

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
College Park City Council
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Esters, Whitney, Adams, and Mackie. Mayor Wojahn virtually joined the Election and Redistricting discussions. Councilmember Rigg arrived at 9:29 p.m. at the beginning of the Redistricting discussion.

ABSENT: See comments above.

ALSO PRESENT: Kenneth Young, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Gary Fields, Finance Director; Bob Ryan, Public Services Director; Michael Williams, Economic Development Manager; Jim Miller, Parking Enforcement Manager; Valerie Graham, Student Liaison and Adrian Andriessens, Deputy Student Liaison.

During “Amendments to the Agenda” at the October 18 Worksession, a motion was made by Councilmember Adams and seconded by Councilmember Esters to add an agenda item: Support for an application of GRILLMARX UMD, LLC, and Jacqueline Baker-Nees, Member and Authorized Person, to be added as a Licensee to the existing Class BH, Beer, Wine and Liquor License issued for use at The Hotel at UMCP and approval of a Property Use Agreement (PUA). The motion passed 6-0-1 (Whitney abstained, Rigg absent) and the item was added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Adams and seconded by Councilmember Mackie to enter into Special Session at 8:43 p.m. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Whitney abstained, Rigg absent).

22-G-143 – Property Use Agreement for GrillMarx – Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney

Ms. Ferguson reviewed the staff report. This is for a new restaurant at The Hotel. The template for this PUA is the same as was used by a previous restaurant at The Hotel. Linda Carter, Attorney for the applicant, and Jackie Baker-Nees, Member and Authorized Person, were present. Ms. Carter said the BOLC hearing next Tuesday is for the substitution of Corporate Officers. GrillMarx is spending \$850,000+ in renovations. Well known for doing fine dining well. Between 80-90 employees during regular season; higher during special seasons. Everyone is TIP trained. No bartenders under 21. No acceptance of vertical ID.

A motion was made by Councilmember Adams and seconded by Councilmember Esters to support the application of Jacqueline Baker-Nees, Member and Authorized Person, for use of GRILLMARX UMD, LLC, to be added as a Licensee to the existing Class BH, Beer, Wine and Liquor License issued for use at The Hotel at UMCP, subject to entering into a Property Use Agreement in substantially the form attached, to be signed by the City Manager, with City staff to be authorized to present the City’s position at the Board of License Commissioner’s hearing.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Whitney said she is recusing herself due to her employment.

The motion passed 6-0-1 (Whitney abstained; Rigg absent).

At 8:49 p.m. a motion to exit the Special Session was made by Councilmember Mackie and seconded by Councilmember Adams. The motion passed 6-0-1.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk