

**MINUTES**  
**Public Hearing of the College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, January 26, 2016**  
**Council Chambers**  
**7:15 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.**

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-O-01**  
**An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park**  
**to Amend the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budget**  
**of the City of College Park, Maryland (Amendment #2)**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Dennis; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Day, Kujawa and Cook.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Wojahn and Councilmember Stullich.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Jill Clements, Director of Human Resources; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison.

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-O-01 at 7:15 p.m. and invited Mr. Groh to provide an overview.

Mr. Groh stated that this amendment has two separate components. There was a previous budget amendment passed by the Council on November 24, 2015, but due to a clerical error, an earlier version of that ordinance was adopted, so this amendment will correct that mistake. The second component proposes to take budgeted funds from 3 vacant positions in Public Works to cover 2 new positions. In Public Works, a new position would be created, entitled Assistant Director, Operations and Facilities, who would be responsible for supervising Public Works staff as well as being involved in the maintenance of City buildings. This exempt position would report to the Director of Public Works. The second proposed new position is a Communications Coordinator who would work under the direction of the Assistant City Manager to improve the communication between the City and its residents in the ways identified in the strategic plan, including website review and social media. A tentative job description has been written and this budget amendment provides the flexibility for the City Manager to determine if that position will begin as a full-time exempt position or as an intern position. Either way, the vacancies in Public Works provides enough funding. Once this budget amendment is effective, the FY2016 budget would have zero use of unassigned reserve and the unassigned reserve balance would be 29.4% of the expenditure budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis announced that no one had signed up to speak at this Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wished to testify. There were no speakers.

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC  
City Clerk

Date Approved