

MINUTES
College Park City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

7:30 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Esters, Whitney, Adams, Rigg, and Mackie.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Kenneth Young, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Kiaisha Barber, Director of Youth Family & Senior Services; Michael Williams, Economic Development Manager; Valerie Graham, Student Liaison; Adrian Adriessens, Deputy Student Liaison.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Kabir announced that the College Park Farmers Market began last Saturday.

Councilmember Esters thanked all the residents that came out for early voting at Davis Hall.

Councilmember Whitney thanked all the residents who spoke to her and Councilmember Esters during their waling tour of District 2.

Councilmember Mackie announced that today is National Teachers Day and thanked all teachers. Also announced that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and reminded everyone to share the road with bicyclist.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Young announced that May 13th is the final Spring Clean Up Saturday, National Small Business Week – April 30 – May 6, 2023, Roots Natural Kitchen restaurant will

open Thursday, May 4th, join us at the College Park Parade on May 6 at 10:00 a.m., and the Special Election on May 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS:

- A. Kiaisha Barber, Director of Youth Family & Senior Services and Carolyn Bernache, Chair of the Education Advisory Committee presented ceremonial checks to Public Schools Education Grant Recipients: University Park, Berwyn Heights Elementary Schools; Buck Lodge Middle School and College Park Academy.

- B. Akhila, Caroline, Oliva, Kayla, Hope, Jackie, and Maddie gave an end of the year review on Lakeland S.T.A.R.s and the College Park Scholars programs.

AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to add 23-G-70 Letter to Mayor Bowser regarding the noise disturbances at RFK Stadium Festival Grounds to the Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended, Adams/Rigg, passed 8-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Esters and seconded by Councilmember Adams to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following items:

- 23-R-05 Resolution establishing the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

- 23-R-06 Resolution establishing the City Events Advisory Board - Ryna Quinones, Communications and Events Manager

- 23-G-68 Authorize the purchase and installation of six workstations from Price Modern for City Hall at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 to be funded from the CIP Facilities Capital Reserve– Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager

- 23-G-84 Approval of submission of the College Park Livable Community Action Plan to AARP.

- 23-G-69 Consideration of a request by the College Park City-University Partnership for the City to jointly pursue MDOT grants to fund the Campus Drive Bike

Path and Riverwalk Trail and to approve letters of support for the grant applications.

23-G-70 Approve of a letter to Mayor Bowser regarding the noise disturbances at RFK Stadium Festival Grounds.

The motion passed 8-0.

ACTION ITEMS

23-O-05 Introduction of an Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park Amending City Code Chapter 15 "Boards, Commissions And Committees", By Deleting Article II, "College Park Recreation Board", §§ 15-3 Through 15-18, In Its Entirety To Remove The College Park Recreation Board From The City Code And Re-establish By Resolution A City Events Advisory Board For The Purpose As Set Forth In Resolution 23-R-06.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mackie Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to introduce Ordinance 23-O-05. The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of College Park City Hall.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, STUDENT LIAISONS:

Councilmember Whitney - CBE Green Award Winners: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Yakovenkos family.

Councilmember Adams – Attended a meeting with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association at Proteus Bicycles regarding area wide bicycle improvements.

Councilmember Rigg – Had several conversations with the Student Liaison and Assistant Student Liaison applicants. Basketball courts will be installed in the Calvert Road sight in May.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell: Attended the Four Cities meeting in Greenbelt.

ADJOURN: Kennedy/Rigg, passed 8-0 at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted By: Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk