

Motion Sheet
July 11, 2023

1. Consent Agenda: I move to adopt the Consent Agenda. (Mayor Kabir will read the agenda items)

23-G-99	Approval of the purchase and installation of a commemorative bench to be installed on the Trolley Trail near the corner of Amherst Avenue in honor Dr. Richard Wagner, founder and chair of the College Park City University Partnership, who dedicated his career to preserving historic buildings and stabilizing neighborhoods.
23-G-100	Approval of a request from the Lakeland community to purchase and install a commemorative bench in the Lakeland community to honor Mr. J. M. Chesley Mack who was a civic leader, entrepreneur, business owner, and served on the City Council from 1945 (when College Park was incorporated) until 1957.
23-G-102	Award of two contracts: 1) Purchase of one (1) new 2023 all-electric Aebi Schmidt ESWINGO Street Sweeper in the amount of \$353,957.97 to Intercon Truck of Baltimore, Inc., utilizing pricing from competitively bid Sourcewell Contract #093021; 2) Purchase of one (1) 2023 Crane Carrier Chassis and 25 cubic yard Loadmaster, 25 cubic yard Split body packer in the amount of \$379,045.00 to Grand Turk Equipment Co. Inc., under Sourcewell contract #060920; both are subject to the approval of the City Attorney.
23-G-101	Approve the appointments of Nora Eidelman to the Ethics Commission, Jeff Lemieux to the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee, Jennifer Konish to the Tree & Landscape Board, Maria Ulloa-Bustos reappointment to the Bee City USA Committee, and Frank Cifaldi and Jennifer Lindstrom to the Bee City USA committee.
23-G-105	Approval of the Strategic Plan priorities for FY '24
23-G-106	Approval of a letter of support for a grant application to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Housing Affordability Planning Program for the Community Preservation Trust

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION ITEMS:

23-G-103	I move to approve the installation of a traffic calming device to be installed in the 4700 Block of Navahoe Street
23-G-104	I move to approve the installation of a traffic calming device to be installed in the 6800 Block of Dartmouth Avenue

Public Comment
July 11, 2023 Meeting

Traffic Calming – Dartmouth Avenue

From: Jodie Tillman <jodielyntillman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 9, 2023 12:18 PM
To: cpmc <cpmc@collegetparkmd.gov>
Subject: Comments on Traffic Calming in 6800 block of Dartmouth Ave

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing to support traffic calming measures in the 6800 block of Dartmouth Ave. We live at 6804 Dartmouth Ave. and routinely observe drivers accelerating in front of our home as they approach the intersection near the bike trail. In addition, we see motorists occasionally driving in the wrong direction on this one-way stretch of Dartmouth.

We are one of several families on this block with a small child and would appreciate any traffic-calming measures, including a proposed choker system. Thank you so much for your attention to this issue.

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Traffic Calming – Dartmouth Avenue

From: Meg Oates <meg.i.oates@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 11:31 AM
To: cpmc <cpmc@collegetparkmd.gov>
Subject: Comments for 7/11 - Dartmouth traffic control

Dear City Council,

I'm writing to share my opinions regarding the request for traffic control for n Dartmouth Ave. I live at 6808 Dartmouth Ave, where a proposed speed bump or choker would be installed. Based on the traffic study findings and staff report, I do not support installing a speed bump. Given that the traffic report does not find that speeding is an issue, a speed bump would not be appropriate at this location.

I am open to installing chokers to address wrong way traffic with a few considerations:

Cycling traffic - The traffic study found that 4 cars and 15 bicycles go the wrong way on average each day. As one of those cyclists, traveling the wrong way on Dartmouth is often better than alternative routes. Taking Dartmouth north reduces conflict on Rhode Island Ave and the trolley trail which are more narrow and congested than Dartmouth. Various neighbors, including multiple households on our block, use bicycles instead of cars for many trips, which reduces traffic overall. In particular, I am interested in the city staff's assessment of whether chokers on Dartmouth would be a net benefit to bicycle traffic in the neighborhood. Please ensure that any traffic control measures on Dartmouth Ave continue to allow for cycling traffic in both directions.

Stormwater mitigation - The city should consider incorporating bioswales within the design of any chokers. This section of Dartmouth is prone to flooding and bioswales have the potential to create a groundwater recharge area, as part of a more comprehensive stormwater management strategy.

Parking - The proposed choker locations appear to have minimal impact on parking. If for some reason the locations were to change, I request that either any alternative location maintain a minimum impact on parking or that the city reduce the number of residential permits available per household.

Overall, I appreciate the staff report's thoughtful analysis. I would greatly appreciate the city staff expertise on the issues I've flagged here, and hope the city considers them in its final decisions.

Thank you,
Meg Oates

Traffic Calming – Dartmouth Avenue

From: Janet Wagner <jwagner@umd.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 3:53 PM
To: cpmc <cpmc@collegeparkmd.gov>
Cc: Stuart Adams <stuartmadams@gmail.com>
Subject: Traffic Calming on Dartmouth Avenue

I support the installation of chokers.

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Worksession Discussion #C

The following individuals sent in a form email message regarding discussion item #C 3-cent increase in taxes on commercial, industrial and apartments:

Gannon Sprinkle
Steven Shenk
Sarah Lederman
Muntaha Haq
Tyler Bush
Kaitlyn Zhou
Brooke Hurst
Ashley Volans
Brittany Kupcho
Steven Shenk
Sarah Lederman
Muntaha Haq
Tyler Bush
Kaitlyn Zhou
Brooke Hurst
Ashley Volans
Brittany Kupcho
Tara Davoodi

Jenna Burtch
Nadia Meyerovich
Hannah Chan
Joslyn Kim
Emmanuel Felix
Trevor Hennebery
Amanda Hennessy
Lucas Howarth
Jenna Burtch
Nadia Meyerovich
Hannah Chan
Joslyn Kim
Emmanuel Felix
Trevor Hennebery
Amanda Hennessy
Lucas Howarth
Molly Chase
Gannon Sprinkle

Hello,

My name is Gannon Sprinkle, and I am an undergraduate student at the University of Maryland.

Graduate students play a significant role in the City of College Park. From contributing to our economy, to helping teach students like myself and conducting research that improves all of our lives, graduate students are vitally important to our city. They must have the resources they need to succeed.

That's why the College Park City Council must use the \$340,000 in additional revenue generated from the 3 cent property tax increase to subsidize graduate student housing. The Council should also set aside funds for a pilot program to provide housing subsidies for undergraduate students as well.

Best,