

**MINUTES**  
**College Park City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m. – 9:01 p.m.**

**This was a hybrid meeting: Online via Zoom;  
In-person in the Council Chambers of City Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy (via Zoom), Esters, Whitney, Adams, Rigg, and Mackie.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mitchell.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kenneth Young, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Ryna Quinones, Communications and Events Manager; Kevin Blackerby, Events Coordinator; Michael Williams, Economic Development Manager; Valerie Graham, Student Liaison

Mayor Wojahn opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Announcements:**

Councilmember Kabir discussed ways to help a family displaced by a house fire.

Councilmember Esters thanked the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee for yesterday's event; the Berwyn District Civic Association will hold a virtual meeting on Thursday.

Councilmember Whitney also commented on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute.

Councilmember Mackie reminded people about the MLK Food Drive and highlighted the good information in the College Park Here and Now, and the Weekly Bulletin.

Mayor Wojahn announced the next meeting of the Prince George's County Municipal Association.

**City Manager's Report:** Mr. Young announced that City Council meetings are now broadcast over cable with Closed Captioning.

**Amendments To/Approval Of The Agenda:**

Rigg/Adams: to change the title of agenda item 23-G-18 from "approval of a parade date of July 4 with an alternative date of May 6, 2023" to "move parade date to May 6, 2023", 7-0.

Whitney/Esters: Adopt agenda as amended, 7-0.

**Public Comment:**

**Brandaun Dean, aka "Pota":** He described himself as a displaced resident, unhoused for 6 years, who has an impounded vehicle that he can't recover because he is still struggling with the ramifications of being unhoused. Asked the City Council to help him retrieve his automobile.

**CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Councilmember Whitney and seconded by Councilmember Rigg to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of these items:**

23-R-01	Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park Adopting The Recommendation Of The Advisory Planning Commission Regarding Variance Application CPV-2022-05, 4806 Harvard Road, College Park, Maryland Recommending Approval Of Three Variances: 1-Foot Front Yard Setback Variance, 9-Foot Front Yard Setback Variance And 4-Foot Setback Variances From Section 27-4202(E) Table II Of The Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, To Convert An Attic Into Livable Space (1.5 Stories To 2 Stories).
23-G-09	Consideration of a contract amendment with Olney Masonry Corporation to allow for increases in unit costs and quantities in an amount not to exceed \$408,875 to complete construction of the Hollywood Streetscape Project.
23-G-10	Approval of the 2023 Mayor and Council meeting schedule Version A with 36 meetings per year.
23-G-11	Approval of the 2023 Animal Welfare Committee Workplan.
23-G-12	Approval of the 2023 Committee for A Better Environment Workplan.
23-G-13	Approval of the 2023 Education Advisory Committee Workplan.
23-G-14	Approval of the 2023 Seniors Committee Workplan.

23-G-15	Approval of the 2023 Tree and Landscape Board Workplan.
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**The motion passed 7-0.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**23-G-19      Consideration of amendment to RST Development, LLC DSP condition and covenant concerning right-in on Baltimore Avenue**

Ms. Ferguson provided Council with an update on this item. The Planning Board date is Thursday. The issue is whether the County will approve a right-in from Baltimore Avenue into the garage, as the City Council requested. Tonight’s motion would provide the City’s position in either circumstance (approval or disapproval of the right-in to the garage from Baltimore Avenue).

Mr. Haller, attorney for the RST development: They are in support of the right-in movement, but they don’t control what the Planning Board does. They are concerned this could cause a delay. Having a motion that speaks to either eventuality will keep things moving. The applicant will abide by the Planning Board decision, either way.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Esters that the City Council amend the DSP condition and Declaration covenant to allow the decision by the Planning Board at the DSP hearing about the right-in option, if a denial on the merits, to resolve the issue and to relieve the developer of the requirement to file an application for reconsideration of the Preliminary Plan.

**The motion passed 7-0.**

**23-G-16      Consideration of Public School Education Grants recommended by the Education Advisory Committee**

Kiaisha Barber, Director of Youth, Family and Senior Services and Carolyn Bernache, Chair, EAC.

Ms. Barber said five grants are being presented for consideration tonight. The Council asked questions about certain applications. Ms. Barber explained that the County annually provides data on how many College Park students attend each public school. Additional applications may be forthcoming.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Mackie and seconded by Councilmember Whitney that the City Council award the following FY 23 Education Grants:**

- **\$2,250 College Park Academy: CPA Plus After School Program**
- **\$2,750 Berwyn Heights Elementary: Technology Support in Writing**
- **\$2,750 Buck Lodge Middle: Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports Incentive Program**
- **\$8,000 Paint Branch Elementary: K-6 Field Trips/Assemblies**
- **\$8,000 Greenbelt Middle School: Loads of Love/Food Pantry/After School Program**

**The motion passed 7-0.**

**23-G-17      Consideration of a contract amendment with KCI Technologies, Inc. for additional design services in the amount of \$162,739.80 for Duvall Field Park**

Ms. Schum reviewed the staff report. Council previously requested information about two new items that were outside of the original scope of work: the splash pad and the enhanced band shell. This contractor would have to hire subcontractors to assist with the design of these two items since they are outside of their expertise, and has provided pricing to do so. We have lost our project manager on this project; the landscape architect has assumed the role. The question is whether Council wishes to move forward with one or both of the new features. We are already behind schedule on the project; deciding to move forward will further delay the project. Adding the additional features will add to both the design and the construction costs. This is only for design portion. The total project cost would increase by about \$335,000, increasing the total project from \$5.1 million to \$5.5 million. There is sufficient funding in the CIP to cover the design fees. Discussion of maintenance fees and cause of delays. Award of the construction contract will come back to Council for approval.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to approve a contract amendment to CP-21-03 with KCI Technologies, Inc. for additional design services in the amount of \$162,739.80 for Duvall field Park, in substantially the form attached.**

**The motion passed 7-0.**

**23-G-18 Approval of the date of Saturday, May 6, 2023 for the City parade.**

Ms. Quinones reviewed the staff report and discussed the date of a City parade. The City Council agreed to try Saturday, May 6 for this year's parade, and asked if staff could develop a theme for the parade.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Esters and seconded by Councilmember Adams to approve Saturday, May 6, 2023 for the 2023 City Parade and to host future parades in the spring. The motion passed 7-0.**

**Presentations And Worksession Discussions:**

**A.** Agenda items for January 26 Four Cities meeting were suggested.

[Councilmember Mitchell joined the meeting at 8:55 p.m.]

**Future Agenda Items:** Mayor Wojahn requested a discussion of Rent Stabilization.

**Comments:** The Mayor reported on outside meetings and conferences.

**Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Esters and seconded by Councilmember Mackie to adjourn the meeting and reconvene into a Closed Session. Mayor Wojahn read the Closing Statement:**

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**The motion passed 8-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.**

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**Closed Session  
January 17, 2023**

At 9:01 p.m. on January 17, at the conclusion of the Council meeting, a motion was made by Councilmember Esters and seconded by Councilmember Mackie to adjourn into a Closed Session. Mayor Wojahn read the Closing Statement:

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The motion passed 8-0.

Mayor Wojahn and Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Esters, Whitney, Adams, Rigg, Mackie and Mitchell were present. In addition, the meeting was attended by City Manager Kenneth A. Young and City Attorney Suellen Ferguson. This was a hybrid meeting, with Councilmember Mitchell attending by Zoom, and the rest of the attendees meeting in person in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Wojahn was the Open Meetings Trainee.

The Mayor and Council discussed the City Attorney's evaluation. No action was taken.

At 9:34 p.m., on a motion by Councilmember Adams that was seconded by Councilmember Rigg, the Closed Session was adjourned.

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