

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, September 9, 2008
8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stullich, Mark Cook, and Mary Cook; Student Liaison Dan Hartinger.

ABSENT: Councilmember Hampton.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Robert Ryan, Director of Public Services; Terry Schum, Director of Planning.

Mayor Brayman opened the meeting at 8:23 p.m. following an earlier Public Hearing. Councilmember Mary Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 12, 2008 Public Hearing on 08-CR-01, the August 12, 2008 Regular Meeting, and the September 2, 2008 Special Session were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Mary Cook to approve the minutes. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Catlin announced that the Lakeland Civic Association would meet on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center.

Councilmember Stullich stated that the Calvert Hills Citizens Association would meet on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Parish House.

Councilmember Mary Cook announced the North College Park Citizens Association would meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Davis Hall. She also mentioned that on September 17 there would be a community workshop at the College Park Community Center on the amendment to the Route 1 Corridor Sector Plan.

Councilmember Wojahn announced a Smart Growth Listening Session would be held on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. at 300 Norwich Road in Silver Spring.

Acknowledgement of Dignitaries:

Mayor Brayman recognized former City Councilmember Maxine Gross; Heather Molnar, Miss College Park; and Larry Bleau, President of the North College Park Citizens Association.

Acknowledgement Of Newly Appointed Board And Committee Members: None.

Amendments To The Agenda: None.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro said the responses received to the City's letter about redevelopment of the City Hall site is in the red folders, and will be discussed at next week's meeting; the City has issued 124 bus passes for the Shuttle UM; there are two important meetings scheduled for September 17: the aforementioned Route 1 Corridor Sector Plan meeting, and the COG presentation on Climate Change. He then introduced Jill Clements, the City's new Director of Human Resources.

Student Liaison Comments: Mr. Hartinger reported on his efforts to clear up misunderstandings among students about the City's new single stream recycling program.

Comments From The Audience On Non-Agenda Items:

Former Councilmember Maxine Gross: She explained the "Learning In Lakeland" exhibit on display in the back of the Council Chambers for the Lakeland Community Heritage Project, and discussed the upcoming Heritage weekend September 20-21. In February 2009, the LCHP will be featured in an exhibit at the Montpelier Mansion.

Miss College Park Heather Molnar: Her platform is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. She described projects she has been involved in. She was 1st Runner Up in the Miss Maryland Pageant, and has earned \$8,000 in scholarship money.

Mayor Brayman recognized Angie Rodriguez, who is the President of the College Park American Legion Post 217 Auxiliary, which sponsors the Miss College Park contest.

Larry Bleau, 4901 Niagara Road, President, North College Park Citizens Association: Announced the agenda for Thursday's meeting.

Dave Dorsch, 4607 Calvert Road: He asked the Council to consider eliminating the speedbumps on Calvert Road, and said WSSC has cut through two of them, and the one in front of his house is in bad shape.

Alan Tyler, 7204 Bowdoin Avenue: He discussed the City's tax rate, downtown redevelopment, the housing market, the number of foreclosures, and made an appeal for curb appeal by creating an incentive program for homeowners to improve the appearance of their homes.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

08-G-88 Contract Award For \$42,690 To Metric Parking For 2 Multi-Space Pay Stations For The City Hall Lot

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Molinatto to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Action Items:

08-G-89 Approval of the Expansion of Residential Permit Parking Zone 2B to the 9600 Block of 51st Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilmember Molinatto and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to approve the extension of Permit Parking Zone 2B to the 9600 block of 51st Avenue.

Councilmember Molinatto stated the residents of the street submitted a valid petition, and a public hearing was held earlier this evening. Zone 2B restricts parking to those who display a residential permit Monday – Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There were no comments taken from the audience because a public hearing was held.

Councilmember Perry stated that if this is approved, it gives no guarantee that you could park in front of your house. However, he will not support the motion because he did not see a problem from the photos and the testimony did not support it.

Councilmember Wojahn said parking is less dense in the summer, but that people do park on that street and walk to the Metro because it is a ten-minute walk. He discussed parking problems caused by a student rental house.

Councilmember Mark Cook is sympathetic but would like to see this discussed by the civic association. He believes the vote is being rushed and it doesn't need to be decided tonight.

Councilmember Stulich stated it is difficult to make a decision when neighbors are not in agreement, but she believes the majority of residents on the street favor permit parking so she will support the motion.

Councilmember Mary Cook said she would support the motion because she understands the impact that a rental house can have on a street.

The motion carried 5-2-0 (Councilmembers Perry and Mark Cook opposed).

08-G-90 Approval, With Conditions, Of The Preliminary Plan of Subdivision For The Schware Property

A motion was made by Councilmember Mary Cook and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn that the Council support, with the following conditions, Preliminary Plan of

Subdivision 4-07101, concerning the property located at 9315 Davidson Street, which would subdivide the property into three lots. The conditions are:

1. Comply with conditions of the Stormwater Concept Approval obtained from DPW&T to ensure that stormwater is conveyed along the property away from existing homes.
2. Retain existing woods along the northwestern property line of Lot 3, to screen the PEPCO power lines.
3. Maintain separation from and ensure that the existing asphalt trail that connects Davidson Street to the Buck Lodge Community Park is not damaged during construction or repair as needed.
4. With submission of the Final Plat of Subdivision, the applicant, his heirs, successors and/or assigns, shall make payment of a fee- in-lieu of park dedication.
5. Prior to the approval of any permits for this site, the applicant his heirs, successors and/or assigns, shall submit a Detailed Site Plan. The DSP shall address and include but not be limited to: architectural treatments and building materials, house locations, slope and soil stability and surface runoff. The City shall retain the right of prior approval of the Detailed Site Plan.

Councilmember Mary Cook read the comments into the record.

John Parker was representing the applicant. Mayor Brayman asked Mr. Parker if the applicant is in agreement with all of the conditions in the motion. Mr. Parker said, "Yes."

Councilmember Perry asked staff if it is usually required that a Detailed Site Plan be submitted in an R-80 zone. Ms. Ferguson stated it was required as a condition of the sale.

The motion carried 7-0-0.

08-G-91 Appointments To Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to approve the following appointments: Jim Sauer to the Cable Commission (new appointment), Deloris Cass to the Veteran's Memorial Improvement Committee (reappointment) and Joseph Ruth to the Veteran's Memorial Improvement Committee (reappointment). The motion carried 7-0-0.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Mary Cook commented on her experience riding the Shuttle UM and encouraged resident participation.

Councilmember Perry pointed out that the Consent Agenda item required a super majority vote. He requested a report from staff about the traffic calming devices on Calvert Road, as a follow-up to Mr. Dorsch's comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Councilmember Catlin said that the District Council heard the Starview proposal today and supported it 5-4. There was discussion of the cost of undergrounding utilities.

Councilmember Wojahn encouraged people to vote in favor of bills that would eliminate funding for the ICC.

Comments From The Audience: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 7:01 p.m. on September 2, 2008, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a proposal from the Board of Education concerning the Calvert Road School site. The motion passed 6-1-0 (Councilmember Perry opposed).

Present: Mayor Brayman, Councilmembers Molinatto, Wojahn, Catlin, Perry, Stullich, Hampton and Mary Cook.

Absent: Councilmember Mark Cook.

Also Present: Dan Hartinger, Student Liaison; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk.

Topic Discussed: A proposal from the Board of Education concerning the Calvert Road School site.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Mary Cook to adjourn the Executive Session. The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.
