

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
8:00 p.m. – 8:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Nagle, Wojahn, Catlin, Stullich, Cook, Afzali and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Councilmember Perry

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Michael Stiefvater, Economic Development Coordinator; Marcella Morris, Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to approve the minutes of the Special Session on October 4, 2011, the confidential minutes of the Executive Session on October 4, 2011, and the Regular Meeting on October 11, 2011. The motion passed 7 -0- 0.

Proclamation: Mayor Fellows read the proclamation for America Recycles Day, which is November 15.

Announcements:

Councilmember Nagle discussed the informative recycling test hosted by the Committee for a Better Environment at College Park Day. The results should be published to help improve recycling compliance.

Councilmember Wojahn commented on the College Park Day event that was held on Saturday and thanked the many people who made it possible.

Councilmember Catlin discussed the Berwyn Oktoberfest bonfire.

Councilmember Cook announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and mentioned the Prince George's Family Crisis Center as a resource.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

City Manager's Report: The applicants for the Maryland Book Exchange proposal have requested a continuance from the Planning Board. We have received an invitation from the State Highway Administration for a "Meet & Greet."

Student Liaison Comments: Ms. Morris introduced the acting Deputy Student Liaison. The weekly trash pick-ups have been successful and are continuing. There is a football game on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. She has been working with City staff to notify students about their voting districts.

Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items:

Charles Sarahan, Box E, College Park: He talked about Oktoberfest, how you rate a good teacher, and brought an apple for Councilmember Perry, who he described as the teacher of the year and all seasons.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adopt the Consent Agenda which consisted of the following item:

11-G-96 Approval Of An Agreement With Creative Outdoor Advertising For Public Space Trash And Recycling Containers And Authorization For The City Manager To Sign The Agreement.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

Action Items:

11-R-19 FY 2012 Community Legacy Application for Strategic Demolition and Marketing Along US 1.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nagle and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn that the City Council authorize the City Manager to file a Fiscal Year 2012 Community Legacy application in the amount of \$140,000 for strategic demolition of three vacant properties on Route 1 in College Park, as well as fencing and banners, in order to market several properties as opportunity sites for redevelopment, and further, that Resolution 11-R-19 be approved in support of this application.

Councilmember Nagle commented that Community Legacy provides resources to assist local governments in realizing comprehensive community revitalization initiatives. It is intended as a flexible resource to fill key funding gaps not being met by other State or local financing and to position older communities for increased private investment. The purpose of the City's application is to improve the visual appearance of the Route 1 corridor while promoting development sites in a targeted manner. Dilapidated buildings will be razed and temporary fencing will be placed around these properties along with banners to create a cohesive marketing message that showcases these opportunities to generate increased interest from private investors.

Funds used for demolition will be returned to the Community Legacy program through a consensual lien placed on the property in the amount of demolition related costs. Upon the sale of each property, the buyer will be required to pay this amount. Funds used for fencing and marketing banners will not be repaid, as they will be issued in the form of a grant. The Community Legacy application deadline is October 26.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Catlin believes this grant amount is more realistic than last week's proposal, and asked when we might hear about the award. Mr. Stiefvater said we don't know when we would hear.

Councilmember Wojahn asked if anyone had spoken to the owner of the property at 9901 Baltimore Avenue about this. Ms. Schum replied no.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

11-R-22 Approval Of A Policy To Address Applications By City Businesses For BOLC Entertainment Licenses

A Motion Was Made By Councilmember Stullich And Seconded By Councilmember Catlin To Adopt 11-R-22, To Adopt A Policy Concerning Applications For An Entertainment License By Establishments Located In The City.

Councilmember Stullich stated that the Board of License Commissioners ("BOLC") considers applications for entertainment licenses for establishments in the County. The Mayor and City Council have been active in seeking to protect the public safety with regard to City establishments that apply for licenses issued by the BOLC. An entertainment license is now among those licenses.

The requirements for an entertainment license include a security plan that has been provided to the Prince George's County Police Department for review and comment. In addition, although not required by the law, the University of Maryland Department of Public Safety has indicated their intention to review security plans for establishments within their primary and concurrent jurisdiction. The specific procedure would include that the Mayor and Council be provided with a copy of any notice from the BOLC that an establishment within the City has applied for an entertainment license, for the renewal of such a license, or requesting an exemption from or waiver of the entertainment license requirement.

Generally, the review and response for such items will be handled by City staff and will not appear on the Council's agenda. If the security plan has been reviewed and approved by PGCPD, and UMPD when appropriate, then City staff would provide a letter to the BOLC voicing no objection to the license, on the condition that it is in compliance with other applicable

laws. If either of the two police departments object to the security plan, then the Mayor and Council will be notified and the matter will be placed on the Council's agenda for review and determination of the City's position. If any Councilmember wants to review an application, it shall be placed on the Council's agenda. City staff is authorized to present the City's position to the BOLC, which can be done by letter or in person.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Catlin asked who has applied for the license. Mr. Ryan said that he expects applications from all venues in the City that host entertainment or charge cover charges by the end of the year. He will notify Council of the upcoming hearing dates.

The motion passed 6 – 1 – 0 (Councilmember Cook opposed).

11-G-97 Appointments To Boards And Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Nagle and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to appoint Mark Wilson to the Education Advisory Committee and Stephen Brimer to the Tree and Landscape Board. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Stulich and Mayor Fellows discussed ways to improve recycling habits.

Councilmember Wojahn continued to thank people who helped with College Park Day. He also asked about a Green Building Policy future Worksession item.

Councilmember Nagle discussed the U.S. 1 Visioning session to be held on November 19 from 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon.

Comments from the Audience: None.

Adjourn: Upon a motion from Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Stulich, Mayor Fellows adjourned the Council meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC	Date
City Clerk	Approved