

College Park City Council
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Special Session
7:59 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this was a Virtual Meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Dennis, Esters, Day, Rigg, Mitchell and Mackie.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Gardiner, Interim City Manager; Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Teresa Way-Pezzuti, Director of Human Resources; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bridgette Johnson, Economic Development Manager; Kiaisha Barber, Director of Youth, Family and Senior Services; Robert Marsili, Director of Public Works; Gary Fields, Director of Finance; Adam Rosenbaum, Student Liaison; Julia Nikhinson, Deputy Student Liaison.

Action Item:

21-G-08 Approval of the City Manager Recruitment Package

Ms. Way-Pezzuti reviewed the staff report and introduced Anne Lewis from Baker Tilley. There was discussion about adding that the City Manager is encouraged to live in the City. A Charter amendment would be needed to amend the current language, which allows the City Manager to live outside the City only with approval by the Council.

- Revision to page 6: “The City Manager need not be a resident of the City or state at the time of appointment. The Manager is encouraged to live in the City of College Park, however the Manager may reside outside the City while in office with approval of the Mayor and Council.”
- Add to page 6: “ICMA credentialed manager status is a preferred qualification, but not a requirement.”

Ms. Ferguson asked if other changes were anticipated. Ms. Lewis replied yes and reviewed the changes she and Ms. Ferguson discussed today:

- Add “Mayor and” where it currently says “Council” so that it reads, “Mayor and Council.”

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to enter into a Special Session. The motion passed 8-0 and Council entered Special Session at 7:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Mackie to accept the City Manager Recruitment brochure with the changes outlined above, and in “substantially the form provided” because there may be additional non-substantive changes.

Comments from the audience:

Mary King, resident: you should itemize the changes rather than approve in “substantially the form provided.”

Councilmember Mackie asked what other changes are anticipated.

Ms. Ferguson said she made some clarifying, non-substantive suggestions, such as the continued focus on diversity and healing.

The motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made to exit Special Session by Councilmember Dennis, seconded by Councilmember Day, passed 8-0. The Special Session was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller
City Clerk

Date
Approved