

Councilmember Krouse hopes the project extends north of Edgewood Road.

Councilmember Fellows expressed his support for the letter and stated this is part of a process and the next step is to help organize a community meeting to gain resident input.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

07-O-17 Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 175 "Taxation", Article II "Homestead Property Tax Credit", By Repealing And Reenacting §175-3 "Rate", To Change The Homestead Property Tax Credit Rate From 101% To 104%.

A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Milligan to introduce Ordinance Number 07-O-17. The Public Hearing will be held on October 9, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

07-G-100 Appointments To Boards And Committees

Councilmember Fellows nominated Mayor Joe Page for reappointment to the Education Advisory Committee and Amelia Murdoch for reappointment to the Tree and Landscape Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Krouse and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to approve the nominations. The motion carried 8-0-0.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Krouse discussed an opinion survey that will soon be mailed to certain homes in north College Park regarding the Greenbelt Station pedestrian overpass.

Councilmember Catlin announced that the Berwyn Neighborhood Watch is hoping to schedule a meeting on public safety issues soon.

Councilmember Perry asked Mr. Nagro to extend his thanks to the Contract Officers who are enforcing traffic laws in Berwyn. He asked Code Enforcement to come through Berwyn when it is not trash day and cite people who have their trash totes out. He commented on the trash and rodent situation behind the College Park Shopping Center.

Councilmember Cook said she is working with the owners of the College Park Market Place about rodents, the shopping carts that appear on Cherry Hill Road, and the trucks that make deliveries at times that are not allowed under the covenants. She also commented on the progress on the sidewalks on Cherry Hill Road. Anyone interested in having their driveway done at the same time should check with Public Services about permits.

Mr. Nagro stated that any elected official interested in attending the National League of Cities conference in November should contact the Clerk's office.

Comments From The Audience: None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Fellows to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by a vote of 8-0-0.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, on September 25, 2007 at 6:38 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Krouse and seconded by Councilmember Cook to discuss public security matters including the deployment of fire and police services and staff. The motion passed 5-1-0 (Councilmember Perry opposed).

Present: Mayor Brayman (arrived 6:44 p.m.), Councilmembers Krouse, Milligan, Catlin, Perry, Fellows, Stulich (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Hampton (arrived at 6:42 p.m.) and Cook. Also in attendance were Major Kevin Davis, Prince George's County Police Department; Major Paul Dillon, University of Maryland Police Department; Joe Nagro; Janeen Miller; Sara Imhulse; Student Liaison Danielle Kogut; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; and Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney.

Absent: None

Topics Discussed: Police services in College Park.

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Cook to adjourn the Executive Session. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. by a vote of 8-0-0.
