

MINUTES
Special Session of the College Park City Council
Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 4, 2011

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Cook and Perry.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Marcella Morris, Student Liaison.

During a regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to enter into a Special Session in order to consider several pieces of County legislation that are time sensitive. The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0 and the Special Session commenced at 10:56 p.m.

Action Items:

11-G-89 Approval of a letter to the County’s Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee on CB 37.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to send a letter to PZED requesting that they delay taking up CB 37 at this time, otherwise, the City would be opposed to the bill, because of a possible unintended consequence as the bill is currently written. The Mayor authorized staff to sign the letter on his behalf.

There were no comments from the audience or from the Council.

The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.

11-G-90 Approval of a letter to the County’s Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee in support of County bills CB 51, CB 52 and CB 53.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to send a letter to PZED expressing the City’s support for CB 51, CB 52 and CB 53. The Mayor authorized staff to sign the letter on his behalf.

Comments from the audience:

John Hawvermale: Requested information on each of the bills.

The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Nagle to conclude the Special Session. The motion carried 6 – 0 – 0 and the first Special Session of the evening was concluded at 11:00 p.m.

At 11:08 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to enter into another Special Session to take a position on the County’s proposed redistricting plan around the Greenbelt Metro Station. The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.

Action Item:

11-G-91 Approval of a letter to the Prince George’s County Council requesting that the Greenbelt Station development be placed in the same Councilmanic district as north College Park.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Nagle to send a letter to the County Council expressing the City’s desire to have the Greenbelt Station development located in the same County Council district as north College Park.

Councilmember Wojahn commented that he has spoken to Greenbelt Mayor J Davis about this issue and understands Greenbelt’s concerns about having Greenbelt Station be included in a district with the rest of the City of Greenbelt. However, north College Park is home to over 1,000 residents that will be directly impacted by the future development of this site so College Park should remain in the same County Council district to ensure input as the project moves forward. He also expressed concern about the lack of notice and opportunity for the City and north College Park residents to provide input on the matter.

Councilmember Catlin noted that Berwyn Heights is also part of that district and they have indicated they want Greenbelt Station to remain in Eric Olson’s district, so there are varying perspectives.

The motion carried 5 – 1 – 0 (Councilmember Catlin opposed).

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Nagle and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to adjourn the Special Session. Mayor Fellows adjourned the Special Session at 11:11 p.m. with a vote of 6 – 0 – 0.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved