

**SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**  
**College Park City Council**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**  
**10:19 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; Adam Rosenbaum, Student Liaison; Julia Nihkinson, Deputy Student Liaison.

During the regularly scheduled Worksession on February 16, 2021, a motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to enter into a Special Session to consider time-sensitive legislative matters. The possibility of the Special Session was listed on the Worksession agenda. The motion passed 8-0.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**21-G-23 Letter of support for SB 148 / HB 66 Electric Generation - Transition From Fossil Fuels - Carbon Dioxide Emissions Rate and Transition Plan and Fund (Maryland Coal Community Transition Act of 2021)**

Mayor Wojahn said there is one remaining coal fired power plant in the County. The County has not taken a position on the bill. The coal burners are scheduled for decommissioning later this year. This bill could provide support for that transition. The hearing is February 18.

**Motion by Councilmember Day, seconded by Councilmember Rigg, to send a letter in support of the bill.**

Councilmember Day said he is the Chair of COG Air Quality Control Committee and they have paid attention to this bill and are in support. Closing the plant will help reduce carbon emissions in the area.

**Comments from the audience:**

**Mary King, resident:** What are the other consequences if this closes - will people be put out of work? Does this bill take those things into consideration?

Mayor Wojahn explained that the power plant is scheduled to close and this bill establishes a fossil fuel community transition fund to provide grants to assist in transitioning away from the power plan.

**The motion passed 8-0.**

**21-G-22 Letter of Support for HB 272 re Public Information Act - Required Denials - Sociological Information and Distribution Lists**

Mayor Wojahn said we received a request from Del. Al Carr to support the bill. It is regarding whether the MDOT must provide a list of who has received notice about use of eminent domain for their property.

**Motion by Councilmember Kennedy, second by Councilmember Mitchell to send letter of support.**

There were no comments from the audience or Council.

**The motion passed 8-0.**

**Motion to adjourn from Special Session by Councilmember Day, seconded by Councilmember Dennis, passed 8-0. Special Session adjourned at 10:28 p.m.**

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Janeen S. Miller  
City Clerk

Date  
Approved