

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
08-CR-01

**Charter Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland,
Amending Article VI “Meetings”, §C6-4, “Statutory Requirements” Of The City Charter To
Delete The Requirement That Tape-Recorded Minutes And Transcribed Minutes Of Executive
Sessions Be Available For Inspection.**

Tuesday, August 12, 2008
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Wojahn (arrived 7:35 p.m.), Catlin, Perry, Stulich (arrived 7:34 p.m.), Mark Cook, Hampton and Mary Cook; Student Liaison Dan Hartinger.

ABSENT: Councilmember Molinatto

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Fred Sussman, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk.

Mayor Brayman opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. to take public comment on proposed Charter Amendment Resolution 08-CR-01. The purpose of this amendment is to have the City’s Charter mirror state law, by deleting the City’s requirement that tape-recorded minutes and transcribed minutes of executive sessions be available for inspection.

Jack Robson, 4710 Harvard Road: He is glad to see some action taken but was surprised to see the entire section being removed. His concern is that the Council could get in trouble if an action taken in closed session cannot be documented in the event there was a lawsuit. He urges detailed minutes be kept. He cited the State’s open meetings manual.

Marcia Booth, 5208 Huron Street: She asked if the City intends to preserve the intent and to follow the statutory requirements of Section 10-509 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. She is concerned about the preservation of public rights.

Mayor Brayman confirmed that we have to, and have been, complying with state code.

Adjournment: There being no further public comment, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Mayor Brayman said that because this public hearing was held, there would be no additional public comment taken when this item comes up in regular session, unless there is a substantive change to the proposal.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk