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RE: College Park, Georgia's Response to Mayor Motley Broom's Open Meetings Act Complaint

Ms. Settlemire:

As you know, Denmark Ashby LLC ("Denmark Ashby") represents the City of College Park, Georgia ("College Park" or "City"). Denmark Ashby received correspondence, dated April 3, 2024 ("Letter"), wherein the Office of the Attorney General requested that the City respond to an Open Meetings Act Complaint from Mayor Bianca Motley Broom ("Motley Broom") concerning allegations regarding the addition of items to the agenda on January 2, 2024, January 16, 2024, and March 4, 2024 (collectively "Council Meetings") and issues concerning quorum at a town hall meeting on March 21, 2024 ("Town Hall Meeting"). Please consider this correspondence as the City's response concerning those allegations.

Georgia's Open Meetings Act ("Act") provides that, if necessary, cities can add items not included on the published agenda. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(1). In this regard, the purpose of the Act is to protect the public from "closed door" politics, as well as the potential abuse of individuals and the misuse of power such policies entail. College Park v. Martin, 304 Ga. 488, 489, 818 S.E.2d 620 (2018). Ultimately, what constitutes "necessity" is a discretionary act requiring local bodies to exercise reasonable judgment to control the content of agendas to conduct important public matters. Williams v. DeKalb Cnty., 308 Ga. 265, 840 S.E.2d 423(2020). The City's elected officials exercised reasonable judgment concerning the content of the City's agenda at each meeting and it would be improper to substitute another's judgment in the place of the local elected body.

The City properly noticed and held open meetings at each of the Council Meetings mentioned by Motley Broom in her complaint. At the start of each meeting, under Item No. 2 of the posted agendas, a councilmember moved to add certain items to the agendas.¹

¹ January 2, 2024 City Council Meeting Agenda; January 16, 2024 City Council Meeting Agenda; March



Specifically, for the January 2, 2024 meeting, Councilman Carn sought to add an item to the agenda, which was an ordinance on “Administration Guidelines and Policies” (“Ordinance”).² After a motion was made and seconded, the City Council unanimously voted to add the Ordinance to the agenda for the meeting. *Id.* Thereafter, the City Clerk announced the Ordinance for consideration and the City Council held discussion on the same, however, no action was taken. Rather, the matter was placed on the January 16, 2024 agenda and publicly noticed prior to the meeting held on January 16, 2024.³ At the January 16, 2024 meeting, the City Council voted to approve the measure. *Id.*

Likewise for the January 16, 2024 and March 4, 2024 meetings, the City Council voted and approved the adding of discussion on an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) with MARTA for the Flint River Project.⁴ At the January 16, 2024 meeting, a motion was made and carried that withdrew the IGA for the Flint River Project.⁵ Later at the March 4, 2024 meeting, the City Council moved to reconsider the IGA and subsequently voted to approve the same.⁶

As authorized by the Act, the City determined that it was necessary and in the interest of the public to address and hear each item at the respective Council Meetings. To hear those items and avoid any “closed door” politics, the City exercised its broad discretion to add the items to each agenda. In this regard, the Ordinance was discussed at two separate meetings and was on the publicly available agenda prior to the City Council Meeting in which the Ordinance was voted on and approved. Regarding the IGA with MARTA concerning the Flint River Project, it required the City’s attention to ensure the contract would take effect timely. With respect to each item mentioned above, the City only became aware of certain facts and information after the agenda was published.

Adding items to the agenda on the day of public meetings is a routine and ubiquitous act done by the hundreds of cities, counties, authorities, and other public boards throughout the State of Georgia. The Act requires certain conduct by those who it applies to, however, the spirit of the Act is to avoid closed door meetings so the public will be aware of decisions made on their behalf by their elected and/or public officials. Here, the meetings were properly noticed to the public and the decision to add items to the agendas was conducted openly before the public in the meetings.

Turning now to the Town Hall Meeting for Ward 4 (“Town Hall Meeting”) that occurred on March 21, 2024; the City’s position is that notice was given to the public. City officials gave the information to the City’s media department and notice was published

¹ 4, 2024 City Council Meeting Agenda.

² January 2, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.

³ January 16, 2024 City Council Meeting Agenda.

⁴ January 16, 2024 and March 4, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.

⁵ January 16, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.

⁶ March 4, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.



through various media platforms, including the City's main website and Facebook.⁷ Additionally, while a quorum may have been present at the Town Hall Meeting, the intent of the meeting was to present to the public the newly elected City officials, to provide updates on certain matters, and to listen to questions from the public. The City fully appreciates and always aims to adhere to the Act's literal tenets, and in this instance, the City substantially complied with the Act as the public was not prejudiced by any potential unintentional deviation. The distinction between the way the City actually advertised the meeting and the way the act requires advertising is a specious, technical distinction that elevates form over substance. Indeed, from a factual perspective, the public had every bit as much notice as it would have if the City had advertised the meeting in the particular manner prescribed by the Act. Therefore, the facts do not support a finding of a violation.

The City's actions also demonstrate that the City acted in good faith and consistently with the open government policies that animate the Act. In summary, the intent of this Town Hall Meeting was not to conduct any official business, nor was any official action taken. The City advertised the Town Hall Meeting to the public, it was open to the public, and the public appeared and attended the meeting.

Should the Attorney General require additional information concerning this matter, please contact Denmark Ashby. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Winston A. Denmark

*City Attorney for College Park, Georgia,
Managing Partner of Denmark Ashby LLC*

⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/CollegeParkWardIV/>
<https://www.collegeparkga.com/calendar>
https://www.instagram.com/cityofcollegepark/p/C4RXp_RgCO9/



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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 2, 2024**

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Citizens wishing to give citizen remarks during a Regular Session Council meeting can choose one of two options:

[Option#1](#)

Sign in to speak by 7:30 pm on January 2, 2024, at the podium in the City Hall Council Chambers.

[Option #2:](#)

Submit an email with your **name, address, and comment or remark** to pcomment@collegeparkga.com **no later than 7:30 pm on January 2, 2024**. The City Clerk will read your name, address and comment into the official record.

Members of the Public who were unable to sign the Sign-In Sheet before the cutoff time may be granted three (3) minutes to provide public comments; provided, however, that such three (3) minutes of time shall not be donated to another speaker. No additional public comments will be received after the Citizens Remarks agenda item.

RULES FOR REMARKS DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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AGENDA

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 - A. Pledge of allegiance to the flag.
 - B. Invocation.
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 - C. Approval of Special Called Meeting Session Minutes dated September 27, 2023
5. Proclamations, Resolutions, Plaques, Announcements
 - A. Ambrose Clay
 - B. Ken Allen
 - C. Janelle McKenzie for Chaplain Program
 - D. Employee All-Star of the Month
6. Remarks Of Citizens
7. Annual Appointment
 - A. Mayor Pro-Tem for 2024
 - B. Pension Board
 - C. Clayton County Municipal Association
 - D. South Fulton Municipal Association
 - E. Electric Cities of Georgia Voting Delegates

- F. City Legal Organ – Clayton County Daily News and South Fulton Neighborhood News
- G. City Physicians
- H. Appointments for Mayor - Business Industrial Development Authority (BIDA), Keep College Park Beautiful, Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)
- I. Appointment for Ward 1 - Business Industrial Development Authority (BIDA), Keep College Park Beautiful, Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)
- J. Appointment for Ward 3 - Business Industrial Development Authority (BIDA), Keep College Park Beautiful, Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)

8. Other Business

- A. Motion to approve the Atlanta Track Club to hold the Jerome Scales Southside 5 mile & 5k on January 20, 2024, at the College Park MARTA Station from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- B. Motion to approve annual contract renewal with The Emory Clinic to provide Medical Director Services to the City of College Park Fire and Rescue Department at a cost of \$25,000.
- C. Motion to approve a Citywide Certification Incentive Pay Policy for all full-time employees.
- D. Motion to approve employee holiday bonus.
- E. Motion to set a Public Hearing date for January 16, 2024 for a Conditional Use Permit for 1579 Vesta Avenue.
- F. Motion to approve first amendment to the agreement with Clean Energy.
- G. Motion to approve the purchase of two trucks for the Building and Property Sustainability Department's Divisions of Code Enforcement and Building Inspections for the sum total of \$48,510 from Wade Ford of Smyrna Vining's.
- H. Motion to approve the increase of budget allocated to the installation of Speed Tables by \$21,481.70 to S.H Creel Contracting for the addition of two Speed Tables not envisioned in the original scope of work.
- I. Motion to approve purchase of 15 new vehicles and related services for the Police Department based on final quote tabulations previously approved by

- Mayor and Council with quotes from Motorola Solutions, Wade Ford, and Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$978,506.70.
- J. Motion to approve Kemi Construction Company Inc. for emergency repair of a water main break at 4848 Old National Highway/Waffle House.
 - K. Motion to approve Kemi Construction Company Inc. for emergency sanitary sewer point repair of the 8-inch water main and tapping valve at Harvard Avenue and Jefferson Street in the amount of \$35,650.
 - L. Motion to Approve Kemi Construction Company proposal for the Sanitary Sewer Main installation at SR Georgia, 314, West Fayetteville Road, Phoenix Boulevard approximately \$700,000.00.
 - M. Motion to approve Jewel of The South Inc. for the emergency relocation of the sanitary sewer main at 3338 Myrtle Street in the amount of \$32,165.
 - N. Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Animal Control Services between the County of Fulton, Georgia and the City of College Park, Georgia.
 - O. Motion to approve the City's list of designated streets to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation under the 2024 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Resurfacing Program.
 - P. Motion to approve Midwest Municipal Services, LLC as the designated collection agency for managing and collecting delinquent utility accounts on behalf of the City of College Park Customer Service.
 - Q. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-22 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Truist Financial Corporation to finance the acquisition of one 800-HPR-ECO Services IV Mounted High-Pressure Sewer Jet-Vac Truck.
 - R. Motion to approve the purchase of model 800 High Pressure Sewer Cleaner Equipment Series IV Jet-vac Truck from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC in the amount of \$264,438,01.
 - S. Motion to approve purchase of replacement data backup appliance for City servers and user files from Surelock Technology in the amount of \$101,000.
 - T. Motion to extend on-call and general engineering services contract with Prime Engineering Inc. and authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$224,000.

U. Motion to approve expenditure as a task order under existing on-call contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to authorize Prime Engineering Inc. to perform an ALTA (American Land Title Association) survey, updated topographic survey, and utility locate services for Six West residential district.

9. City Attorney's Report.

10. City Manager's Report

11. Report Of Mayor And Council.

12. Adjournment.



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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 16, 2024**

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 - A. Approval of Regular Session Minutes dated January 2, 2024
 - B. Approval of Workshop Session Minutes dated January 2, 2024
 - C. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes dated September 27, 2023
 - D. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes dated January 5, 2024
5. Remarks Of Citizens
6. Annual Appointment
 - A. Appointments for Ward 2 – College Park Main Street Association
 - B. Official Bank Depository
7. Public Hearing
 - A. Motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Type II Home Occupation for an arts and crafts studio at 1579 Vesta Avenue. *Ward 1*
8. Other Business
 - A. Motion to approve the Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) with the Business and Development Authority (BIDA), as approved by Council and amended by BIDA
 - B. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2024-01 to amend certain Sections in Chapter 2 (Administration) relating to parliamentary procedures for City Council meetings and proclamations.

- C. Motion to approve a healthy initiative program developed by the Fulton County Board of Health and the O'Donnell Marketing Group: the "Healthy Looks Good on You" campaign
 - D. Motion to approve the Master Services Agreement with Hinderliter De Llamas & Associates for hotel and motel tax administration
 - E. Motion to extend on-call and general engineering services contract with Prime Engineering Inc. and authorize a purchase order and budget allocation in the amount of \$110,000
 - F. Motion to award an annual contract renewal to Colliers Real Estate Management Services for the continued management of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), federal regional facilities, located at 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA, in the amount of \$119,700 during the contract period of January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024
 - G. Motion to approve the proposed 2024 State Legislative Priorities for the City of College Park, GA
 - H. Motion to approve Resolution Number 21 for the City of College Park's revised application for the Fulton County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) three-year funding grant application for park and facility improvements
 - I. Motion to approve Fulton County Arts and Culture (FCAC) Municipality Support Funds (MSF) grant application for up to \$50,000 for cultural arts programming
 - J. Motion to approve sewer credits totaling \$25,863.41 to various commercial accounts.
 - K. Motion to approve the voting delegate resolution for Electric Cities of Georgia
 - L. Motion to approve 2 Invoices for Flock Safety in the amount of \$48,000
9. City Attorney's Report.
10. City Manager's Report.
11. Report Of Mayor And Council.

12. Executive Session
13. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes
14. Adjournment.



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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 4, 2024**

This will be an in-person meeting that will also broadcast via [Facebook Live](#), and [YouTube Live](#).

Citizens wishing to give citizen remarks during a Regular Session Council meeting can choose one of two options:

[Option#1](#)

Sign in to speak by 7:30 pm on March 4, 2024, at the podium in the City Hall Council Chambers.

[Option #2:](#)

Submit an email with your **name, address, and comment or remark** to pcomment@collegetparkga.com **no later than 7:30 pm on March 4, 2024**. The City Clerk will read your name, address and comment into the official record.

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 - B. Invocation.
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3. Approval of Agenda
4. Presentation Of Minutes Of City Council
 - A. Special Called Meeting Minutes dated January 5, 2024
 - B. Special Called Meeting Minutes dated January 22, 2024
 - C. Regular Session Minutes dated January 16, 2024
 - D. Regular Session Minutes dated February 5, 2024
 - E. Regular Session Minutes dated February 19, 2024
 - F. Workshop Session Minutes dated January 16, 2024
 - G. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 5, 2024
 - H. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 19, 2024
5. Proclamations, Resolutions, Plaques, and Announcements
 - A. Employee of the Month – Mike Antol – Animal Control
6. Remarks Of Citizens
7. Public Hearing
 - A. Request to set the Public Hearing Date for consideration of and action on a Conditional Use Permit application at 2539 Sullivan Road (Parcel ID 13 0036 LL1240) in Ward 2 to allow for a private transloading metal recycling facility serving Georgia Power. The Planning Commission heard this case at their January 29, 2024 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit.
8. Other Business
 - A. Consideration of the approval of the 2024 Federal Legislative priorities for formal submittal to the Federal Delegation via a Resolution. This item is requested by Airport and Governmental Affairs Director, Brecca Carter. This affects all Wards.

- B. Consideration of and action on a request from the Grady Health Foundation to host "Rules of The Road" fundraiser bike ride on April 27, 2024 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A portion of bike course is within the City of College Park city limits. This item is requested by City Clerk, Shavala Ames.
- C. Consideration of and action on a request to approve invoice from Proof of the Pudding at the Georgia International Convention Center, for Police Department's 16th Annual Valentine's Seniors' Social in the amount of \$23,356.50. This is a budgeted item. This item is requested by Connie Rogers, Chief of Police.
- D. Consideration on and action of a request for approval of Resolution No.2024-03 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2024 for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Enterprise Funds. This item is requested by Althea Philord-Bradley, Director of Finance.
- E. Consideration of and action on Resolution No. 2024-04, to impose a 1% Municipal Option Sales Tax within the City and to direct the municipal superintendent to call a special election for the purpose of submitting the question of the imposition of the tax to the voters of College Park. This item is requested by Director of Finance, Althea Philord-Bradley.
- F. Consideration of and action on a request for approval of the proposed Mayor and Council Departmental Budget Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as well as an opportunity for general policy direction by elected leadership. See attached draft Departmental Budget Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. This item is requested by Director of Finance, Althea Philord-Bradley.
- G. Consideration of and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-05, adopting regulations concerning the boarding of doors and windows. See attached Ordinance and memorandum. This item is requested by Marcus Robinson, Chief Building Inspector. This item affects all Wards.
- H. Consideration on and action of a request to approve On-Demand contractor, Kemi Construction to install 160 feet of 18-inch HDPE Storm Sewer Pipe. This pipe will discharge into the creek bed on Frontage Road, aiming to prevent flooding at the intersection of Potomac Drive and Camp Creek Parkway. This item is being requested by Highway, Streets and Storm Water Superintendent, Raymond Cotton. This request will support drainage issues within Ward 2. This is a budgeted item.
- I. Consideration of and action on a request to approve payment of the emergency Insert, 12-inch valve in the amount of, \$39,025.00. utilizing our On Demand Contractor Kemi Construction., Inc., at Jefferson Street and Columbia Avenue. This item is being requested by Water & Sewer Superintendents Timothy Lewis & Antwan Dorsey. This item affects Ward 3. This is a budgeted item.

- J. Consideration of and action on a request to approve the emergency Insert, 12-inch valve in the amount of, \$88,875.00. utilizing our On Demand Contractor Kemi Construction., Inc., at Temple Avenue and Lee Street. This item is being requested by Water & Sewer Superintendents Timothy Lewis & Antwan Dorsey. This item affects Ward 3. This is a budgeted item.
 - K. Consideration on and action of a request to pay J.W.C. Environmental for an emergency purchase of 2 Muffin Monsters. This equipment was purchased June & July 2023 under the direction of Jackson Myers, Interim Director. This item is being requested by Water & Sewer Superintendents Timothy Lewis & Antwan Dorsey. This will affect all Wards. This is a budgeted item.
 - L. Consideration of and action on a request to select a voting delegate for consideration of Three Statewide Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission Members (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members. This item is being requested by the Interim City Manager, Dr. Emmanuel Adediran.
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- 9. City Attorney's Report.
 - 10. City Manager's Report.
 - 11. Report Of Mayor And Council.
 - 12. Executive Session
 - 13. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes
 - 14. Adjournment.

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 2, 2024

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Councilwoman Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman Joe Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold and Councilman Roderick Gay; City Manager Stanley Hawthorne; City Attorney Winston Demark; City Clerk Shavala Ames

Absent: None

1. Opening Ceremonies.

A. Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

B. Invocation by Chaplin Dent

2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments, Or Changes To The Agenda

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to remove 5d. Employee of the Month and add 12a. Approve Executive Minutes, 12b. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes, 7g. Bank Depository, 8a. Administrative guidelines and policies, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

4. Presentation Of Minutes Of City Council

A. Approval of Regular Session Minutes dated November 6, 2023

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated November 6, 2023, seconded by Councilman Gay, Councilwomen McKenzie and Arnold abstained and motion carried.

B. Approval of Workshop Session Minutes dated November 6, 2023

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve the Workshop Session Minutes dated November 6, 2023, seconded by Councilman Gay, Councilwomen McKenzie and Arnold abstained and motion carried.

C. Approval of Special Called Meeting Session Minutes dated September 27, 2023

ACTION: No Action.

5. Proclamations, Resolutions, Plaques, Announcements

A. Ambrose Clay

B. Jamelle McKenzie for Chaplain Program

6. Remarks Of Citizens

Demetrius Taylor said, Good evening. As I said, welcome to 2024. I am Demetrius Taylor, a 15-year resident of the Embarcadero Club Apartments in Ward 1, and you will always hear me say, "Honey, I'm not the voice of the people, I am the people." What an interesting election season we had. The ancestors are dancing in jubilee as we are still creating history and showing that our excellence is being highlighted. For the first time in the 128-year history of this city, we are governed by an all-African American elected body. In addition to our city manager, our city attorney, our city clerk, HR Director, Police, and Fire Chiefs are all African American. As we rejoice in this accomplishment, do know that we are expecting excellence in love to be carried out and demonstrated so that College Park can set a precedent on the south side. Now, these are my concerns. It's time that we see Councilman Roderick Gay as the Mayor Pro Tem, as it has been approved to go in numerical order. With this suggestion, that newly elected officials serve one year before giving this honor, placing Councilman Gay in this position would definitely put that in rotation. Now, some time ago, the citizens inquired about the Mayor and Council developing a system and responding to the concerns raised in the communications portion of a council meeting. I had even suggested that you either get with the city manager and put those responses in a bi-weekly strategic report, or you can produce a video that can be placed on the city's Facebook and YouTube pages so that, um, the people can hear from you. What happened to this idea? Can we count on you to implement that in the future? Please clarify something for me. During the election, the votecollegepark.com page listed the GICC and the Arena as the hospitality area of College Park as Ward 3, and it was my understanding that it's Ward 2, and since we didn't have any redistricting done in our city, which information is correct? Now, this may not be a city thing, but can we petition the state or somebody to do something about the streetlights that are out on Interstate-85 between Virginia Avenue and Hapeville exits? Um, wait a minute, lost my place. We want to make sure that stretch of College Park is indeed still us, and we want to make sure that our citizens are safe, especially when trying to utilize the airport. I want to say thank you for the wonderful work with the street repairs and repavement. I do hope that we have West Point Street on that list. The area between Lee Street and Best Road definitely needs to be repaired and the yellow lines done. I recently watched our public works department take care of the landscaping, and it looks incredible. Thank you, guys. We do see you.

Tina Hill said, Good evening, congratulation, Happy New Year and a special congratulations to our two new Councilwomen. History is made. My name is Tina Hill, I live on Parkview Drive and please repave Parkview Drive. We talked about that at Nasuom with the previous council person and we have some trees that need to be taken down, so please look at Parkview Drive. My communication rally has to do with the Citizen's remark time. I usually watch online, but this year I'm gonna be attending. No answers, you know, never come out of it. And if they are, where do they go. I really urge the council to please, please, please, when you get these concerns, please appoint either you or a department head for action. But once action is taken, can it be communicated back to the citizen, but can we add a tab to the website, which needs updating anyway, for citizen remarks and results? Because if I have a concerns chances are 20 over people or plus. Really, communication would improve. Also, the website, I'd also like to see a tab for emergency and after-hour contacts, contact people and numbers because when you have an emergency, you really have to search to find a number and half of the time when you call the number, nothing happens. So, it needs to be updated with something that's current. I thinks all I have. Thank you.

Coach German said, Happy New Year, congratulations to our new Council people. I'd like to defer my three minutes just to see what happens after this current meeting. Thank you.

Stanley Muhammad said, Thank you Miss Ames, we seek refuge in God from the cursed Satan, in the most holy name of God, the beneficent, the most merciful. Greetings, Mayor and council officials. I also want to lift my voice with the chorus of those congratulating the Mayor on being re-elected and also the council who fought so hard for the seats they sit in to represent your constituents. I would say I thank God for what I see on the mayor and council seats. I think we have a chance to address the most neglected part of our city – and that's the poor and the destitute. And that's our Black community, that has been grossly underserved and neglected for so many years. As I grew up in College Park, attended Brookville Elementary, as did my wife who grew up here. And I would say be humble, don't walk proud. Because, if you look at it 15,000 people in this nine-square-mile city and only having 1,100, or 500, or even 200 people vote for you, you don't represent the masses. And that's a sign that the people are grossly dissatisfied with the leadership. So, dissatisfaction brings about change. It's not about you all agreeing with each other, it's about you agreeing with your constituents. You should be the voice of your constituents but don't forget who put you there. Don't play God with these employees who sacrifice so much for the city. Former councilman Ambrose Clay talked about how fine these employees are. We have a great city manager, Mr. Hawthorne, and I appreciate his updates online. Politics is corrupt, the bathtub is your constituent, stay in that bathtub and wash, be clean. Listen to their concerns, show that you really love the people by addressing their concerns. I'd like to see a change in the ethics board. You have one person hiring a law firm that doesn't represent our community. It was voted in illegally and unlawfully. Let a person be chosen from each ward to decide if a council member, mayor, or city official has violated the ethics of this community. Justice is fair dealing; the more you have on a jury, the more chance you get justice. I don't want a bench trial; judges and hearing officers can be influenced. Put it back in the hands of the people, know you are the servant, and the people are the master. God bless you on your journey.

Larry Brady Evans said, Good evening, Mayor, council. My name is Larry Brady Evans. I reside at 2112 West Princeton Avenue, College Park, Georgia. I'd like to greet all of you tonight, the newly elected officials, the mayor, the councilmen, the heads of the city, with greetings of peace. Some of you know me, some don't, some will, and some won't. I've lived here in College Park since 1959, and I've never seen an administration like the one before me today. I'm not saying it's good, bad, or ugly; I'm saying I've just never seen it before. So, with that being said, I hope and pray that this administration can exemplify what we in College Park have always known - to get along with each other. You all have taken on a job, do that job to the best of your ability. Let bygones be buried in the womb of time, move forward, and respect each other. I feel there needs to be some changes around here, starting with the mayor, council, Police Department, fire department, city heads, and citizens. Let's all come together as one, representing College Park. Let's move forward with respect for each and every one, irrespective of color. We're all part of the human race. So, with that being said, we, the originals of College Park, have a saying: 'College Park born, College Park grown, when I die, I'll be College Park gone.' I'd like to leave you all as I came before you, with greetings of peace. Thank you.

Allyson Blue, read verbatim by the City Clerk, I hope this message finds you well. I'm Alison Blue, Nurse Practitioner at Novella Care, the new healthcare facility at 2755 Main Street, Suite 101, in College Park, Georgia. I'm writing to seek approval to address the Mayor and Council members at the City of College Park on January 2nd, 2024. We aim to introduce Noll's Care Hospital in your home model with a primary care practice element designed to enhance accessibility and convenience in healthcare. We believe our approach aligns with the community's well-being and would appreciate the opportunity to share our vision and address any questions or concerns from the Mayor and Council. Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to contributing to the health and vitality of College Park.

Selissa Jefferson, read verbatim by the City Clerk, Good evening, Council. I would like to disclose to the Council a violation of the charter or bylaws or otherwise acted contrary to law of our BIDA member, Sherry Godfrey, attorney Esquire, who conducted a confident breach as a participant of the disclosure of executive session activity of our BIDA's November 2023 board meeting through an online Facebook post created by a citizen named Bo Causey, which disclosed executive session meeting activity. Member Sherry Godfrey violated the Georgia open meeting policy by condoning this disclosure of the executive session activity by commenting on the Facebook online posting. Therefore, I am requesting that Council sanction member Sherry Godfrey from the BIDA board. I would like to say thank you to the concerned citizen who brought this violation to my attention as chair of BIDA. Also, please let us work together to keep our community accountable of our Charter, bylaws, policies. We all must conduct ourselves accordingly to adhere to. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Best regards, Miss Selissa Jefferson

Rex Willis said, Good evening and Happy New Year. Rex Willis, 1927. I first have to say congratulations. I've been here 45 years. Charles Phillips would be so proud to see what's up there right now, and Tracey Wyatt, who's sitting behind me, 20 years ago, there was only one African-American department head. Tracey came in with Joe and Chuck and changed it. David Walson, Regular Session

who's a good friend of mine, was the first fire chief, black then, the first police chief. When I came here, there were only a couple of African American firefighters. It's not because of you are African American, it's just what you represent. Tracy Arnold, what you represent, Jamelle McKenzie, Roderick Gay, Joe Carn, Mayor Motley Broom, that's what you represent. I had someone say I'm not digging, says, said, 'I don't know if it's good or not.' I know it's good. God wouldn't have put you there. I don't have any doubt. But congratulations to you all. Such a great honor to see you all here and what you're going to do for the city, for this community, the employees, and everyone. That's what I'm looking for, because I'm going to tell you, I know you, but I'm going to hold you accountable. Every citizen I speak with says 'hold them accountable.' But I know you all are going to do the right thing. I'm not worried at all. Ambrose Clay, congratulations for your 16 years of service. Thank you very much. On January the 20th, College Park Citizen Association will be having the practice downtown on Main Street. I would like to invite everyone to come out. Everyone is invited to come out. It starts at 10:00 a.m. I'll get council the address. Also, very quickly. Thank you all so much from the city. We serviced almost 500 people in our last food distribution. People from employees from the city and all over came out. Fulton County Commissioner came out, Councilman Carn, Police Department's Ronnie Wyatt, Councilman Gay, thank you so much. We really appreciate your support. Someone said earlier about the need. We do have a need here in the city, and we want to continue trying to do our best to help each and everyone who needs assistance. It's not a handout; it's a help up and some assistance. So, we pray and hope everyone comes. If you need anything, we can assist you with Favor House. We're here; you have our number. We have food, clothing, we deal with electrical, every aspect that can help someone in this city. So, thank you again, Happy New Year.

Subrenia Willis said, I just want to say when I came in the room and just to see what I see today, I'm just elated. Congratulations, and I'm looking forward to our city just moving forward and just going to through the bigger doors.

7. Annual Appointment

A. Mayor Pro-Tem for 2024

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to appoint Councilman Roderick Gay for Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

B. Pension Board

ACTION: Councilman Carn move to appoint Councilmembers McKenzie, Arnold and Gay to the Pension Board, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

C. Clayton County Municipal Association

ACTION: Councilwoman McKenzie moved to appoint Councilwoman Tracie Arnold to the Clayton County Municipal Association, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.

D. South Fulton Municipal Association

ACTION: Councilwoman Arnold moved to appoint Councilman Carn to the South Fulton Municipal Association, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

E. Electric Cities of Georgia Voting Delegates

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to appoint Councilwoman McKenzie as an Electric Cities of Georgia Voting Delegate, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

F. City Legal Organ – Clayton County Daily News and South Fulton Neighborhood News

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to appoint the Clayton County Daily News and South Fulton Neighborhood News as the City’s Legal Organ for 2024, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

G. City Physicians

ACTION: Councilman Gay moved to the approve the City Physicians, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.

H. Appointments for Mayor - Business Industrial Development Authority (BIDA), Keep College Park Beautiful, Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve Mayoral appointment Melissa Desilra to the Keep College Park Beautiful, and Nicole Adams to the Destination Marketing Organization, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

I. Appointment for Ward 1 - Business Industrial Development Authority (BIDA), Keep College Park Beautiful, Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve Ward 1 appointment Leitheia Williams to the Business and Industrial Development Authority, Sakena Abernathy to the Keep College Park Beautiful, and Karen Jeremie to the Destination Marketing Organization, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

J. Appointment for Ward 3 - Business Industrial Development Authority (BIDA), Keep College Park Beautiful, Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve Ward 3 appointment Tracey Wyatt to the Business and Industrial Development Authority, Constance Rodriquez to the Keep

College Park Beautiful, Keshia Porter to the Destination Marketing Organization, Leanna Lee to College Park Main Street Association, Ray Taylor to the Board of Zoning and Appeals, and Denny Sabelese to the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

8. Other Business

A. Administrative guidelines and policies

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to the Administrative guidelines, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried:

- a) The mayor shall sign all ordinances, resolutions, and contracts within three (3) business days of their approval by the city council and deliver the executed documents to the city clerk; and if the mayor fails to sign in accordance herewith, such ordinance, resolution, or contract shall be signed forthwith by the mayor pro tem.
- b) No later than twenty-four hours (24) following each meeting of the city council, the city clerk shall publish on the city's website a list of all ordinances, resolutions, and contracts approved by the city council; and the city clerk shall further notify the mayor pro tem and other members of city council whether the mayor has signed such ordinances, resolutions, and contracts within three business days of their approval, as required.
- c) While presiding over the deliberations of the city council in accordance with the charter, the mayor shall be prohibited from commenting or expressing opinions on the matters being discussed;
- d) Effective January 15, at all regular and special meetings of the city council, the city clerk shall be responsible for sounding the items listed on the meeting agenda;
- e) At all regular and special meetings of the city council, it shall be the responsibility of the city manager to recognize speakers and tally votes, but the city manager shall carry out these functions through the use of a suitable electronic system, which the city manager shall research and present to the city council for consideration by the second meeting in January 2024.
- f) The city council by consensus may extend the time for an individual speaker to speak during public comment and may also extend the total time allotted for public comment at any meeting of the city council.
- g) The mayor and each member of city council shall be entitled to make closing comments at the conclusion of each regular or special meetings of the city council; however, the mayor shall at all times be first in the order of speakers.

- h) All proclamations of the City of College Park shall be presented to the city council for approval at the second meeting of each month, and if approved by the city council, such proclamation shall be read and delivered at the first meeting of the following month;
 - i) Proclamations of the City of College Park shall be proposed by members of the city council, in numerical ward rotation, with each councilmember reading and delivering the proclamation he or she proposed at the meeting following the approval of such proposed proclamation by the full council.
 - j) The city manager and city directors may propose proclamations to the city council, and if such proposed proclamations are approved by the city council, they shall be read and delivered at the next regular meeting of the city council by the mayor, the city manager, or a staff member, as appropriate.
 - k) Direct the city attorney to prepare a charter amendment that authorizes the city council to terminate all department heads and city employees by majority vote; provided that the city manager shall retain the authority to hire department heads and employees and the concurrent authority to terminate department heads and employees; provided further that department heads terminated by the city manager shall have the right to appeal such terminations to the city council.
 - l) The city council shall at this meeting appoint new members to the following four city bodies: (1) Main Street Association (CPMSA); (2) Planning Commission; (3) Board of Zoning Appeals; and (4) Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) delegate;
 - m) The city attorney shall prepare any ordinances or resolutions legally necessary to memorialize the motions adopted by the city council at this meeting;
 - n) Executive session be held at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss litigation, real, estate, and personnel, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act;
- B. Motion to approve the Atlanta Track Club to hold the Jerome Scales Southside 5 mile & 5k on January 20, 2024, at the College Park MARTA Station from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ACTION: Councilwoman McKenzie moved to the Atlanta Track Club to hold the Jerome Scales Southside 5 mile & 5k on January 20, 2024, at the College Park MARTA Station from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried. (All voted yes).

- C. Motion to approve annual contract renewal with The Emory Clinic to provide Medical Director Services to the City of College Park Fire and Rescue Department at a cost of \$25,000.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to the annual contract renewal with The Emory Clinic to provide Medical Director Services to the City of College Park Fire and Rescue Department at a cost of \$25,000, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

D. Motion to approve a Citywide Certification Incentive Pay Policy for all full-time employees.

ACTION: Councilwoman Arnold moved to deny the Citywide Certification Incentive Pay Policy for all full-time employees, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.

E. Motion to approve employee holiday bonus.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve the employee holiday bonus with proviso that fund be pulled out of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund budget or other reserves, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

F. Motion to set a Public Hearing date for January 16, 2024 for a Conditional Use Permit for 1579 Vesta Avenue.

ACTION: Councilwoman McKenzie moved to set a Public Hearing date for January 16, 2024 for a Conditional Use Permit for 1579 Vesta Avenue, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

G. Motion to approve first amendment to the agreement with Clean Energy.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve the first amendment to the agreement with Clean Energy, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

H. Motion to approve the purchase of two trucks for the Building and Property Sustainability Department's Divisions of Code Enforcement and Building Inspections for the sum total of \$48,510 from Wade Ford of Smyrna Vining's.

ACTION: Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the purchase of two trucks for the Building and Property Sustainability Department's Divisions of Code Enforcement and Building Inspections for the sum total of \$48,510 from Wade Ford of Smyrna Vining's, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

- I. Motion to approve the increase of budget allocated to the installation of Speed Tables by \$21,481.70 to S.H Creel Contracting for the addition of two Speed Tables not envisioned in the original scope of work.

ACTION: Councilwoman Arnold moved to approve the increase of budget allocated to the installation of Speed Tables by \$21,481.70 to S.H Creel Contracting for the addition of two Speed Tables not envisioned in the original scope of work, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

- J. Motion to approve purchase of 15 new vehicles and related services for the Police Department based on final quote tabulations previously approved by Mayor and Council with quotes from Motorola Solutions, Wade Ford, and Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$978,506.70.

ACTION: Councilwoman Arnold moved to approve purchase of 15 new vehicles and related services for the Police Department based on final quote tabulations previously approved by Mayor and Council with quotes from Motorola Solutions, Wade Ford, and Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$978,506.70, seconded by Councilman McKenzie and motion carried.

- K. Motion to approve Kemi Construction Company Inc. for emergency repair of a water main break at 4848 Old National Highway/Waffle House.

ACTION: Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve Kemi Construction Company Inc. for emergency repair of a water main break at 4848 Old National Highway/Waffle House, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

- L. Motion to approve Kemi Construction Company Inc. for emergency sanitary sewer point repair of the 8-inch water main and tapping valve at Harvard Avenue and Jefferson Street in the amount of \$35,650.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve Kemi Construction Company Inc. for emergency sanitary sewer point repair of the 8-inch water main and tapping valve at Harvard Avenue and Jefferson Street in the amount of \$35,650, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

- M. Motion to approve Kemi Construction Company proposal for the Sanitary Sewer Main installation at SR Georgia, 314, West Fayetteville Road, Phoenix Boulevard approximately \$700,000.00.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve Kemi Construction Company proposal for the Sanitary Sewer Main installation at SR Georgia, 314 West Fayetteville Road, Phoenix Boulevard approximately \$700,000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

- N. Motion to approve Jewel of The South Inc. for the emergency relocation of the sanitary sewer main at 3338 Myrtle Street in the amount of \$32,165.

ACTION: Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve Jewel of The South Inc. for the emergency relocation of the sanitary sewer main at 3338 Myrtle Street in the amount of \$32,165, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.

- O. Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Animal Control Services between the County of Fulton, Georgia and the City of College Park, Georgia.

ACTION: Councilwoman Arnold moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Animal Control Services between the County of Fulton, Georgia and the City of College Park, Georgia, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

- P. Motion to approve the City's list of designated streets to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation under the 2024 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Resurfacing Program.

ACTION: Councilwoman Arnold moved to approve the City's list of designated streets to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation under the 2024 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Resurfacing Program, seconded by Councilman Gay but motion was withdrawn.

ACTION: Councilman Gay moved to approve Ward 4 designated streets with the addition of Mount Vernon Way, Skyline Drive to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation under the 2024 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Resurfacing Program, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie but motion was withdrawn.

- Q. Motion to approve Midwest Municipal Services, LLC as the designated collection agency for managing and collecting delinquent utility accounts on behalf of the City of College Park Customer Service.

ACTION: Councilman Gay moved to table Midwest Municipal Services, LLC as the designated collection agency for managing and collecting delinquent utility accounts on behalf of the City of College Park Customer Service, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold but motion was withdrawn.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve Midwest Municipal Services, LLC as the designated collection agency for managing and collecting delinquent utility accounts on behalf of the City of College Park Customer Service, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

- R. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-22 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Truist Financial Corporation to finance the acquisition of one 800-HPR-ECO Services IV Mounted High-Pressure Sewer Jet-Vac Truck.

ACTION: Councilman Gay moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-22 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Truist Financial Corporation to finance the acquisition of one 800-HPR-ECO Services IV Mounted High-Pressure Sewer Jet-Vac Truck, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.

- S. Motion to approve the purchase of model 800 High Pressure Sewer Cleaner Equipment Series IV Jet-vac Truck from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC in the amount of \$264,438,01.

ACTION: Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the purchase of model 800 High Pressure Sewer Cleaner Equipment Series IV Jet-vac Truck from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC in the amount of \$264,438.01, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

- T. Motion to approve purchase of replacement data backup appliance for City servers and user files from Surelock Technology in the amount of \$101,000.

ACTION: Councilwoman Arnold moved to approve the purchase of replacement data backup appliance for City servers and user files from Surelock Technology in the amount of \$101,000, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

- U. Motion to extend on-call and general engineering services contract with Prime Engineering Inc. and authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$224,000.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to authorize the payment to Prime Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$118,786.81 for outstanding invoices, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

- V. Motion to approve expenditure as a task order under existing on-call contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to authorize Prime Engineering Inc. to perform an ALTA (American Land Title Association) survey, updated topographic survey, and utility locate services for Six West residential district.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve an expenditure as a task order under existing on-call contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to authorize Prime Engineering Inc. to perform an ALTA (American Land Title Association) survey, updated topographic survey, and utility locate services for Six West residential district, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

- W. Georgia Municipal Association Delegates

ACTION: Councilman Gay moved to appoint Councilman Carn and Councilwoman McKenzie as the Georgia Municipal Association Delegates, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.

9. City Attorney's Report. – Nothing to report.

10. City Manager's Report – Nothing to report.

11. Report Of Mayor And Council.

Mayor Motley Broom – Nothing to Report

Councilwoman McKenzie - Thanked record breaking voters, husband, etc.; Email Distribution list - will work with Mr. Clay; Ward 1 website is up – www.oneward1.com; Has a town hall set up for later this month.

Councilman Carn - South Fulton Neighbor - are residents able to sign up for the paper or can apartment complexes get a stack of papers delivered; Welcomed the two new members; Reports requested: list of exempt/non-exempt employees, remote workers/schedule, DMO remote workers; Create a response system to the public comments; Attitude of disdain towards the new council: group of individuals against council that is led by individual that do not set public policy; A lot of staff is not cutting the mustard; Mediocrity – the City Manager needs to get to the bottom of this; Better Customer Service; Further research in the Bank Depository – Contact people from Fulton County; Draft an ordinance to change the Board appointments timeframe; Add board appointment to next agenda for one of his members.

Councilwoman Arnold - Operate in excellence; Will make announcements at the next meeting.

Councilman Gay - Look at the FMLA Policy; Thanked people for kind words; Had a doctor's excuse for the past two meetings but only missed two meetings in eight years; Everyone can strike but doesn't see AJC or News First to celebrate two African American women.

12. Executive Session

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to dismiss Executive Session item – Wally Park, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

13. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes dated January 2, 2024, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

14. Adjournment.

Mayor Motley Broom adorned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

Bianca Motley Broom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shavala Ames, City Clerk

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CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 16, 2024

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Councilwoman Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman Joe Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold, and Councilman Roderick Gay; City Manager Stanley Hawthorne; City Clerk Shavala Ames; and City Attorney Winston Denmark.

Absent; None.

1. Opening Ceremonies.

A. Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

B. Invocation by Chaplain Stewart.

2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments, Or Changes To The Agenda.

City Manager Stanley Hawthorne said nothing from staff.

Mayor Motley Broom asked, anything from the Body?

Councilman Joe Carn said I received your email. Are those two back on the agenda now?

City Manager Stanley Hawthorne said no, you would need to add them Councilman Carn.

Councilman Joe Carn said let' go ahead and add them on.

City Manager Stanley Hawthorne said one is a to approve the development of a hotel/motel multifamily lighting standards. The second one is a motion to approve bi-monthly multifamily taskforce meetings.

Councilman Joe Carn said there was one additional one that slipped my mind. It is on impact fees. I wanted to initiate an impact fee study.

Councilman Joe Carn said I have one more, a discussion on the MARTA contracts for the 7 acres with the Flint River Deal, IGA. I think that is it.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to add to the agenda Items 8m, Development of hotel/motel multifamily lighting standards; 8n, Motion to approve bi-monthly multifamily taskforce meetings; 8o, Discussion of impact fees; and

46 8p, Discussion of contract with MARTA and the City of College Park,
47 seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.
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49 3. Approval of Agenda.

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51 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve the January 16, 2024 Meeting Agenda,
52 seconded by Councilwoman Tracie Arnold and motion carried.
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54 4. Presentation Of Minutes Of City Council.

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56 A. Regular Session held January 2, 2024.

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58 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Regular Session Minutes dated January
59 2, 2024, with corrections, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried
60 as follows:
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62 Packet Page 24, Line 243, missing Ms. Leann Gray for CPMFA.
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64 B. Workshop Session held January 2, 2024.

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66 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Workshop Session Minutes dated
67 January 2, 2024, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and
68 motion carried.
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70 C. Special Called Meeting held September 27, 2023.

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72 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Special Called Meeting Minutes dated
73 September 27, 2023, as presented, seconded by Councilman Gay.
74 Councilman Carn voted yes. Councilman Gay voted yes. Councilwoman
75 McKenzie abstained. Councilwoman Arnold abstained. Motion passed.
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77 D. Special Called Meeting held January 5, 2024.

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79 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Special Called Meeting Minutes dated
80 January 5, 2024, as presented, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion
81 carried.
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83 5. Remarks Of Citizens.

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85 Ms. Millie Gosh, 2348 Rugby Avenue, College Park, Ga., came forward and said I'm
86 a business owner on Main Street, and I live on Rugby Avenue. I want to thank you so
87 much for the time that you put in. It has not gone without notice. I just wanted to make
88 sure you guys knew how important this community is to us as citizens.
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90 Ms. Gosh said change is always nerve racking. I understand there is going to be a
91 parliamentary change that is brought up on the second where the Mayor would not be

92 hosting the meeting. I just don't understand. I'd like to know a little bit more. So,
93 going forward, when you make decisions for this sweet little town, I want you to do it
94 without hatred, without racism, without ego, without corruption, and without self-
95 promotion. Because the citizens of College Park deserve honesty and fairness in their
96 governess. And we're going to be watching just to make sure we understand. Thank
97 you very much.

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99 Ms. Betsy Eastman, 1833 Rugby Avenue, College Park, Ga., came forward and said I
100 want to echo Millie Gosh's comments about thanking you for your work, because two
101 of you are just starting this process of taking on the challenges of running this City. It
102 will take a lot of effort to be involved and to be responsive to us as citizens, and we
103 certainly do appreciate that when we hear back from you.

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105 Ms. Eastman said I am speaking in opposition to the Ordinance to Amend the
106 parliamentary procedure that was raised on January 2, 2024. In that meeting I don't
107 understand. We've been running our meetings here in College Park for years with
108 having a Mayor running them, and I don't understand why you feel the need to change
109 that process. Our Mayor does follow procedure. She tries to move it along efficiently.
110 She is polite. She is fair. And yet, many times she has over spoken as she is trying to
111 administer the meeting in a proper and correct way.

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113 Ms. Eastman said there seems to be petty politics. We have a lot of things going on, a
114 lot of questions about how we're spending our money. But tonight, my concern is how
115 we are treating each other on this council with respect. And I ask for you to change
116 your minds on this Ordinance and to think about what all of us want as citizens in this
117 city. Thank you.

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119 Ms. Tina Hill, 3515 Parkview Drive, College Park, Ga., came forward and said I am
120 going to start off with the trees. Unfortunately, last week we had a gentleman from
121 Jonesboro die when a tree fell on him when he drove to work. We have so many dead
122 trees that the City owns, and they are very tall with a lot of dead weeds all over them.
123 When they do fall, who is going to get killed or lose a home? I spoke to my
124 Councilperson McKenzie and gave her two examples within three blocks of my home.
125 I don't know if it is a line item in the budget. I don't know which department is in
126 charge of that, or if that is something the City has.

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128 Ms. Hill said the second thing is communication. Quality and clarity is so needed. At
129 the first of the year I came to a personal Swearing-In, and the flyer had the wrong date.
130 There were people who didn't even come because the wrong date was on the flyer. We
131 need a calendar where people can participate in our community. Push Push had an
132 opening; where was that advertised? The police had coffee with citizens. I saw
133 pictures. But unless you hit Facebook at the right time, you're missing out. What about
134 people who don't have the internet? Understand that not everybody has the same
135 access or the same abilities. We should not be advertising things only on Facebook.
136 We used to do it in the utility bill.

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138 Ms. Hill said lastly, I'm going to voice a concern that is probably going to divide a lot
139 of people. I'm on the old mail list for our old, retired person Ambrose Clay. I love
140 Ambrose. He served well. He is going to keep his "Clay On Council" website. And I
141 replied to him immediately, because I think that is a disservice to new people coming
142 into the community. He is not "Clay On Council", and I asked him, please change the
143 name. We don't need to keep dividing people. Can I ask for someone's 30 seconds?
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145 **ACTION:** Councilwoman Janelle McKenzie moved to allow Ms. Hill more time to
146 finish her comments, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.
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148 Councilman Joe Carn said we have never had to vote on this before. This is a perfect
149 example of communication issues.
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151 Ms. Hill continued. We have an election. It's done. We have to move forward. I
152 know there are people upset about Robert's Rules and what happened. It is what it is.
153 Mayor, you have a new website; mayorbianca.com. And my concern, I don't think we
154 need a rehash of thoughts of a meeting. We need to help people. We have people with
155 no heat. We have big concerns in our city. We have to put this petty crap aside. So,
156 that's my concern. People are going to hate me if they want to. I don't really care at
157 this point. This thing with 'Clay On Council'; stop. You're not on Council. Mayor,
158 please, I know you're upset. Please, let's be fair on the website. I think we have to
159 give Council some credit. They had a great first meeting. We're going to move this
160 city forward. Thank you for the extra time.
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162 Ms. Stephanie Jones, 1824 Cambridge Avenue, College Park, Ga., came forward and
163 said I believe the Mayor's ability to share her knowledge and insights on city business
164 is a critical element of our continued success. I implore you not to be shortsighted, but
165 to think about the future of this great city and acknowledge all of the voices that can
166 make it great. And I ask that you consider this as part of your consideration of the
167 change to parliamentary procedures. Thank you.
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169 City Clerk Shavala Ames said next I am moving on to the email comments.
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171 Ms. Wendy Tennery stated: As a very concerned citizen of College Park, I am appalled
172 at the lack of teamwork the city council members have demonstrated thus far.
173 Councilwoman McKenzie cited Roberts rules of Order to silence mayor Motley
174 Broom. In my research, I've found that Roberts Rules of Order is "recommended to be
175 used in groups larger than 12. In small groups it is imperative that the mayor must have
176 a voice in order to present a fair, and balanced argument."
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178 Also, it is stated that "each item presented for consideration is entitled to a full and free
179 debate. Each person speaks once, until everyone else has had an opportunity to speak."
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181 So, with that said, how does the council group together ten agenda items for one vote
182 without discussion? It seems very shady and unethical.

183 The city of College Park elected our mayor twice and it wasn't for her exceptional
184 ability to chair city council meetings. It was because we honor and respect her. We
185 chose her to represent our values and act in our best interest.
186 Please let her do just that.

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188 Thank you for your time,
189 Wendy Tennery

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191 Ms. Sartia Kelly King said: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do
192 that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." - Dr. Martin Luther King,
193 Jr. I'm Sartia Kelly King, residing on York Road in the Mighty Ward IV. I want to
194 address my concerns about Mayor Motley Broom and her "friends" rallying people to
195 create chaos due to their opposition to the changes happening this year with the new
196 council. It's time to accept the outcome – the people have spoken, the people have
197 elected representatives whom we trust. There was no rallying in the past four years;
198 you and the previous council voted collectively. The majority in this city has been
199 underserved tremendously since the departure of the late Longino. Change is
200 challenging and uncomfortable, and those smart strong Black men who lost their jobs
201 or were forced to resign during your tenure may agree. This is the new College Park,
202 and the majority supports it. If you don't, you can step down and allow someone else
203 to take the reins instead of causing chaos for the next four years because we the
204 majority are honestly sick and tired of the shenanigans.

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206 It's time to give it up – the next four years are all about change and unity! That pain
207 hits differently when you have to sit in it and that is all you and your neighbors can do
208 at this point.

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210 Congratulations, Councilman Gay, on your election as Mayor Pro Tem. And,
211 congratulations to the entire city of College Park – we have finally achieved the unity
212 we've been praying for. Allow these individuals to fulfill the responsibilities they were
213 elected for and refrain from obstructing their progress due to personal vendettas. To the
214 new council, maintain your morale and stand united.

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216 Have a good evening and stay safe!

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218 Mr. Demetris Taylor said: Greetings and Salutations to All Mayor and Council and
219 to the citizens of College Park

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221 I am Demetris Taylor, 16-year resident of Embarcadero Club Apartments in Ward 2
222 and as I will continue to say, I am not THE VOICE of the People...I AM THE
223 PEOPLE!!

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225 First, I would like to commend Mayor Bianca for establishing the Mayor Bianca
226 Bulletin as a direct response to my inquiry about Mayor and Council actually answering
227 the questions posed during Council Meeting by the citizenry. In addition,
228 Councilwoman McKenzie has also created her platform, the One Ward 1 Facebook

229 page where she has already begun to address the concerns citizens have about the
230 ongoings of City Council. Thank you, ladies, for your concerted efforts of being
231 communicative with us. It is my hope that the others will follow suit and I trust that
232 it's all in a matter of time.

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234 Footnote: Councilwoman McKenzie, THANK YOU for explaining why the council
235 voted the way they did on the operational procedures of The Council. For far too long
236 we have been operating haphazardly and now that we have a new administration, I
237 believe this is what is needed to put things in proper order.

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239 Secondly, I have deep concerns about the Hightower project. Where is it? We've had
240 a groundbreaking ceremony a year and a half ago if not two and there is nothing to
241 show us that this project is in development. It is my understanding that he has been
242 granted SEVERAL EXTENSIONS, but what is going on with the land? What was the
243 contingency in the contract for the city if the land was not developed in a certain amount
244 of time??

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246 In addition to The Hightower project, what is to become of the old Target site? I know
247 the owners of the land is under heavy scrutiny by the citizenry, but the land is now
248 sitting with no plans or "COMING SOON" signs anywhere. Are we conducting any
249 "due diligence" with our landowners to make sure they are compliant with their
250 contracts?

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252 Thank you CPPD and CPFDP for the WARMING CENTER!! With this onset of
253 inclement weather, we appreciate your efforts. I am asking that we make sure that all
254 of these new unhoused citizens that are making their home along the downtown streets
255 are being directed there. I am aware that there is a tent on the lawn of the church, by
256 permission I am told, of someone who is unhoused, and the church is doing all they can
257 to assist him, but I've also seen a few people sleeping on the benches and even the
258 ground across from MARTA and on its property. I guess my greater question becomes
259 has the city been made aware of the new additions to our community and what is being
260 put in place to expedite a plan of action to keep this from becoming an issue?

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262 Congratulations to our new SARGENT... SARGENT P (I am going to misspell his
263 name)... You have been a shining example on the force and a true gentleman, yet a
264 force to be reckoned with!! You are committed to excellence and you take pride in your
265 work!! Your accolades are well deserved, and I salute you in your
266 endeavors!! Looking forward to the day you become CAPTAIN so I can say, "I knew
267 you when...LOL"

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269 That's it... I should be at my 3-minute mark.... Thank you for your time.

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271 Pastor Barbara McKee said: Due to the weather please share this with the Mayor and
272 Council.

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274 Councilwoman McKenzie has been working with me and my organization for many
275 years. When I was down with many medical issues back in 2017 Councilwoman
276 McKenzie did not hesitate to come to me and pray with me. Not only praying but what
277 she could do in the community to continue my work. I have to say she is done and is
278 still serving the people in College Park, not just certain individuals but all who live in
279 College Park and the surrounding areas. I do know she has the community's best
280 interest on her heart, and Councilwoman McKenzie I believe will continue to work her
281 hardest for the betterment of our City. I just want the Mayor, Council, and citizens of
282 College Park to know that Councilwoman McKenzie will do her very best as unto the
283 Lord.

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285 Pastor Barbara McKee

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287 My name is Catie, and I live on Hemphill Street. I have been horrified watching this
288 new council try to silence our mayor and change the structure of our government just
289 days into the start of this new year. The mayor was re-elected by the majority of this
290 city, which means that the vast majority of people were happy with her leadership.
291 Now, rather than start this year off right by focusing on what you all can do for the
292 residents of this city, the very first things you have decided your time is better spent on
293 is targeting a woman who you don't seem to like. Further, the way that the men on the
294 council choose to speak to our mayor reeks of misogynoir and blatant disrespect.
295 Moreover, the disrespect you all have shown to the residents of this city is alarming.
296 Calling a special meeting that lasted less than 10 minutes and wasting a whole lot of
297 people's time was one of the more upsetting things I have seen from this council. You
298 are two weeks in and you need to do better. Please stop trying to silence our mayor
299 and please stop disrespecting and wasting the time of the citizens of College Park.

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301 City Clerk Shavala Ames said I have no other comments.

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303 Mayor Motley Broom said if there is anyone in the audience who wishes to speak, they
304 can approach at this time.

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306 Mr. Rex Willis, 1927 John Calvin, College Park, Ga., came forward and said
307 congratulations to Councilman Gay on Mayor Pro-Tem. It's a long-time coming. I
308 don't want to attack Council or a citizen, but where were you four years ago when
309 things were said about Jack Longino and how he was treated? I didn't see any of you
310 all coming up here. We lost. I accepted it. When the new administration comes in,
311 things change. If they were not allowed legally to do it, they could not do it. So, let's
312 first get it off the table.

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314 Mr. Willis said Jamelle worked very hard to campaign for her race. So did Tracie, so
315 did Pam, and so did James. And so did the Mayor. Some won, some lost. But to attack
316 the Mayor, come on guys, be for real. Councilman Gay got a little radical at times, and
317 he should have the way he was being treated. And Councilman Carn had to go back
318 and forth to say what he wanted to say.

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320 Mr. Willis said I have been here 45 years. I have been involved in the city. I have 17
321 grandkids and 8 kids. I run a successful business. I run a nonprofit. And like I said
322 before, things change. When Bianca did things that she did to Subrenia, I didn't come
323 up here every council meeting raising hell. I could have. I had a right to, but I moved
324 on for the betterment of the city and this community. So, I do want the Mayor &
325 Council to get along and do the best thing for the city. Let all of us move forward and
326 get along the best we can. And please, don't come up here and talk about racism. I
327 don't need to come up here and make up things about Bianca Broom. But she is the
328 Mayor. She should be respected. I have 5 daughters. So, all women should be
329 respected. Jamelle, I want you to do the best for Ward 1. I live in Ward 1. Times up.
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331 **ACTION:** Councilwoman Jamelle McKenzie moved to extend time to Mr. Willis,
332 seconded by Councilwoman Tracie Arnold and motion carried.
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334 Mr. Willis said that is what she instituted. If you didn't sign in before 7:00 and get
335 here, you wouldn't even be up here. Mayor made changes. Let's be fair. Give these
336 ladies and men a chance to do their job. Mayor, I'm not going to come up here
337 anymore. I don't have to say anything about your past. Ken Allen knows better.
338 Ambrose knows better. And I know better.
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340 Mr. Willis said I will not come up here and say anything more about the Mayor, but I
341 will hold her accountable just as the rest of Council. I look up to one person; All Mighty
342 God. I do appreciate all the hard work you all did and to see you all up there. They
343 used to make "N" jokes up there. So, we have come a long way. Thank you for your
344 time, and thank you Mayor for giving me a couple more minutes.
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346 Mayor Motley Broom asked, does anyone else wish to speak? If so, you can come on
347 down.
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349 There were no further comments made from the public.
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351 6. Annual Appointments.
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353 A. Appointments for Ward 2 – College Park Main Street Association.
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355 Councilman Carn said I appoint Ms. Valaurie Lee.
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357 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve to appoint Valaurie Lee as the Ward
358 2 Board Member to the College Park Main Street Association, seconded
359 by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.
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361 B. Official Bank Depository.
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363 Ms. Charlene Craig from Truist Bank came forward and said we appreciate the long-tenure
364 partnership that we have with the City. And we continue to want to be your partner and do
365 what's best for the citizens of the city. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

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367 Councilwoman Jamelle McKenzie said I have no questions.
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369 Councilman Carn said great to have you on board as usual.
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371 Ms. Craig said thank you.
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373 Councilman Carn said we missed you at the last meeting. You guys have been a great
374 partner with us. We want to continue that partnership. We are also going to honor our
375 commitment to a significant portion of our funds going into an African-American bank. We
376 are glad that you are for that and sharing with that. I think we are actually going to close on
377 it this year.
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379 Ms. Craig said we are excited about that and in full support.
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381 Councilwoman Arnold said I have no questions.
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383 Councilman Gay said the only question I would have is: If we vote on this tonight, and if
384 we do find a bank that meets the criteria of the municipal deposits, are we set with the dollar
385 amount?
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387 Ms. Craig said we are supportive of what you guys have already voted on. If you need to
388 vote again, that's okay too.
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390 Director of Finance & Accounting Althea Bradley said there is no minimum amount that
391 we have to have placed in Truist Bank, just as long as we have enough funding for our cash
392 flow, as far as the payments and cash receipts.
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394 Ms. Craig said I wanted to be able to introduce my team leader Ron Alston, who runs our
395 not-for-profit and government group at Truist.
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397 Mr. Ron Alston came forward and introduced himself. Thank you for the faith you have in
398 us and for the relationship. We truly appreciate it.
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400 Councilman Carn said I would love to get with you and talk about other initiatives you are
401 doing for other places.
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403 Mr. Alston said absolutely.
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405 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay moved to appoint Truist Bank as the Official Bank
406 Depository with the consideration that an agreed upon percentage to be
407 deposited in a minority bank, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and
408 motion carried.
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410 7. Public Hearing.
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412 A. Motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Type II Home
413 Occupation for an arts and crafts studio at 1579 Vesta Avenue. Ward 1.
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415 City Planner Deborah Rogoff-Ezra came forward and said I am putting before you
416 consideration for a petition for a Conditional Use Permit for a Type II Home Occupation,
417 which will be an arts and crafts studio. According to Division 4, Section 3.7 of the Code, a
418 Conditional Use Permit is required for this type of use. There are no impacts to the
419 community.
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421 City Planner Deborah Rogoff-Ezra said the applicant is LaLisa Alita Anderson. She has
422 been a resident for many years. She lives at 1579 Vesta Avenue. It is an R-3 Zone in Ward
423 1. She is proposing an addition on the second floor, which will be a 600 square foot studio,
424 a covered porch which is 160-square feet, and a small extension to the main building. The
425 total is 979-square feet. The additions will be considered as part of a building application.
426 In your packet there are examples of her artwork. The setbacks and all the standards are
427 met so no need for a variance.
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429 City Planner Deborah Rogoff-Ezra said there are no employees. The applicant is hoping to
430 have booths and sell her products online. There are 6 parking spaces in front of the unit.
431 She will not be using any gas or Kil fire that would cause issues. The neighbors are in
432 support of the arts studio. This is the applicant's retirement goal. The neighbors and the
433 architect came to the Planning Commission meeting too. Staff's recommendation is for
434 approval of this type of Conditional Use. (See City Planner's Report for further details).
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436 Mayor Motley Broom said we will open the public hearing at this time.
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438 Mayor Motley Broom asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak
439 for or against the Conditional Use Permit for an arts studio at 1579 Vesta Avenue.
440 There were no comments from the public.
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442 Mayor Motley Broom declared the public hearing closed.
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444 Mayor Motley Broom asked if the Councilmembers had any questions.
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446 Councilwoman McKenzie said I also paint. I want to commend Ms. Anderson for pursuing
447 her passion. I looked at some of her artwork, and it is wonderful to have her in our
448 community, specifically in my ward. That's all I have to say.
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450 Councilman Carn said I have no questions.
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452 Councilwoman Arnold said thank you Deborah for presenting very thorough information.
453 I liked the art. Thank you.
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455 Councilman Gay said I have no questions.
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457 Mayor Motley Broom called for a vote.

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ACTION: Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a Type II Home Occupation for an arts and crafts studio at 1579 Vesta Avenue, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.

8. Other Business.

- A. Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Business and Development Authority (BIDA), as approved by Council and amended by BIDA.

There was no vote for this item. Motion failed.

- B. Consideration of and action on Ordinance No. 2024-01 to amend certain Sections in Chapter 2 (Administration) relating to parliamentary procedures for City Council meetings and proclamations.

Councilman Carn said City Attorney, I know there was a slight change. I did get something electronically. I wanted to make sure we are on the same page.

Councilwoman McKenzie said so basically, we are approving what was sent to us earlier.

Councilwoman Arnold and Councilman Gay had no questions.

Mayor Motley Broom said I do not believe this Ordinance is fully valid, enforceable, or constitutional. And I would incorporate by reference and restate my continuing objections to this motion and this ordinance that I incorporated at the Special Called Meeting on January 5, 2024.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-01 to amend certain Sections in Chapter 2 (Administration) relating to parliamentary procedures for City Council meetings and proclamations, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

- C. Motion to approve a healthy initiative program developed by the Fulton County Board of Health and the O'Donnell Marketing Group: the "Healthy Looks Good on You" campaign.

Councilman Gay asked staff to contact CVS Health for potential funding and the Moorehouse School of Medicine (Occupational Division).

ACTION: Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve a healthy initiative program developed by the Fulton County Board of health and the O'Donnell Marketing Group; the "Healthy Looks Good On You" campaign, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

503 D. Motion to approve the Master Services Agreement with Hinderliter De Llamas &
504 Associates for hotel and motel tax administration.

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506 There was no discussion from Councilmembers.

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508 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve the Master Services Agreement with
509 Hinderliter De Llamas & Associates for hotel and motel tax administration,
510 seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

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512 E. Motion to extend on-call and general engineering services contract with Prime
513 Engineering Inc. and authorize a purchase order and budget allocation in the
514 amount of \$110,000.00.

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516 Councilman Carn said I have comments.

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518 Mayor Motley Broom asked Councilman Carn; if there is a motion ---

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520 Councilman Carn said I have comments on that item. I am going to speak my comments.

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522 Mayor Motley Broom said Councilmember, I would ask if there is a motion - -

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524 Councilman Carn said again, this is why we are having to make changes so we can
525 communicate effectively. At the last meeting I asked about William Moore coming in to
526 do some consulting before we commit to any contract. Before another contract, I definitely
527 want to get another assessment. We are going to look at it at some other time Thank you.

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529 The other Councilmembers had no comment.

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531 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to deny extending an on-call and general
532 engineering services contract with Prime Engineering Inc. and authorize a
533 purchase order and budget allocation in the amount of \$110,000.00,
534 seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.

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536 F. Motion to award an annual contract renewal to Colliers Real Estate Management
537 Services for the continued management of the Federal Aviation Administration
538 (FAA), federal regional facilities, located at 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park,
539 GA, in the amount of \$119,700.00 during the contract period of January 1, 2024 –
540 December 31, 2024.

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542 Councilman Carn said I guess we can prorate something monthly, until we get that RFP out.

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544 Director of Finance & Accounting Althea Bradley said it would be month to month.

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546 Councilman Carn said all right. Get with Purchasing and get that out as soon as possible.

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548 The other Councilmembers had no comment.

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ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve to allow RFP submittals for management services for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), federal regional facilities located at 1701 Columbia Avenue, seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried.

G. Motion to approve the proposed 2024 State Legislative Priorities for the City of College Park, GA.

Councilwoman McKenzie said this can be accepted but not with the No. 1. I think it is important to remove the Local Option Sales Tax. This is a relationship that we have with Fulton County. That's my thought on the matter.

Councilman Carn asked, is Peachtree here?

Ms. Brecca Carter said yes. Janelle Adams and Tyler Moore is here.

Councilman Carn said I received a couple of calls about you all attempting to force a meeting that they did not want to have. Now, we were previously scheduled for a meeting with our delegations some time in December.

Ms. Carter said yes, sir.

Councilman Carn said my understanding is that due to the holiday schedule they could not do it in December and were going to schedule it for some time in January. I received a call from two legislators saying they got a call from you all saying the Mayor wants to have this meeting in December. And they reiterated they were not available in December. And then I was told that the government relations person insisted again that they have this meeting. It was a young lady, so I am assuming it was either Janelle or Laura. Was it you or the other young lady?

Ms. Carter said I spoke with Representative Schofield (sp) about a meeting during the Legislative Special Session inviting all the Councilmembers, previous Council and Mayor to meet with the delegation.

Councilman Carn asked, after they sent us correspondence that they were not available in December, who instructed you to go back and insist that we have a meeting in December?

Ms. Carter said I want you to know that I did not insist. I just asked if we could still move forward.

Councilman Carn said well, that's not what I heard, and that's not what I was told by our representatives. That was not warranted. That was not something that this Body would have wanted done. If the Mayor instructed you to do that, and that's an if, which I suspect is what happened, because I don't think you just got it on your own to insist that they have a meeting when they said they could not schedule the meeting. I'm going to ask again.

595 Ms. Carter said I went at the instruction of my boss to go speak with Representative
596 Schofield.

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598 Councilman Carn asked, so this was done at Bo's decision?

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600 Ms. Carter said if you want to ask him more questions, you can ask him offline.

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602 Councilman Carn said I heard you loud and clear. You went by the instruction of your boss.
603 I'm not happy with your performance. I don't want to be embarrassed from my lobbying
604 firm and the State Legislature having issues and concerns with you all. Lobbying is about
605 having good relationships and keeping them with our representatives, correct?

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607 Ms. Carter said yes, sir.

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609 Councilman Carn said well, you're not off to a good start for the beginning of this year, and
610 I'm not happy about it. So, we are going to revisit what we are doing with you all and your
611 contract at some point.

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613 Councilman Gay said I have a comment. My son was a Page last year. Can you coordinate
614 with City Clerk and our representatives about the Pages, and put it on our website for the
615 kids in our community?

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617 Ms. Carter said yes, sir.

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619 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the proposed 2024 State
620 Legislative Priorities for the City of College Park, with the exception of
621 Local Option Sales Tax (LOST), seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and
622 Gay and motion carried.

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624 H. Motion to approve Resolution Number 21 for the City of College Park's revised
625 application for the Fulton County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
626 three-year funding grant application for park and facility improvements.

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628 Councilman Carn said I believe we had an issue with Zupp Park.

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630 Councilwoman Arnold said I want to get more information with reference to Zupp Park. I
631 see that Zupp Park was being removed from the list because it is in a flood plain.

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633 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said that is correct.

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635 Councilwoman Arnold asked, because it is in a flood plain, does that mean that it can't be
636 upgraded?

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638 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said it means that it wouldn't be
639 eligible for this grant. Fulton County wants the project to move quickly. We can look for

640 budget funding because Zupp Park is on my list. All the park upgrades is what I would like
641 to get done within the next five years.

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643 Councilwoman Arnold asked, do we have any grants that are in the pipeline where we can
644 address Zupp Park?

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646 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said not currently. CDBG is what
647 I have been doing for several years for the park improvements.

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649 Councilwoman Arnold said okay. It is on the list for the budget.

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651 Councilman Gay said I want you new guys to know that for years the CDBG requires at
652 20% match. And when we got ready to build the Splash Pad there was a 20% match, which
653 my colleagues did not vote on it. We were able to talk with Fulton County and certain
654 services were considered in-kind. And two, you mentioned that the CDBG requires you to
655 fund a full park.

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657 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said the resolution is for an
658 alternative park. So, we are looking at Evans.

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660 Councilman Gay said this Body needs to determine what the third park will be.

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662 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said it would need to meet the
663 environmental requirements.

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665 Councilman Gay said we have other parks.

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667 Councilman Carn asked, what is the timeline for adding an additional park?

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669 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said they want a resolution for the
670 park we want to fund.

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672 Councilman Carn asked, can we swap out for another piece of property? Can you find out
673 tomorrow?

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675 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said absolutely. Is there a site that
676 you have in mind?

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678 Councilman Carn said we are looking at some sites. So, there is no deadline tonight?

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680 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said no. They need the resolution
681 now.

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683 Councilman Carn asked if we can approve this at the next meeting.

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685 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said I'm sure I can talk to Fulton
686 County.

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688 Councilman Gay said I would like to weigh in. I worked extensively with the last CDBG.
689 There is no way they are going to approve a site that is not a part for this particular funding.
690 My question is: Did they want to choose a park that is already existing on the list?

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692 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said it has to meet those
693 guidelines.

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695 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve Resolution Number 21 for the
696 City of College Park's revised application for the Fulton County Community
697 Development Block Grant (CDBG) three-year funding grant application for
698 park and facility improvements, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion
699 carried.

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701 I. Motion to approve Fulton County Arts and Culture (FCAC) Municipality Support
702 Funds (MSF) grant application for up to \$50,000.00 for cultural arts programming.

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704 Councilman Gay asked, where is that earmarked for?

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706 Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts Michelle Johnson said there was a breakdown of all
707 the events.

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709 Councilman Gay said thank you.

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711 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve Fulton County Arts and
712 Culture (FCAC) Municipality Support Funds (MSF) grant application for up
713 to \$50,000.00 for cultural arts programming, seconded by Councilman Carn
714 and motion carried.

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716 J. Motion to approve sewer credits totaling \$25,863.41 to various commercial
717 accounts.

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719 There were no comments from the Councilmembers.

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721 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay moved to approve sewer credits totaling \$25,863.41 to
722 various commercial accounts, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and
723 motion carried.

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725 K. Motion to approve the voting delegate resolution for Electric Cities of Georgia.

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727 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the voting delegate resolution
728 for the Electric Cities of Georgia, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion
729 carried.

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731 L. Motion to approve two (2) invoices for Flock Safety in the amount of \$48,000.00.

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733 There were no comments from the Councilmembers.

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735 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay moved to approve to pay two invoices for Flock Safety in
736 the amount of \$48,000.00, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and
737 motion carried.

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739 M. Development of hotel/motel multifamily lighting standards.

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741 Councilman Carn said Hugh, this is something I want us to work on. We had a brief
742 conversation about it. A big part of public safety is adequate lighting. Some of our
743 apartments, as well as our motels, have lighting that is too dim. I want to go out one evening
744 and identify some of the better lighting of other complexes. We want an assessment and
745 have you come back and report to us. We want to set a standard for all apartments and
746 motels to have decent adequate amount of lighting.

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748 Councilwoman McKenzie agreed.

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750 Councilwoman Arnold said we should do this study for safety and security for our residents.

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752 Councilman Gay said at the BIDA meeting they talked about the mural under the bridge.
753 There are some GDOT lights that I recommend.

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755 Director of Power Hugh Richardson said I can talk to you about that.

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757 It was the consensus of Mayor & Council to move forward with drafting lighting standards
758 for hotel and motel properties.

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760 N. Motion to approve bi-monthly multifamily taskforce meetings.

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762 Councilwoman McKenzie said I agree this needs to be done.

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764 Councilman Carn said this is a continuation City Manager of what we were doing before
765 you got here. Myself and Councilwoman Arnold comprise of more than 85% of the
766 multifamily apartment complexes in the city. This is one of the biggest fixes that will overall
767 improve the quality of life in the city. We are going to crack down on this.

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769 Councilwoman Arnold said I think everyone should enjoy where they live. We need to set
770 some higher standards to support the quality of life for the residents in these apartments. I
771 am looking forward to this committee to establish these standards and what our expectations
772 are.

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774 Councilman Gay said during this recent election, the apartment owners and managers need
775 to be held accountable. Forty percent of the community is transit. It doesn't make sense to
776 not participate for something that took us 100 years to have. Number two, we need to get
our police more involved in the apartment communities. The community events are fine. I

777 want the officers back in the apartment communities. We used to do welfare checks and
778 rent rolls. We need to know these communities and these people. This city is disconnected
779 from its apartment communities.

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781 Councilwoman McKenzie said I have no comment.

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783 Councilman Carn said Councilman Gay is not lying. Top priority City Manager.

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785 Councilwoman Arnold said I support both of those comments.

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787 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay moved to approve multifamily apartment meetings for
788 every two weeks, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

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790 O. Discussion of impact fees.

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792 Councilman Carn said we need to establish some impact fees. Lots of other cities have it.
793 These fees help provide expanded parks and recreation program funding, fire protection,
794 and road improvements. We want to put together an Impact Fee Study. I know Mr.
795 Robinson is familiar with it from DeKalb County. Folks, we have to step up to the plate. I
796 want the residents to know that we are hitting the ground running. And we are serious about
797 improving every aspect of this city, from corner to corner, from neighborhood to
798 neighborhood, from block to block. We are going to get it done. City Manager, we want
799 to get going with this study and put together a solid Impact Fee Ordinance.

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801 Councilwoman McKenzie had no comment.

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803 Councilwoman Arnold had no comment.

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805 Councilman Gay said he would like to take a look at the impact of the tractor/trailers from
806 the study on the Old National Corridor. They have torn our streets up.

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808 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve to conduct an Impact Fee Study and
809 adopt an ordinance for implementation of suggested results from the study
810 to include fees, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

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812 P. Discussion of contract with MARTA and the City of College Park.

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814 Mayor Motley Broom said I am going to let Mayor Pro Tem Roderick Gay take the gavel.

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816 Councilman Carn said this is something I wanted to speak on.

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818 Mayor Motley Broom said I wish to speak on this matter.

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820 Councilwoman McKenzie said we have to vote on that Mayor.

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822 Mayor Motley Broom said as Chair, I can hand it over.

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Councilman Carn said you are still here. You can't hand it over and still be here.

City Attorney Winston Denmark said she can relinquish the Chair.

Councilman Carn said Mayor Pro Tem, I have comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Roderick Gay asked if Councilwoman McKenzie had any comments.

Councilwoman McKenzie said I would like to know exactly what we are going to be discussing on this.

Councilman Carn said essentially this is a real estate purchase and sales contract that we executed December 7, 2023. This is with MARTA for a parcel of property up in the corner of the City of College Park. I had issues and concerns with purchasing this property from MARTA. MARTA definitely thought it was in their best interest for us to purchase this property, but I did not think it was in College Park's best interest to purchase the property.

Councilman Carn said this property has restrictions on it. Us buying it means that MARTA still has a say, in terms of the purposes of the land. And MARTA still has rights to that land, in terms of retention ponds and other things that they can do on the land. Our proposal was to build something permanent, but it's kind of hard to build something permanent when MARTA has an option to come in at any time they see fit.

Councilman Carn said the other issue I had was the location of this. Parks are great. Parks are great for communities. But there is a much greater need, because all of our residents do not have direct access to a full-size park, like the Old National/Godby Road Corridor. They deserve that access. And I'm going to try to make it my business to make sure that everyone gets equal treatment and equal level of services.

Councilman Carn said this is not a good deal for us. There is an out clause with this thing, in terms of us being the purchaser. We can give written notice that we are not interested. And it is at our sole discretion. Again, it's not the worst project I've seen, but there is a higher and greater need, and a much better project that covers our citizens with equity. That is my proposal for nullifying this contract. City Attorney, if there is a consensus, I want you to send notice to let them know; thanks but no thanks. And look somewhere else for a community park.

Mayor Motley Broom said I think Finding the Flint Project is an incredibly important one for our community. And it has been one that has garnered community support since, I believe, 2018. And I understand and I concur with Councilman Carn that we have needs throughout this city for great green space. This location is one that is not dictated by us. It is where the head waters of the Flint are. And we have an outstanding opportunity to partner with the Atlanta Regional Commission, which has said that they are committed to try to fund this project to the tune of \$150 million throughout the entire network.

868 Mayor Motley Broom said we have an outstanding opportunity to partner with
869 Aerropolis/Clayton County. Because it is not just about a park, it's about the real issues
870 about stormwater issues that we are facing, not only in College Park but downstream. And
871 Clayton County is experiencing some of those challenges every single time we have these
872 massive storms. And we know because of climate change, things are happening at a more
873 frequent rate. We have a chance with Finding The Flint to help mitigate some of those
874 issues downstream.

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876 Mayor Motley Broom said so, it's not just about a park. It's about improving our entire
877 environment. Clayton County Commissioners are on board. We have the Atlanta Regional
878 Commission on board. We have a number of regional partners that are looking at this and
879 want to support us every step of the way. The one key was; we had to own the land. And
880 the Council said last year, yes, we want to own the land, and we want to move this project
881 forward.

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883 Mayor Motley Broom said so, I would urge my colleagues to support that vision because it
884 is one that is in the best interest of the entire community. I recognize that it is not one that
885 is in the Old National/Godby Road Corridor. I absolutely positively think that we should
886 be working towards greater access to green space across this entire community. Bar none.
887 I don't think that means that we abandon this project.

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889 Councilwoman Arnold said I hear what both of my colleagues are saying in reference to
890 yes, I support 100% on us advocating for a park on Goby Road. We need one. It's long
891 overdue. And, any monies that we spend when it comes to extra green space, I'm pushing
892 for a park on Godby Road. The families, the children that live on Godby Road, they need
893 a place to go. They've needed a place to go for years.

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895 Councilwoman Arnold said we complain about the activities that we don't want to see on
896 Godby Road, but we don't give the children any type of an outlet. There are no recreational
897 programs. There is no park. What else are they supposed to do? And I'm speaking from
898 experience as a parent raising children living in an apartment complex.

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900 Councilwoman Arnold said so, I understand the importance of us saving the environment.
901 That's important, yes, because we want to leave something to our children. But right now,
902 Godby Road is on fire. And we have to do something about it. And talk is cheap. And
903 right now that is all that I am hearing right now. Parents are suffering. Children are going
904 to jail because they don't have anything else to do but to get in trouble. So, I don't know
905 that I'm necessarily for spending this money on Finding the Flint.

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907 Councilman Carn said this alternative park does save the environment, as well. And I
908 understand environmental issues, I understand we are dealing with climate change and all
909 of that. I'm proposing some climate change along one of our most popular corridors. I'll
910 make you all a deal. As soon as we establish a full-size community park within walking
911 distance of all of our neighborhoods, then let's bring back up the Flint and take a look at
912 that point. But right now I got thousands of children that can't get to a park. And this park
913 is what we need in our community for peace of mind, time for reflection, and all of the other

914 benefits that our other neighbors enjoy and some of our neighbors on the south end of town
915 do not enjoy; and we are going to seek partnerships with Aerotropolis, with Playful Cities
916 USA, and all the partnerships we've done with other parks and community projects so it's
917 going to be a community park with community partners just like the rest of them. Even more
918 so. I'm excited about it. This \$218,000.00 is going to a better use, not that the Flint is a bad
919 use. We have to prioritize in this city, and that starts in 2024.

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921 Mayor Pro Tem Roderick Gay said I would like to make a comment.

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923 Mayor Motley Broom said point of order.

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925 City Attorney Winston Denmark said when it is time to vote, you can hand the gavel back
926 to the Mayor, and she will call for a vote, and you can comment at that time once she is
927 presiding over the meeting.

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929 Councilman Gay said okay.

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931 Mayor Pro Tem Roderick Gay passed the gavel back to Mayor Motley Broom.

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933 Councilwoman McKenzie said I know that this is a project that we have been working on
934 for quite some time in the city, however I am ambivalent at this moment and I'm trying to
935 make the determination. I hear from my colleagues the concerns that they have had and
936 there is an unfair balance in our city in terms of recreation facilities in terms of what I
937 should say, parks. So, I'm still making a consideration and that's I have to say at this point.

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939 Councilman Carn said no more comments.

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941 Councilwoman Arnold said I made my comments earlier.

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943 Councilman Gay said I appreciate any conservation of any bodies of water. I want to let
944 my colleagues know that this was before us for a grant for approximately \$800,000.00 or
945 \$900,000.00 through the federal agencies, but we didn't get the grant. So, that money was
946 going to pay for the land. If the ARC is looking to fund this project, perhaps MARTA can
947 wait until College Park purchases this parcel. But I do agree with my colleagues that there
948 is an opportunity to look at more green space in more areas at this time.

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950 Councilman Gay asked, did we pay the downpayment on December 7, 2023, the 20%?

951 Director of Finance & Accounting Althea Bradley said I will have to look into that. I will
952 send you an update.

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954 Councilman Carn reading from MARTA's agreement document.

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956 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to withdraw the MARTA Intergovernmental
957 Agreement for the Flint River Project, seconded by Councilman Gay.
958 Councilman Carn voted yes. Councilman Gay voted yes. Councilwoman
959 McKenzie opposed. Councilwoman Arnold voted yes. Motion carried.

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9. City Attorney’s Report.

City Attorney Winston Denmark said I have nothing to report.

10. City Manager’s Report.

City Manager Stanley Hawthorne said I am happy to report that we are now sending out the Strategic Performance Report. It is approximately 37 pages across the departments of activities going on over the last two weeks. We are sending it out to as many of our households as we can reach. That is it.

11. Report of Mayor & Council.

Mayor Motley Broom – said I want to share that I have been selected to the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities. I am very excited about the opportunity. And I have also been selected for one of the four board committees. I will be on the Board of the Legislative Action Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the lobbying agenda, in partnership with the Executive Committee of the National League of Cities and the full board. The Legislative Action Committee also serves as a link between the NLC Federal Advocacy Committees and the Board of Directors.

Mayor Motley Broom said so, as we move forward with the things that are really important to us, but may not necessarily be within the purview of the State, we do have a voice. I am joining Councilmember Christina Hobbs from Union City; a Councilmember from Fairburn; and Councilmember Byron Ames from Atlanta. I am looking forward to that work.

Mayor Motley Broom said I have also spent time last week with the Georgia Municipal Association’s EMS Task Force, which is diving into some of the issues we are seeing in our community regarding EMS issues and EMS issues across the state. Last week we met with the Georgia Department of Public Health to learn more about the rules and regulations surrounding EMS service and the various service areas. Senate Bill 16 is under consideration.

Mayor Motley Broom said last week I had the opportunity to go to the Georgia Chambers Eggs and Issues Breakfast, which is the unofficial kickoff to the legislative session. And there the Governor spoke and talked about his budget, which is proposed to include a doubling of local maintenance improvement grant funds, which is how we do a lot of our paving around here. So, there is never ever enough money to pave the roads. So, this is actually good news for communities across the state if this passes. There are some other things the Governor has his eyes on.

1005 Mayor Motley Broom said I am looking forward next week to the Georgia Municipal
1006 Association Cities United Conference. Cities from all across the state will be in
1007 Atlanta to meet, confer, learn, train, and go to legislature and talk about the concerns
1008 facing cities.

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1010 Mayor Motley Broom said I also wanted to thank Train Or Die and Jay Shoates (sp)
1011 and his team. They did a great Christmas Eve Toy Giveaway on the Old National
1012 Corridor. I had an opportunity to join them. They do this to make sure that children
1013 are blessed with toys in the extended stays. I want to thank our Fire and Police
1014 Departments for making a smooth morning of the whole thing. It was great. That's
1015 all I have.

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1017 Councilwoman McKenzie - said this is my 16th day for Public Service to the citizens
1018 of College Park. I begin my 16th day report with much sorrow. Our College Park
1019 Police Department suffered a great loss today. Sergeant Shakeya Walker was a
1020 dedicated member of our College Park PD. She had a heart of gold, and she was
1021 truly one of those persons who cared and served from the heart. My prayers and
1022 condolences are with the family and the loved ones in our PD. Gone too soon, but
1023 she will never be forgotten. I ask that you keep our PD in your prayers, because we
1024 are not okay.

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1026 Councilwoman McKenzie said on January 8, 2024, I joined the FHOAA Group,
1027 which is the original African-Americans who lived in the area which is now known
1028 as Six West. These are people who were displaced due to urban revitalization and
1029 airport expansion. With staff, we have established Price Barbershop. And the
1030 homes located next to it are historic landmarks. And we are working on the
1031 placement of historic marker throughout the Six West area.

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1033 Councilwoman McKenzie said I began meeting with this group shortly after Black
1034 History Month of last year realizing that it was impossible to find history on the
1035 black community here in the City of College Park, which has been in existence in
1036 this city ever since this city was Manchester in the 1890s. And so, I want to thank
1037 BIDA for removing this property from our Six West Sales Roster, and our City Staff
1038 for working with Ms. Gloria Abdula (sp) and her executive team to assist with
1039 making this possible. We moved forward with the project. It was an amazing day.

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1041 Councilwoman McKenzie said this past Sunday, January 14, 2024, I attended the
1042 Push Push Arts Drop In Celebration to check out their new venue and their arts
1043 campus which is located at 1805 Harvard Avenue. It was an awesome event with
1044 live music and small bites. It was an opportunity to visit some of the small
1045 businesses that are going to be located in that complex. I'm totally excited to have
1046 Push Push here in College Park, and I look forward to the future. The whole vibe is
1047 amazing.

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1049 Councilwoman McKenzie said yesterday College Park participated in the Martin
1050 Luther King Parade with the City of Jonesboro. Councilmembers Arnold, Carn, and

1051 myself rode in a recreation vehicle and had the opportunity to spend time with
1052 community members and elected officials from Clayton County Municipalities. It
1053 was an awesome way to celebrate the champion of non-violent social justice, none
1054 other than Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. And I want to thank Brian Anderson for
1055 coordinating this effort, along with Lance, Michelle, Teresa, and Ron. We also had
1056 our dance team there.

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1058 Councilwoman McKenzie said in addition, I want to shout out to the New Sergeant
1059 Anthony Paniagua and Officer Wyatt from our PD for attending and bringing the
1060 jumbo screen to the parade. College Park was well represented. It was an amazing
1061 event. And I am looking forward to us doing our own event where we can invite
1062 cities in the future.

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1064 Councilwoman McKenzie said on January 7, 2024, I attend the Wild Hog's Supper
1065 which is the beginning of our legislative session. You meet some of our state leaders
1066 and other municipal leaders. It was a good experience.

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1068 Councilwoman McKenzie said I am also excited about my Ward 1 leadership. Mike
1069 Lindsay, my BZA Board Appointee, he was sworn in at the January 8, 2024 BZA
1070 Meeting. Ebony Austin, the owner of New Vogue, who is my Main Street
1071 Association Appointee, she was elected as the Vice President of the Main Street
1072 Association at their January 10, 2024 meeting. And Lisa Williams, who is my BIDA
1073 Board Appointee, was elected Secretary/Treasurer at the January 11, 2024 meeting.
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1075 Councilwoman McKenzie said last Friday, January 12, 2024, the City of College
1076 Park Police Department held a promotion ceremony, and we had some amazing
1077 persons who were promoted. Lt. Durden and Lt. Goss were promoted from the rank
1078 of Sergeant to Lieutenants. They are amazing men. Sgt. Snow, Pogorzelski, Jones,
1079 and Paniagua, from Officer to Sergeant. I want to thank Chief Rogers for her
1080 leadership.

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1082 Councilwoman McKenzie said I met with Dr. Emmanuel to discuss the
1083 implementation of curbside recycling. And I want to thank him for the presentation
1084 he made during our Workshop Session. I want to thank my Councilmembers who
1085 expressed their interest to see a program like this to go forth.

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1087 Councilwoman McKenzie said I'm also concerned about the trees on Rugby and
1088 Washington. I will be addressing issues such as that.

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1090 Councilwoman McKenzie said I have also been driving around to see some of the
1091 streets we would like to have paved in Ward 1 under the grant. Those decisions
1092 should hopefully be made within the next few days.

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1094 Councilwoman McKenzie said during the past two weeks I met with several of our
1095 department heads. And I will continue to do that for the month of January. I want
1096 to see how I can partner with staff.

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Councilwoman McKenzie said I will be attending a course at UGA for the newly elected officials, and the GMA meeting that the Mayor mentioned. We also have our legislative luncheon at the Capitol.

Councilwoman McKenzie said I want to shout out to Public Works, Power, and First Responders for your hard work and efficiency during the inclement weather that we have been experiencing over these past few weeks. You have been spot on, and I truly appreciate your work.

Councilwoman McKenzie said I will be in my office hours sometime in February after my inauguration, and we will also hold our Ward 1 meeting around that time. In the meantime, I plan to meet with our community champions to organize our teams, and that meeting will be held tentatively at Club E on January 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Councilwoman McKenzie said I also want to remind everyone that if you want to get in contact with me prior to those meetings, you can reach out to me at my email at: jmckenzie@collegeparkga.com. We also have our Facebook Page which is onewardone. Our website is www.1ward1.com. For Instagram, it is oneward1. We are getting our email distribution set up. I ask everyone to be patient with me. Councilman Clay is asking everyone to sign up for my email.

Councilwoman McKenzie said finally, I want to strongly encourage members of the community to come to our council meetings, or to watch them on our city media with an open mind, and to not rely on hearsay or bias commentaries, masses information and inspiration that are designed to create confusion, division, and unrest in our city regarding the decisions of this Council that are being sent to you by email or posted on any website, other than our official College Park City Website. One should rely on what you see and what you hear.

Councilwoman McKenzie said let's unite on the wonderful enormous things that we have in common and shun the egregious temptations to become divided by miniscule deviations designed to separate us and to keep us apart. Let us focus on becoming OneWardOne; and in that let us press forward to become One College Park. And that's all I have.

Councilman Carn - said I'm excited about this year. Sixteen days in, and we are making progress. We have a long way to go and a short time to get there. I heard comments from the residents about the last few meetings, and I got positive comments from my neighborhood. They like the new direction we are going in. They said that we were moving boldly and more decisively. But now we have to work on fixing these problems boldly and decisively as well. And that's what we intend to do.

Councilman Carn said SB-16 John Albers Bill, we want to make sure that's a priority throughout the session. Mr. Albers is a very influential person in Fulton

1143 County, and we support him 100%.

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1145 Councilman Carn said the Wild Hog Supper was really great. I got to do some
1146 networking. Saw a few new faces. It was a great event as always. They killed the
1147 pig as they do every year.

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1149 Councilman Carn said it was a great meeting with PHOAA, as well. We are going
1150 to recognize all of our community and their heritages. The Black Heritage was
1151 overlooked in a lot of different ways. Our streets are named after Ivy League
1152 Colleges. Only one problem, Black colleges and universities were left out of that
1153 equation. And we are going to look at that as well in the near future. We are
1154 committed to representing all of College Park.

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1156 Councilman Carn said the M.L.K. Parade was great. The weather was pretty good,
1157 all things considered.

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1159 Councilman Carn said Chief Rogers, the induction ceremony was great. You have
1160 a good roster coming on board. We talked about the NFT tags. I want to do that
1161 as soon as possible. It will bring crime numbers down, if we implement it right.

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1163 Councilman Carn said Dr. Emmanuel, I want to give you my street resurfacing
1164 list.

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1166 Councilman Carn said on mileage reimbursement, before I went to the county
1167 commission, the Councilmembers received standard mileage reimbursement just
1168 like anybody else. But at some point we stopped receiving that given a certain
1169 distance.

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1171 Councilman Carn said folks, we don't get an actual salary, so to speak. We get a
1172 stipend up here. We are semi-volunteers up here. We get that stipend for two
1173 meetings a month, and the rest are free. And it's a whole lot of free. Althea, we
1174 want to make sure we are entitled to mileage reimbursement like anyone else, and
1175 that includes outside of the city.

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1177 Councilman Carn said I have heard of different mottos we have, to include "City
1178 on the Move" and "Community We Deserve". There are too many residents that
1179 have not been getting what they deserve. Some are. I have my own motto and
1180 that is "We Serve Our Residents First". There is only one number one, our
1181 residents. City Manager, we are going to have to operate this City's departments
1182 on the basis of one purpose and one purpose only; to provide our residents with
1183 the best services that we can at the lowest amount of tax dollar that we can, period.

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1185 Councilman Carn said there are some areas in our city that are doing pretty well.
1186 And you would be proud to live there, but there are some other areas that are
1187 mismatched and misdirected. Everyone that works here this year, if you are not
1188 reaching out to our residents each and every day with services that they need, if

1189 you are not accommodating our residents; that is going to be a problem this year.
1190 I am talking to all of us. We have to double our efforts. I want these entire
1191 departments obsessed with serving our customers first.

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1193 Councilman Carn said Michelle, Parks & Recreation is an important program. We
1194 have rec program here that are better than some other cities. At the same time, we
1195 do need some tweaks and changes to these programs. We all want to see better
1196 services to our residents first. The biggest issue I have, and no fault of your own,
1197 is we seem to end up outside of our residents for Parks & Rec for attendance
1198 because we don't know how to reach our kids. And the reason I believe that is
1199 true, is our kids largely don't participate in Parks & Rec. There is an 85:15 ratio.
1200 Something is amiss. And that would be with any department.

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1202 Councilman Carn said Michelle, I want us to make a concerted effort to flip those
1203 numbers around. And not only that, the bigger issue is that a lot of our children
1204 can't afford Parks & Rec programs. I am proposing that we look at eliminating
1205 the financial burden for Parks & Rec programming for any family in this
1206 community that makes \$50,000.00 or less.

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1208 Councilman Carn said I want us out there talking to our children and parents and
1209 find out what they want to do. I want to see the afterschool care. I want to see a
1210 lot of changes in Parks & Rec. We are going to restructure things and cater to our
1211 residents.

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1213 Councilwoman McKenzie said I yield to Councilman Gay.

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1215 Mayor Motley Broom said I turn it over to Mayor Pro Tem.

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1217 Mayor Pro Tem Roderick Gay said go ahead, Mayor.

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1219 Mayor Motley Broom asked, whose responsibility is it to set the framework for
1220 this and ensure that families are meeting the income standards? And do we have
1221 an understanding of what that impact would be if every family in the City of
1222 College Park who makes \$50,000.00 or less, what the impact would be to
1223 Recreation and Cultural Arts?

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1225 Councilman Carn said one thing I would suggest is to put together a task force
1226 and assess things. The one thing I do know is that staff is up to the tasks and to
1227 figure out how we get there.

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1229 Mayor Motley Broom asked City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, have you had an
1230 opportunity to participate in developing this type of program in another
1231 community?

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1233 City Manager Stanley Hawthorne said yes. While I am not prepared to comment
1234 in detail, I have to tell you that there are a lot of things that Council has acted on

1235 tonight that staff has been caught by surprise. And it does concern me going
1236 forward, if this is the way we are going to conduct business. With that said, this
1237 is an issue I discussed with Councilman Carn previously. One of the things that
1238 has surprised me about our structure is we have a high level of participation by
1239 non-residents with no distinction of the fees that are charged. With an amended
1240 motion, it will give staff a chance to present impacts and scenarios. And it can
1241 be discussed during the budget.

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1243 Councilman Carn said my motion still stands. I would like implementation on
1244 this by May.

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1246 Councilwoman McKenzie said I like the idea of no cost for families that cannot
1247 afford it. If we made this affordable and attainable, it would afford a wonderful
1248 opportunity to many children. But it is going to require some planning and
1249 looking at our budget.

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1251 Councilwoman Arnold said thank you for bringing this up. I think it is very
1252 important that we have something in place for families in College Park, whether
1253 it is a sliding scale or free. I do think we need to do some research on it. We
1254 need to think about before and after school programs, too. I am looking forward
1255 to what is going to come out of this impact study. May is a bit late to register.
1256 We spend money on other stuff and nobody questions it. I am asking for a more
1257 aggressive timeline.

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1259 Mayor Pro Tem Roderick Gay asked Councilman Carn, would you like to change
1260 your motion to add a more aggressive timeline?

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1262 Councilman Carn said absolutely. Let's go.

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1264 Councilwoman Arnold said maybe we start small.

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1266 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to allow fee recreation programs for all College
1267 Park residents with a household income of \$50,000.00 or less citywide,
1268 seconded by Councilman Gay. Councilman Carn withdrew his motion.
1269 Motion did not pass.

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1271 Mayor Motley Broom said I concur with Councilwoman Arnold to make sure we
1272 are doing more for those who cannot afford our recreational services. My concern
1273 is that we rush into a policy and then that policy gets abused. If we set this income
1274 ceiling, who verifies it? Do people bring in their tax returns? How is this all coming
1275 together? And we also know that people get ID's that are not in the City. Is that up
1276 to recreation staff to confirm that? I just want to make sure that the policies we set
1277 forth are ones that support this program and make it successful.

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1279 Councilwoman Arnold said I don't disagree with what the Mayor said. But I think
1280 we have smart, capable staff members that can make it happen.

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Councilwoman McKenzie asked, how do we verify a person's residence in College Park? Utility Bill? Driver's License? I'm sure we will find a way to do this. We did it with the utility program. Let's focus on the majority of families; the youth that will be saved. And hopefully this will cut down on crime.

Councilman Carn said ultimately we are not going to have abuse. We are going to have a grateful community. We will put parameters in place.

ACTION: Councilman Carn moved to approve a policy to implement free recreation and cultural arts programs for all College Park residents with a household income of \$50,000.00 or less to be implemented aggressively and immediately, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

Councilman Carn said on the Federal Lobbyists trip, we want to coordinate with everybody. That's all I got.

Councilwoman Arnold - said I enjoyed participating in the Wild Hog event. It was an opportunity to meet other representatives and to learn more about my colleagues.

Councilwoman Arnold said and I enjoyed the M.L.K. Parade. What you see before you are 130 years of change. This is a historic moment. We have made history and change. We should document the history that we have made of the Body. Fifty to 100 years from now, somebody is going to be studying College Park, and they will want to know who did what to affect their lives.

Councilwoman Arnold said over the 16 days, I am still learning. I see opportunities that we can leverage. There are technologies that we can leverage. Do we have access points in all of our activities? Do we think that not everyone has access to the internet? Just something to think about.

Councilwoman Arnold said Godby Road is important to me. I grew up in an area like Godby Road. I would like us to make some changes in the budget to have crosswalks at every entrance into the complexes. We need to make things easier for staff. We need extra programming for our children and our families. We need a way to participate in the development of the agenda. What about the initiatives that Council has? Maybe we can add that in. So when we make decisions, we will know what area it will impact. Those are my comments.

Councilwoman Arnold said it was nice to participate in Push Push. I would like for us to do a better job publishing these events. Can we come up with a process? I would like us to do a better job receiving the information and recognize those in our community doing great things.

Councilwoman Arnold said our New Ward 3 website is: www.cpward3.com. I'm encouraging all the residents of Ward 3 to subscribe to the newsletter and to share

1327 your thoughts of what you want to see in Ward 3 and how I can better assist and
1328 advocate for you. Thank you.

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1330 Councilman Gay – said I was looking at the 10-day weather report. I don't think it
1331 is going to get to 50 until next Thursday. I would like for us to not cut off anybody
1332 until then. Nobody needs to be cutoff.

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1334 Councilman Gay said we need to allow Fulton County to create the Promise
1335 Academy. I thought that one of the commitments was they were going to notify our
1336 constituents ahead of time about enrollment. They have already reached out to our
1337 community at-large. So, City Manager, I guess you will take that lead.

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1339 Councilman Gay said I don't know if anybody ever got expired insurance. This
1340 happened to one of my constituents. It wasn't his car. The registration was
1341 cancelled. Somebody stopped him. And when he went to court, there is nothing
1342 that is sent out from the DMV certified to let someone know of their cancelled
1343 registration. I would like to see if state agencies can send out certified notices.

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1345 Councilman Gay said City Manager, I would like to do an intergovernmental
1346 agreement with One Talent that is next to Club E, to administer a grant as part of
1347 their tax exemption. They have an educational purpose. I understand from City
1348 Manager that there are no gratuity issues. I want to immediately enter into an IGA
1349 with them. They will come over here and show you their IRS documentation. The
1350 amount is \$8,000.00.

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1352 Councilman Gay said we also agreed to pay outside of the amended budget for an
1353 allotted camera. I would like a date certain.

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1355 Councilman Gay said we need to know when the speed humps are going to be
1356 installed that this Body agreed on.

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1358 Councilman Gay said we need to go back and revisit White City Road. As some of
1359 you may not know, White City Road starts off in the City of South Fulton and ends
1360 up in Ward 4. There is open-air prostitution. We might also need to have our
1361 representative to talk to the DA's Office. It is just one or two houses. We want to
1362 deal with that immediately.

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1364 Councilman Gay said when you are at Herschel Road and 29, that road has been
1365 demolished by tractor-trailers. We need to reach out to GDOT. That corner needs
1366 to be repaved.

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1367 Councilman Gay said this is just a comment. You absolutely need green space for
1368 the development of children. The reason you can't afford to live around Piedmont
1369 Park is because of the park. You see, green space is more economic than brick and
1370 mortar. Maybe we should look at an IGA with some of the property owners over
1371 there, because green space is economic. Target connects both sides of Godby. And

1372 maybe we can look at taking out Sea Ray Leon (ph). Just throwing that out. That's
1373 all I have, Mayor.

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1375 Mayor Motley Broom said I have the gavel back.

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1377 Councilman Carn said City Manager, for the next week or so, let's help remind
1378 people to wrap their exterior pipes.

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1380 Mayor Motley Broom called for a motion for executive session.

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1382 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:31
1383 p.m. for the purposes of litigation and personnel, seconded by
1384 Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

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1386 12. Executive Session.

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1388 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to exit Executive Session at 11:32 p.m., seconded
1389 by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

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1391 13. Approval of Executive Session Minutes.

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1393 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve Executive Session Minutes dated
1394 January 16, 2024, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and
1395 motion carried.

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1397 14. Adjournment.

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1399 Mayor Motley Broom declared the Regular Session adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

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1401 Councilman Carn said we did not get a consensus on an item out of Executive Session.

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1403 Mayor Motley Broom said we are adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

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1405 Councilman Carn said we are not adjourned.

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1407 Mayor Motley Broom said I am the Chair, sir, and we are adjourned.

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1409 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to override the Chair's decision to adjourn
1410 the meeting at 11:32 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carn and motion
1411 carried.

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1413 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to terminate the employment of City Manager
1414 Stanley Hawthorne for cause, seconded by Councilman Gay. Councilman
1415 Carn voted yes. Councilman Gay voted yes. Councilwoman McKenzie
1416 abstained. Councilwoman Arnold abstained. Motion carried.

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1418 Mr. Hawthorne said I would like “termination for cause” to be explained to me.
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1420 Councilman Carn said you will get that from City Attorney Winston Denmark.
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1422 Mr. Hawthorne said there are stipulations in my contract that deal with - -
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1424 Councilman Carn said City Attorney, that is a discussion for Executive Session.
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1426 Mayor Motley Broom said Mr. Hawthorne has the opportunity to speak.
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1428 Councilman Carn said not with Executive Session items. I disagree completely.
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1430 Mayor Motley Broom said Mr. Hawthorne, go right ahead.
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1432 City Attorney Winston Denmark said the law says what we “may” discuss in Executive
1433 Session. The law does not say what we “must” discuss in Executive Session. Nevertheless,
1434 the Council can, by majority vote, not allow further discussion.
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1436 Councilman Carn said with all due respect City Manager, I think we are done for tonight.
1437 We will follow up with you in the morning.
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1439 Mayor Motley Broom asked, is there a discussion on limiting Mr. Hawthorne’s ability to
1440 comment?
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1442 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay moved to approve to receive no further comments from Mr.
1443 Stanley Hawthorne, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.
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1445 The meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m.
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CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

Bianca Motley Broom, Mayor

1464 **Shavala Ames, City Clerk**

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2 CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
3 MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
4 REGULAR SESSION
5 MARCH 4, 2024
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7 MINUTES
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9 Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Councilwoman Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman Joe
10 Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold and Councilman Roderick Gay; Interim City
11 Manager Emmanuel Adediran; City Attorney Winston Denmark; City Clerk
12 Shavala Ames
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14 Absent: None
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16 1. Opening Ceremonies.

17 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening. Welcome to the regularly scheduled meeting of the
18 mayor and city council of the city of College Park. I'm Mayor Bianca Motley Broom. We have a
19 full quorum present with Councilmembers McKenzie, Carn, Arnold, and Gay; and so at this time,
20 it's 7:30 PM, I will call the meeting to order, restating my objections to the omnibus motion this
21 council passed on January 2nd, and ordinance 2024-01.

22 A. Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

23 B. Invocation.

24 2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments, Or Changes To The Agenda

25 CITY CLERK: Next is additions, deletions, amendments or changes to the agenda.

26 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Are there any from the body?

27 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. I would like to add to the agenda discussion of the Flint
28 River Preserve MARTA contract.

29 COUNCILMAN GAY: I have an item, Madam.

30 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Give me one second here. That would be item 8M. Councilmember
31 Gay?

32 COUNCILMAN GAY: Madam Clerk, I would like to add, and I would prefer this the first item of
33 business, statement from the College Park city council.

34 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Sir, you'd like that at item 8A?

35 COUNCILMAN GAY: 1A.

36 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: 1A. Well, we've already passed one, so we are on two. Where would
37 you like it?

38 COUNCILMAN GAY: Could we make it be 2A?

39 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay, 2A. Anything else from the body? Dr. Adediran, I believe
40 you had a removal, is that correct?

41 DR. ADEDIRAN: The other item will stay on the agenda and we have the corrected figure from
42 the contractor, so that was the agenda.

43 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Are you removing anything from the executive session
44 agenda and putting it in the regular session?

45 DR. ADEDIRAN: No, the item in the executive section will be removed when we get back there.

46 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right, so we have adding item 8M, discussion of Flint River
47 Preserve MARTA contract; and item 2A, statement of College Park City Council. Is there a
48 motion?

49 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

50 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

51 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

52 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing none,
53 we'll move to a vote. All those in favor of those additions to the agenda?

54 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

55 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

56 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to add item 8m. Discussion of Flint River MARTA
57 Contract, 2a. Statement from College Park City, seconded by Councilwoman
58 Arnold and motion carried. (All voted yes)

59 A. Statement from College Park City

60 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So item 2A is a statement of College Park City Council.

61 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'll take this item. Mayor, I would like to read a statement to the record,
62 and I'm going to ask mayor and council to join me at the podium?

63 CITY CLERK: Can you talk in the mic?

64 COUNCILMAN GAY: March 4th, 2024, statement from City of College Park City Council. And
65 it reads, "On behalf of the members of the City of College Park Council, we are addressing our
66 concerns regarding the conduct of Mayor Bianca Broom. Despite our efforts to maintain peace and
67 harmony within our community, we find it necessary to speak out at this time. We have witnessed
68 the consequences of inaction in the face of wrongdoing, and we refuse to stand idly by while our
69 city suffers.

70 Since January 2nd, 2024, our council has faced unwarranted criticism for upholding the principles
71 outlined in our city charter. On March 1st, our council participated in a retreat aimed at fostering
72 better working relationships for the betterment of our community. Regrettably, we were unaware
73 that Mayor Broom had filed a lawsuit against the city during this time. We attended the retreat in
74 good faith and committed to finding solutions for the benefit of our constituents.

75 Despite our genuine efforts to extend an olive branch and collaborate, Mayor Broom has chosen
76 to pursue her agenda. We are deeply invested in the well-being and reputation of College Park.
77 Tonight, we had hoped to share positive outcomes from our retreat; but instead, our city found
78 itself once again embroiled in controversy.

79 The citizens of College Park deserve transparency, unity, and progress. We remain committed to
80 serving their best interests and will continue to strive for a brighter future for our community.

81 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: My last name is Motley Broom.

82 3. Approval of Agenda

83 CITY CLERK: The next item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda.

84 COUNCILMAN GAY: Thank you.

85 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

86 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

87 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

88 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

89 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Any discussion? Hearing
90 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor of approval of the agenda?

91 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

92 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

93 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

94 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Councilmember Gay, what is your
95 vote?

96 COUNCILMAN GAY: Motion to approve.

97 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay, we've already had a motion. Do you vote in favor?

98 COUNCILMAN GAY: You're calling us to vote in favor of the motion?

99 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: The motion's already been made and there's been a second. What is
100 your vote?

101 COUNCILMAN GAY: Motion second.

102 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is your vote in favor of approval of the agenda?

103 COUNCILMAN GAY: It is.

104 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Thank you. So that is unanimous.

105 COUNCILMAN GAY: Mayor, this is a point of clarification: in City of College Park versus
106 Charles Phillips, it was well settled that if a Council Member don't speak, it is to be understood
107 that it's in favor.

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109 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir

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111 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman
112 McKenzie and motion carried. (All voted yes)

113 4. Presentation Of Minutes Of City Council

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115 A. Special Called Meeting Minutes dated January 5, 2024

116 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We're moving on to item 4A, which is the approval of the special
117 called meeting minutes from January 5th, 2024. Is there a motion to approve?

118 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

119 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?

120 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

121 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion?

122 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I have discussion.

123 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember McKenzie?

124 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. My concern on these particular minutes was that we did
125 not have the vote. I want to also bring to the attention that we didn't have the vote that was noted
126 and now it has been added, but that was the reason why these minutes were not accepted the first
127 time, because it is important that we put down not only the motion, but the fact that the vote carried.

128 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion?

129 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, while we're on the minutes, city manager, our packet seems to be
130 a little out of whack here. We've got an agenda that has items and numbers, whereas our packet,
131 the different numbers to the items, we're right now on 4A, but our packet has 3A in our packet.
132 The package is mixed up. It's just incorrect. But I will manage through. We just need to be a little
133 more careful how we put this stuff together so we can follow along, here.

134 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

135 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion on the January 5th special called meeting
136 minutes? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

137 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

138 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

139 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes
140 dated January 5, 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried.

141 B. Special Called Meeting Minutes dated January 22, 2024

142 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Item 4B is the special called meeting minutes from January 2nd,
143 2024. Is there a motion?

144 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

145 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

146 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

147 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Any discussion?

148 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes, I have a few corrections to these minutes. The first one
149 would be found on line 27 of the minutes. When I was speaking, I did not say "adjacent," so you
150 can strike that, "the adjacent meeting," so that needs to be struck. Also, line 74 in the packet: my
151 statement was under the ordinance passed by the city council. The mayor does not participate in
152 the deliberations. That's line 74. I said "under the ordinance passed by the city council." That was
153 not shown in the minutes. You got that?

154 CITY CLERK: For clarity, you want to add that to the minutes?

155 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah, I think that's important because the way it's looking is
156 that I'm just saying the mayor does not participate in deliberations, but my statement was "under
157 the ordinance passed by the city council, the mayor does not participate in the deliberations."

158 All right. This one is lines number 94 and 96. We have the mayor saying what I said. I said in line
159 number 94, "I'm unable to do that, ma'am." The mayor has never referred to me as ma'am, did not
160 say "ma'am, what is your motions?" I said, "ma'am," so that needs to be removed, and that's what
161 I have for that particular meeting.

162 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any additional discussion for the special call meeting minutes from
163 January 22nd? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

164 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

165 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

166 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes dated
167 January 22, 2024, with correction, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and
168 motion carried;
169 Packet Page 10, line 27 – s/b adjacent
170 Packet Page 11, line 71 – “under the ordinance passed” to City Attorney

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C. Regular Session Minutes dated January 16, 2024

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We'll move to the regular session minutes from January 16th, 2024. Is there a motion to approve?

COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Motion. It's like Councilman Carn said, it's everything here in this packet is not in order.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember McKenzie's made a motion to approve. Is there a second?

COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second with discussion.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Go right ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: These minutes, they're just wrong. We have on line 706 where Councilmember McKenzie's statements are reported under me, and that's throughout all the minutes, where she's made statements that it shows that I made them. I don't know whether or not they're using some type of software, AI.

CITY CLERK: The individual that transcribed them, she maybe got the voices mixed up, so I can confirm that with her.

COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yeah, and that is true for the rest of the minutes, as well, where she's made statements but it's recorded as I said them.

CITY CLERK: We'll double check those.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn?

COUNCILMAN CARN: Did somebody make a motion to approve this?

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMAN CARN: Maybe we ought to reconsider.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: There's a motion by Councilmember McKenzie and a second by Councilmember Arnold.

197 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I made the motion because I have listed some of the
198 corrections. I'm not sure if this is the minutes that Councilwoman Arnold is referring to in terms
199 of line 706. Is it this one or is it the next?

200 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: That one.

201 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: It is? Because I didn't see that in 706. You said 706?

202 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yeah, page 32.

203 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: January 16?

204 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yeah.

205 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Regular session?

206 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes. Regular session minutes from January 16th.

207 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Right. Okay, okay. That's what I was saying. I think she's in
208 the wrong. The book is totally confusing right now. I know we look crazy, but things are not in
209 order.

210 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: No.

211 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: We're looking at January 16th, the regular session minutes. Is
212 that correct, Mayor?

213 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is correct.

214 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. I do have some corrections on that. Lines 344 and 345,
215 it's an action. It says Chairwoman Jamelle McKenzie moved to extend time to Mr. Willis, seconded
216 by Chairwoman Tracie Arnold in motion carried. We are not Chairwomen, we are Councilwomen,
217 so that just needs to be changed.

218 COUNCILMAN GAY: What page?

219 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: It's page 93, line 344 and line 345.

220 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. I'm looking at 3AC, January 16th workshop session.

221 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: No, we're on the regular --

222 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: We're at 3AF.

223 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay.

224 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Nothing's in order.

225 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay, so we jumped from 3AC to 3AF?

226 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah.

227 COUNCILMAN CARN: We're 3AF, now?

228 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We're on the regular session minutes for January 16th.

229 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah, but here everything's off.

230 COUNCILMAN CARN: It was the workshop session. That's what we were doing next, according
231 to this listing.

232 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: You're at 3AF and we're really supposed to be at 3AC.

233 COUNCILMAN CARN: No one told me we jumped to AF.

234 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah, that's why I'm really thrown off.

235 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay.

236 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Also while we're on this, line 919, which is found on page 106,
237 this page, a lot needs to be redone. Okay. I played the tape back, and from 919 to 926, this is not
238 what Councilman Carn said. I'm not saying we have to do verbatim, but we don't want to change
239 and not say what was said, at least summarize it the way it was said. This is not reflective of the
240 statement that Councilman -- I painstakingly listened to every single one of these meetings over
241 again and looked at the minutes, and they don't reflect what was said.

242 This page 106, I'm requesting that all of page 106 and 919 specifically, we talked about Finding
243 the Flint and there's a lot of information that's missing, so I would like for page 106 to be revisited
244 and for those minutes to reflect what was actually said in the meeting, especially with Finding the
245 Flint.

246 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn?

247 COUNCILMAN CARN: Could I make a suggestion? And this is just my opinion. Instead of
248 piecemealing all of these bad minutes together, why don't we just not approve this packet and have
249 it brought back the correct way? That way we don't have to do research up here for the mistakes.

250 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I have discussion.

251 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember McKenzie?

252 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: My concern is that we are being seen as not approving minutes.
253 It's like you're dogged on if you do, you're dogged on if you don't. If we don't approve these
254 minutes, it will be said that we are now not approving minutes. Minutes are supposed to be
255 approved at the meeting following when those minutes were recorded, so if we do not approve
256 these minutes tonight, I want it to be clear and crystal clear that we tried our level best to approve
257 the minutes. I don't want to hear that this council is falling short of doing our duty because we are
258 not getting the information that we need.

259 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, I don't mind it being said, and I, for one, I'm not going to approve
260 incorrect records. Regardless of what someone says, I'm not going to. That's just me.

261 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All
262 those in favor of approving the regular session minutes from January 16th, 2024? All those
263 opposed? Any abstentions? Councilmember McKenzie, what is your vote?

264 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I'm willing to approve these minutes, providing that the
265 changes are made. That's what I was doing.

266 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So your vote is in favor to approve the regular session minutes?

267 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah.

268 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Councilmember Carn, what is your vote?

269 COUNCILMAN CARN: Opposed.

270 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold?

271 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Opposed.

272 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay? Councilmember Gay, what is your vote? I'm
273 sorry, I didn't hear you.

274 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: It's a mess. It's a mess.

275 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'm going to abstain.

276 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. We have Councilmember McKenzie in favor,
277 Councilmembers Carn and Arnold opposed, and Councilmember Gay abstaining. The motion fails.

278 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated
279 January 16, 2024 with corrections, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold,
280 Councilman Carn and Councilwoman Arnold opposed, Councilman Gay abstained,
281 and motion failed.
282 Packet Page 93, line 344-345 – s/b Chairwoman with Councilwoman
283 Packet Page 106, line 919-926 – Needs to reflect what was said.

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285 D. Regular Session Minutes dated February 5, 2024

286 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Item 4D. Is the approval of the regular session minutes from
287 February 5th, 2024. Is there a motion to approve? Hearing none...

288 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I have a motion, yes.

289 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Councilmember McKenzie?

290 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I just have to find it in the packet because everything is
291 backwards. Okay, I know that line 795...

292 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm sorry. Hold on. Councilmember McKenzie, so you have made
293 a motion?

294 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I made a motion, yes.

295 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Is there a second? Motion dies for a lack of a second, so
296 we will move to the regular session minutes for February 19th, 2024. Is there a motion to
297 approve? There is no motion, so we will go to the workshop session minutes for January 16th,
298 2024. Is there a motion to approve? Hearing no motion, we will move to the workshop session
299 minutes for February 5th, 2024. Is there a motion to approve? Hearing no motion, we'll move to
300 the workshop session minutes for February 19th, 2024. Is there a motion to approve? Hearing
301 none, that does not go forward, either.

302 We are on to proclamations, resolutions, plaques and announcements. We have our Employee of
303 the Month.

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305 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated
306 February 5, 2024, with correction, motion died due to the lack of a second.

307 E. Regular Session Minutes dated February 19, 2024

308 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion to approve? There is no motion, so we will go to
309 the workshop session minutes for January 16th, 2024. Is there a motion to approve? Hearing no
310 motion, we will move to the workshop session minutes for February 5th, 2024. Is there a motion
311 to approve? Hearing no motion, we'll move to the workshop session minutes for February 19th,
312 2024. Is there a motion to approve? Hearing none, that does not go forward, either.

313 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We are on to proclamations, resolutions, plaques and
314 announcements. We have our Employee of the Month.

315 **ACTION:** No Action Taken.

316 F. Workshop Session Minutes dated January 16, 2024

317 **ACTION:** No Action Taken.

318 G. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 5, 2024

319 **ACTION:** No Action Taken.

320 H. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 19, 2024

321 **ACTION:** No Action Taken.

322 5. Proclamations, Resolutions, Plaques, and Announcements

323 A. Employee of the Month – Mike Antol – Animal Control

324 6. Remarks Of Citizens

325 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We'll now move to remarks of citizens. Ms. Ames.

326 CITY CLERK: The first person...

327 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Point of order-

328 CITY CLERK: I had to sign in is James Walker.

329 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Point of order before we get started with this. Madam Clerk,
330 would you remind us of how many minutes are given to public comments? How many minutes do
331 we have for public comments?

332 CITY CLERK: 36 total.

333 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Now, the question with the 36 minutes, are we saying 36
334 minutes that people have the opportunity to comment, or is it 36 minutes from the time that the
335 comment begins until it ends because we are -- Because last time we had a meeting, we had people
336 coming down -- The time -- It seemed like the clock was still ticking and we ran out of time, so-

337 CITY CLERK: Yes. The public comment section itself is 36.

338 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: 36 minutes. Okay. Just wanted the clarification.

339 CITY CLERK: The first person I have is James Walker, Rugby Avenue, to discuss lawsuit.

340 JAMES WALKER: Council, mayor, city manager, city attorney, this pain to me to come before
341 you this evening. One word that comes to mind is dysfunctional. I ask you, is the risk of this worth
342 the reward, Madam Mayor?

343 As I read over this complaint that you filed against the people who you claim to represent, I'm left
344 with one question, was this the right thing to do given where we are as a city? Just because you
345 have a right to do something doesn't make it right.

346 It seems to me to be very disingenuous that you would claim to be working with team building
347 with your colleagues, all the while planning a lawsuit in federal court against the same constituents
348 you claim to work with and represent. Even going to the point of attending a workshop geared
349 towards mending bridges and fences and problem solving this weekend, that, I might add, you
350 came late to and left early, without notifying your colleagues or the facilitator.

351 Mind you, we paid for this weekend. My tax dollars did. And we expect you to be there and work
352 in good faith towards moving this city forward. Not setting us back to a point that I'm afraid we
353 will not be able to come back from in College Park.

354 However, it is painfully clear to me and others that I've spoken to today, that your intentions from
355 the very beginning have been anything but genuine. I do, however, commend our council members
356 and other officials for attending in good faith this retreat to heal our city. I hope that, at least, you
357 all got a chance to come together and to bond as a more cohesive unit.

358 Madam Mayor, you are Mayor Bianca Motley Broom, you are the CEO of College Park, or at
359 least, that's what the lawsuit contends. But let me ask you, where do you find a CEO that sues its
360 company and does not get removed or fired by its shareholders? You don't. You know why?
361 Because it doesn't happen.

362 What bothers me is not that you found a lawsuit because you have the right to do that and to be
363 heard, what bothers me is the way you did it. You being an attorney, a part-time magistrate judge,
364 and a mediator who has worked in such since 2017 should possess the skillset necessary in unifying
365 our city and our council.

366 That is not the case. You could have worked through mediating these issues that directly deal with
367 you and your colleagues, but you didn't. This filing should have been the last-ditch effort in
368 resolving this matter.

369 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

370 JAMES WALKER: I have other time-

371 COUNCILMAN GAY: He can have additional time. Make a motion.

372 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Gay. Is there a second?

373 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I second.

374 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Council Member Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
375 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

376 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

377 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous. Please, go ahead.

378 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay motioned to extend citizen remarks for James Walker, seconded
379 by Councilwoman Arnold and motioned carried. (All voted yes)

380 JAMES WALKER: Thank you. Being an attorney who is practicing in the federal court system
381 know very well the expense and time involved and the billable hours that goes into drafting a
382 complaint such as this, with the exhibits. As I said, this should have been the last ditch effort, but
383 no, it was not. What have you done as mayor, as CEO to try to fix this problem before filing this
384 lawsuit?

385 Instead using my taxpayer's dollars that will go well into the six figures to defend this lawsuit, you
386 should have been dealing, at least, utilizing the power of your seat to bring us together through
387 activities like the one this weekend that you conveniently left early. Filing this lawsuit that will
388 cost all of us should have been the very last thing once all other efforts have been exhausted. Where
389 were your mitigation efforts? I venture to say you never intended them.

390 This has been in the work since the start of this administration. Shame on you. Furthermore, why
391 is it that the council only found out about this suit after being notified by the media? Did you not
392 have the courage to tell them at the retreat that we paid for this weekend? I'm sure the opportunity
393 must have presented itself.

394 After reading through this lawsuit, a lawsuit which you make some horrendous accusations against
395 your colleagues, the city attorney, which I might add could possibly subject him to disciplinary
396 actions by the state bar based upon your allegations alone, which would cause him to hire an
397 attorney, which, I have to pay for, and even our newly-appointed city manager whom I think is
398 doing one heck of a job giving the climate that you inherited, sir. How do you now expect to be
399 able to work with these individuals?

400 Please, tell me if you thought it was bad before, what is it going to be like now, at this point to
401 bring this city, this body of leaders together? Shame on you. What has been your true intentions
402 from day one and your true feelings since the start of this year, not only towards our elected
403 officials but the City of College Park as a whole? A lawsuit that claims in part false reports
404 submitted by Councilwoman McKenzie to our city attorney.

405 Improper orders given by Council Member Carn and Council Member McKenzie to Dr.
406 Emmanuel, and a host of other damning accusations that should have been properly and probably
407 could have been worked out during the team building session this weekend, or any other weekend
408 for that matter.

409 A lawsuit that seeks attorney's fees as well, meaning that we have to pay going and coming. Not
410 to mention the 12 to 15 other lawsuits that we currently are defending.

411 So, I ask you, Madam Mayor, who wins in this lawsuit? Could you not have held off filing this
412 until after talks this weekend? You filed on Friday. Could you not have done a better job at
413 mitigating these circumstances? You have four years in this seat. Could you not have wedded more
414 than four weeks to do this? I shudder to think what this will do to our reputation, our efforts to
415 heal, and to work together as a community, and our overall face to the public as a whole moving
416 forward.

417 What do you now expect? Do you expect business leaders and developers to run to the city to do
418 business? You expect people to run to College Park as a place to live, a place to raise a family and
419 a place to become actively involved in civic duties?

420 Two of my clients today called me who were going to build single family units, affordable single
421 family units here in College Park. They told me, "We're out". They had several million of dollars
422 in loans from Fannie Mae. They had the funding. They said, "This is a blank show. We want
423 nothing to do with College Park. You guys need to get your together. We are out". They were going
424 to build 50 town home, affordable units for our citizens and people who are complaining about not
425 having anywhere affordable to live. No more.

426 Make no mistake, I'm not condoning any prior acts by others who have been out of character or
427 disrespectful. What I am shining the light on is the hypocrisy that continues to flow from the head
428 of this body. If you are truly interested in healing this city, I don't think this is the way, Madam
429 Mayor, to go about it. Sadly enough, we will continue to be the laughing stock of the south and
430 not the jewel that we can be. We will continue to be known for our dissension and not for our unity.

431 Is it really worth it? I challenge everyone to read through this complaint and the 200 plus pages of
432 exhibits like I did this afternoon, and ask yourself, is it really worth it? Your complaint alleges,
433 among other things, irreparable harm if you basically don't get to say what you want to say while
434 presiding over a meeting. Not getting into the legal merits of the claims, but I can tell you who will
435 be irreparably harmed. The citizens of College Park, period. The citizens of College Park deserve
436 better.

437 You are now messing with my property values, my image as a citizen, things that directly affect
438 me and my household, and for one, I take strong issue with that, and will do everything in my
439 power to write this wrong. What do we do in council? What do we do city manager? What do we
440 do city attorney? When is enough, enough? Going to be enough? This is a lose-lose for everybody.

441 I ask you again, is the risk worth the reward? The risk of burning down this house for the reward
442 of you being able to speak on issues that you don't even have a vote on. Quote by E. Stanley Jones,
443 "A rattlesnake, if cornered, will become so angry, it will bite itself". That is exactly what harboring
444 hate and resentment against others is, a biting of oneself.

445 We think we are harming others in holding these fights and hatred, but the deeper harm is to
446 ourselves. Thank you.

447 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

448 CITY CLERK: The next individual is Ms. Kenneth Anderson, 2900 Camp Creek Parkway.
449 Lawsuit.

450 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Your time has expired, sir. Oh, you're not finished? Oh, I'm sorry. I
451 apologize. Go ahead. Go ahead.

452 JAMES WALKER: No. No. You're fine. I ask you, I beg you, I did not move into College Park for
453 this. People did not come to College Park for this. Developers are leaving. People are running
454 away. Tax dollars are going out the window. We are the shame of the south. When is enough going
455 to be enough?

456 And I'm not talking about things happened in the past. Councilman Carn and Councilman Gay,
457 you had the same right that the mayor did to file a lawsuit in federal court, but you didn't. You sat
458 there. You took the disrespect and the disgrace.

459 Now, I don't agree with everything you've done, but, at least, you had the city in mind by not
460 putting us forefront in a federal lawsuit that will end up costing us potentially hundreds of
461 thousands of dollars in addition to the suits that we already have. I just don't see a work around
462 this.

463 Now, maybe I'm wrong and I hope I am wrong, and I hope the city attorney can work and not be
464 accused falsely of the accusations that I read and have to defend an ethics complaint by the state
465 bar because of what your attorney has put in the complaint that you signed an affidavit that it's true
466 and accurate and I hope the city manager will understand, because I think you're doing one heck
467 of a job, sir.

468 And what we have now, God help you. My prayers are with you. Because you have to help heal.
469 This staff, this council, I have no idea what we are going to do, but I know we have to stay focused
470 and prayed up, and I just beg you all to find some way to move us forward in city of College Park.

471 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. Ms. Ames.

472 CITY CLERK: The next person I have is Tina Hill, Parkview Drive, to discuss lawsuit. Okay. Next
473 is Tanya Austin, Parkview, to discuss "CP", climate political.

474 Tanya Austin: Greetings, everyone. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. And if you don't
475 mind, I'd like to first thank the city employee that won employee of the month for his service,
476 because College Park has amazing service, and I just thank you for... Where is he?

477 Well, thank you for all of our employees, and I appreciate everything that they do. And I have been
478 a College Park resident for 27 years. One of the things I love most about it has been the sense of
479 community, the services, and just, the neighborhood is wonderful.

480 So, I do want to talk about climate control. In a world where we have global dissension, we have
481 terrible political climate in this nation, and I come home and I find the same thing. I'm not happy
482 at all, and I simply ask, I'm not pointing fingers at anybody, no individual. I don't have a political
483 agenda. I'm not buying any property, any land. I don't have a business deal. I'm simply a resident,

484 a tax-paying resident that expects adults to get along at work. That's all I ask. Find a way to do it.
485 Find a way to do it.

486 The citizens of this city do not want to be embarrassed. I've been embarrassed and shamed. All of
487 my 27 years, I've never been just so taken aback by the behavior of elected officials. It's
488 embarrassing, and I don't want to see our city decline in leadership, government, business, quality
489 of life. All of those things are important. All of those things are important.

490 So, I think the clergy that brought the invocation and asked for peace, I say the same thing, we
491 need peace. If you do know the Lord, please, get on your knees and ask him to guide you. Guide
492 you in your every decision, conversation, vote, interaction, thought.

493 We are bigger than this, we're better than this. We are bigger than this, we are better than this. We
494 are bigger than this, we are better than this. It's unacceptable to fight. It's unacceptable. All adults.
495 That's who I'm talking to, adults. It's unacceptable.

496 I'm always going to be engaged. I don't come to many council meetings. I watch on that television
497 or Facebook or whatever. I watch what's happening, and I don't like what I'm seeing. So, I'm asking
498 you all to govern with integrity, with wisdom, and with the spirit of unity. That's all I ask for the
499 citizens of College Park.

500 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you very much. Ms. Ames.

501 CITY CLERK: Next, I have Barbara McGee to discuss recommendation for police officers.

502 BARBARA MCGEE: Good afternoon, mayor and council, and the citizens. I'm just so happy to
503 walk up here this evening. I've had knee surgery and I've been going through quite a few medical
504 issues, so I'm just happy on this evening. And I stand before you, too. I also want to recognize
505 Women History Month while I'm here, if I may.

506 The theme for this year is Women Who Advocate for equity, diversity and Inclusion. The theme
507 recognize women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to
508 eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions.

509 Billie Jean King went on to say, and I quote, "Champions keep playing until they get it right". So
510 I'm here tonight to say, as a woman, we will get it right one time or the other.

511 But this afternoon, I want to focus on Saturday afternoon. As you all know, we always go... Well,
512 you don't know. My husband and I love eating at Captain D's on Main Street. So here, we are
513 driving on Saturday afternoon, and we get on Main Street and Virginia Avenue and there and
514 behold, a young man sits on the edge of the bridge. My husband looks over there and he says, "My

515 goodness, that really doesn't look nice". And I says, "No". Because there's a road down under the
516 bridge.

517 And I says, "Well, I'm going to call the police". He says, "No, no, we're going to just wait a minute".
518 So, I said, "If he's there when I get back, we come back, I'm calling the police".

519 So, as we drove back, it was about 10 minutes, 10 to 15 minutes maybe, there was three police cars
520 there. A young lady, I think her name might've been Officer Wells, was distracting... Well, not
521 Officer Wells. Officer Dallas maybe, was standing over to the left, distracting him. And I said, "Oh,
522 someone just need to go and just smack him backwards". By that time, an officer walked up there
523 and just pulled him backwards.

524 He went up in the air, hat went off his head. And I think it might've been Officer Ike and Sergeant
525 Snow. Sergeant Wells also. But I commend them for doing such a horrific herois, however you
526 said, job. They were very calm. They wasn't running or jumping or anything, and my husband says,
527 "No. They're trained to do this". So, I commend them, because I believe they saved someone's life.

528 Now, some people say, oh, maybe he was just sitting there resting. Well, from my experience as
529 counseling people, excuse me, he might've been just waiting for the minute to jump.

530 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

531 BARBARA MCGEE: So, I want a recommendation.

532 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Your time's expired.

533 BARBARA MCGEE: Yes. Thank you.

534 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'd like to hear the rest. I'd like to... Let her finish her thought.

535 CITY CLERK: Is that a motion?

536 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yes.

537 CITY CLERK: All right. Is there a second?

538 COUNCILMAN GAY: I second.

539 CITY CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Gay. In the name of discussion... Hearing none. All
540 those in favor?

541 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

542 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to extend citizen remarks for Barbara McGee, seconded
543 by Councilman Gay and motioned carried. (All voted yes)

544 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous. Please, proceed.

545 BARBARA MCGEE: Thank you. So, I'm here tonight asking that the police department, give them
546 a recommendation, proclamation or something to recognize them. And I also wanted to go in their
547 records, because we know mental illness is running rapid in our neighborhoods. And surely, he just
548 wasn't sitting there for fun. Young guy looked to be about 22, 23, maybe they have the report.

549 But I know, within my heart, that you're not sitting on a bridge with your legs hanging over, just
550 looking down for the fun of it. You could get dizzy. You could fall over. And God forbid, if a car
551 was coming and you fell on top of a car, you missed someone else's day up, and you maybe hurt
552 yourself very bad, or them.

553 So, I ask the council to allow the police department to put something in their records to recognize
554 them. I want to get them to get a proclamation. I don't know how you do that. HR would know and
555 all that good stuff. But I do commend those officers for being heroes for me, because I was there
556 and I seen that. Thank you.

557 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you so much.

558 BARBARA MCGEE: Thank you so much.

559 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Ms. Ames.

560 CITY CLERK: Next is Sherry Godfrey to discuss lawsuit.

561 SHERRY GODFREY: Good evening, mayor and council. I'm Sherry Godfrey, Ireside on Lyle
562 Avenue. I didn't know what I was going to say when I came here this evening, and listening to
563 some of the comments, I now know what I'd like to say.

564 And council made a statement about olive branches and touting transparency, and I just want to
565 say that their actions are otherwise. Ever since council enacted the ordinance to silence the mayor,
566 which is a big root of this discord, there's been nothing but efforts to stifle her limit perspective
567 and information to residents.

568 There's nothing about preventing perspective and discussion that is transparent and encourages
569 collaboration. As far as the retreat is concerned, if anyone wants to go back and watch the council

570 meeting where the retreat is discussed, it's clear that the mayor didn't even know the dates of the
571 retreat.

572 If you're collaborating, then, you would've had some conversation with her so that all parties can
573 participate and be available. It's the impression, just watching the video, that that did not happen.
574 In the spirit of James Walker's comments, just because you can, does not mean you should. Just
575 because you can create an ordinance, silencing the mayor does not mean that you should. It is poor
576 governance. It does not breed transparency, collaboration, critical thinking, any of those things.
577 More information always makes you more decision makers.

578 And I'll just add, if you want to see how council is combative against mayor, we saw that at the
579 start of the meeting with Councilman Gay, refusing to verbally state his vote on agenda items. This
580 is for the sake of disagreement. I don't understand why you stand on your head and do that. What's
581 the harm in verbally saying yes or no? It's one word to support or oppose.

582 And I'll just close with this, voting to allow more time for people to speak subjectively... It's just a
583 subjective process and it seems that council persons extend time for comments that are in support
584 of their actions and their agenda, and don't allow time, or allow time to expire to opposing
585 comments. Thank you.

586 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. Ms. Ames.

587 CITY CLERK: Next is Pamela Greer. It does not state what the topic of discussion is.

588 ALTHEA MORRIS: Good evening, mayor and council. As I sat in the back and I've listened to the
589 various perspectives of...

590 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm sorry, ma'am. Can you state your name for the record?

591 ALTHEA MORRIS: Althea Morris. As I sat in the back and listened to the different comments
592 from people, I came in embarrassed. People are calling from all different cities and saying... And
593 asking, "Althea, what's going on in College Park? What are you guys doing?" And that is so
594 embarrassing and frustrating.

595 As the young lady said before, we're dealing with adults, each and every one of you are adults.
596 And I know, majority of you sitting up there, and I am ashamed. I am ashamed and appalled at this
597 behavior.

598 I do think that this meeting is called mayor and council for a reason, and that is because the mayor
599 should be able to speak in a mayor and council meeting. I think that it is absurd to have her sit in
600 a meeting where she's muted and cannot speak.

601 A lot of people were so joyous when this new council came and they said, "Oh, we finally got in
602 all-African American and all people of color council". But I ask you guys, each and every one of
603 you, is this what you want people to see from an all people of color-governing body of the City of
604 College Park?

605 James Walker said it best, shame on you. Shame on you. And I don't want to defend anyone. I'm
606 not here to put fingers. I am here to say, as a constituent, we are looking... As your constituents,
607 we are looking. Other people are looking. Why can't we be on the news because we are a great city
608 that is getting greater, or that we have entrepreneurial opportunities for people? That's what I would
609 like the city to be known for.

610 So when you get up here and you particularly single the mayor out for her actions, I think that's
611 wrong. If you're going to say that this is a mess, then, let everybody take their responsibility.

612 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

613 ALTHEA MORRIS: Thank you.

614 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Ms. Ames.

615 CITY CLERK: Next is, I want to say Millie... Can't make out the last name, of Rugby Avenue, to
616 discuss lawsuit. That's fine. Please, state your name for the record.

617 ANDY GOSH: My name is Andy Gosh. I live at 2348 Rugby Avenue. And I've heard all the
618 comments, and I agree with many, police do need recognition. We can only solve this underneath,
619 you're absolutely right. God can soften our hearts and make this happen, like it needs to happen.

620 But I don't see that. I have to agree... I mean, I guess I would start off by saying it's a sad day that
621 one member of the government has to sue the rest for her right to speak. And if I hadn't been to the
622 last meeting that I was able to attend, I wouldn't really have believed it myself. I saw the gavel
623 being passed to other people, which would allow her the right to speak under the rule that you all
624 passed. Nobody took it up.

625 So, by default, you're just denying her right to speak. And I don't understand that. The mayor was
626 represented, was elected by the constituents of this city. I don't think she is suing the constituents
627 of the city. I think she is trying to create an avenue for her to have a voice, and for the city to
628 actually go forward and function. But I don't see that out of the rest of the city council, which is
629 bewildering the least.

630 So, we're supposed to have a government that represents the people that it was elected to serve no
631 matter who voted for who. A question is, who does this council intend to serve if they're trying to
632 quash the voices of those who voted for the mayor? I do not understand it.

633 I'm hoping for a better day in College Park. We have huge opportunities in this city. But at this
634 point, all we're seeing is infighting. And then, to come up and say after what I've seen at this last
635 meeting, that the mayor is not cooperating, it- it defies logic. It begs the question of, "If you don't
636 want her to speak, why not? Is there something that she says that you don't agree with? And if you
637 don't agree with it, why were you elected in the first place, if you weren't elected to debate, and
638 work for the common good?" I ask that you all, someone at least, have the moxie to pick up the
639 gavel and let her speak. That would show that you cared about the city. Thank you much.

640 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. Ms. Ames?

641 ANDY GOSH: I do pray that God is watching over College Park, and all those who claim to have
642 him in their heart truly do.

643 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. Ms. Ames?

644 CITY CLERK: Next is Chisulo Ajanaku to discuss lawsuit.

645 Chisulo Ajanaku: I am Chisulo Akono Ajanaku. I live at 1840 Mercer Avenue in College Park.
646 Mayor Bianca, you're aware I had you in my home. I've supported you. Still support you. There's
647 still opportunity to win. It is opportunity for you to grow. It is opportunity for you to be the best
648 you can be, but you are costing all of us going down the same road you've been going down. It's
649 time for change. It's all around you. It is time for you to change.

650 I'm aware of how confident you are in your ability. I'm aware about how you work to get your way,
651 and you've been successful. I've been trying to get over to you a new strategy. The way you're
652 going, you're going to hurt all of us and hurt yourself. I've been trying to get the strategy to you.
653 You can win. You can win a greater future, but the way you're going, but it's time to turn around.
654 You can turn it around. You can turn it around. Please, for us, turn it around. When you are safe,
655 turn it around. You can do it. You can do it. Thank you.

656 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. Ms. Ames?

657 CITY CLERK: Next, I'm going to start on my email comments. The first comment is from Pastor
658 Marjorie Dent, and it reads, "To Madam Mayor, council members, and city manager. There is no
659 way to adequately thank you for your service to the city. For all the time you dedicate to focusing
660 on the issues, and meeting with residents. You spend countless hours preparing for council
661 meetings, presiding during the city council meetings, and countless hours at public events. Here's

662 a special reason I thank you. Thank you for hearing our request for an increase in salary for College
663 Park police officers. You did it.

664 I would like to add it is more than money; value is restored, honor is restored, and respect is
665 restored. I can have more peace of mind. Our community will be safer, and more officers will join
666 our elite police department. Again, thank you for granting our request. May the Lord bless you and
667 keep you."

668 The next comment is from Dee Dee Palmer and it reads. Greetings. Please explain the roadblock
669 to stop signs entering and exiting the Six West area, Camp Creek Parkway, and the street next to
670 the golf course and sanitation department. Is there a reason we cannot walk and drive through this
671 area? Are there plans by the city to clean up, and make over beautified model the entrance of Rugby
672 Avenue along Washington Avenue? Unkept trees, and debris, and trash, are a constant on this part
673 of Rugby Avenue. Lastly, what needs to be done to complete a sidewalk on West Rugby Avenue?
674 Respectfully.

675 The next comment is from Chris Reed. Actually, this should be read during his item on the agenda.
676 This is for special events, so I'm going to skip that one.

677 The next comment is Tom Coleman, and it reads, "Dear Mayor and council, I note with concern,
678 last meeting's moved to transfer Bill Evans Ball Field to BIDA. As there was no explanatory
679 comment at the time, it can only be assumed that this is for conversion of the field for commercial
680 development. That being the purpose of the Building & Industrial Development Authority.

681 Bill Evans field is well utilized, most notably by teams of the schools of the Atlanta University
682 complex. I have also seen tournaments and Woodward use this as well. The removal of this
683 recreational asset should not be done without a suitable replacement nailed down before a transfer
684 of the facility to a private entity. Might I suggest, in their wisdom, Mayor and Council and body
685 stipulate that as part of any sale, acquiring the entity fully fund the construction of an equivalent
686 ballpark, or properly similar suited near the centers of our city. Either Six West or perhaps
687 Jamestown might be candidates.

688 As I understand it, the Marquis Grissom organization stood by to financially support the
689 enhancement of Bill Evans Field for the use by HBCUs. The sale of Bill Evans, instead of its
690 enhancement, along with the cancellation of the externally subsidized Flint Riverhead Waters Park,
691 marks the second time in as many months that the city has rejected outside private offers to help
692 revitalize our recreational facilities. If we keep thumbing our noses at people trying to help us, you
693 can reasonably assume the offers will stop. Thank you for considering these issues."

694 The next comment is from Susan Coleman and it reads. "Hello, Madam Mayor and Council. It
695 seemed hopeful that you were trying to work out some personality issues with this governance this
696 past weekend. The retreat, a good remedy. The retreat, a good remedy. While I wouldn't agree with

697 Lake Lanier being the location, a retreat nevertheless was a good idea. However, I'm writing
698 tonight to say that I stand this mayor, 100. This mayor has been a wonderful progressive and
699 thoughtful leader. Why the need to limit her voice is baffling us in this city. I hope, with the new
700 members coming aboard, the continued work for development that would allow us to shine as city
701 would continue, but that has been the furthest from the truth."

702 The time has stopped. Would you guys like me to-

703 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'd like to make a motion to continue reading the emails, please.

704 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay.

705 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

706 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Gay, second by Councilmember Carn.
707 Any discussion? Hearing none, I'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

708 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

709 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.

710 **ACTION:** Councilman Gay motioned to extend citizen remarks for emailed comments,
711 seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried. (All voted yes)

712 CITY CLERK: Okay. Why the need to limit her voice is baffling us in this city. I hope with the
713 new members comment aboard, the city continue work for development that will allow us to shine,
714 as city will continue. But that has been the furthest from the truth. We are falling behind on our
715 counterparts Hapeville, East Point, and Fairburn. We are doing so because we have a few council
716 members who, for some reason, appears to have a personal dislike for the mayor. She was doing
717 the job before, so why now the sudden need to silence her voice? Instead of this infighting, we
718 should be passing developments in the line of the Flint River collaboration. But instead, we voted
719 the major project down for a park. We should be hearing about what is happening with Mercer on
720 Main.

721 Six West, what is really happening? What new is coming to our main street? Some possibly of
722 making College Park connect, so this idea of them against us can vanish. Possibly building a trail
723 or golf cart parkway to allow connectivity and more green space. Anything that could make us all
724 one community and grown, allowing ADUs because we know housing, especially affordable
725 housing, is a big concern in the metro area. Instead, we are wasting time with nonsense and
726 negativity. We can do better than this. Remember this council seat isn't yours, it's the citizens."

727 The next comment is from Demetrius Taylor, and it reads, "Salutations, Mayor and Council. I'm
728 Demetrius Taylor of the Embarcadero Club Apartments, in ward 2. I stand in saying I'm not the
729 voice of the people: I am the people. On this day, March 4th, 2024, my 54th birthday, I'm compelled
730 to send this because I am bewitched, bothered, and bewildered by this new lawsuit that the mayor
731 has filed against the City of College Park, the city you say... My apologies. The city you say is the
732 city in which we deserve.

733 As a participating, I'm sorry. As a practicing attorney yourself, Ms. Mayor Bianca Motley Broom,
734 you know how much time and effort these kinds of proceedings take, and you know how much
735 these kinds of proceedings cost. You have been hounding the budget, and wanting to make sure
736 the city is not doing this frivolous things to upset it, and now you go on and sue the very city you
737 claim that you want to protect.

738 This stunt is one of pure ego and retaliation, and I won't stand for it. You had ample opportunity to
739 take care of this through our city attorney in executive session, and even at the retreat. A retreat
740 designed to get everyone functioning cohesively, and communicating better with one another, in
741 particular, council, with you. You told us in your newsletter that you were not going to stay for the
742 entire retreat, because you have family obligations, and yet you want us to trust your judgment and
743 your insight to handling things.

744 When you campaigned initially, you told us how you know how to bring people together. You said
745 you know how to work through adversarial issues, and now... I'm sorry. And know how to make
746 tough decisions. But this stunt demonstrates that you are not as adept in that skill as you led us to
747 believe. I would defend you when you are right, and when I did, my comments were redacted per
748 the city attorney, but I sent each of you a copy of my comments. But like anything else, when you
749 are wrong, you are wrong. This lawsuit is unnecessary and is wrong. This is definitely not budgeted
750 and the citizens do not have any more fuel to put on this internal fighting, that we all thought would
751 be relieved with this retreat, that you didn't complete.

752 I'm disappointed that your newsletter is used to gaslight the citizens, and keep controversy going
753 all in the name of you being, quote/unquoted, silenced. This is a travesty, and you have the power
754 to keep this from becoming the fiasco everyone has put on the new council. You, ma'am, seem to
755 be the ringleader in this circus, and you are manipulating the citizens into this fury. Everyone needs
756 to get this together so we can move forward. We have a city to run."

757 My last comment is from Sellisa Jefferson, and it reads, "Good evening, Mayor and Council. I
758 think the mayor's lawsuit against the city is a detriment, and waste of time and resources, utilized
759 to defend this prosperity's case. The current council's approval ordinance is in accordance with the
760 conduct and facilitation of our city's Charter. The city's Charter does not silence the mayor. It
761 actually enforces the mayor to act as governance and steward of the city, city hall, and other boards.
762 It has never condoned the mayor to deliberate during the council meetings. The mayor has created
763 a culture to deliberate and micromanage the prior meetings.

764 I commend our new council for their due diligence to act accordingly, and enforce the terms and
765 conditions performance of the city's Charter. Therefore, I think the mayor, you are being defiant,
766 manipulative, and gaslighting our citizens into believing the council is trying to silence you, which
767 is a lie. It's time for you to stop your lack of professional maturity, improve your leadership, and
768 act with integrity, and stop this nonsense of delaying the performance of the council meetings to
769 perform efficiently without interruption and embarrassment.

770 Let's get to managing the city's business to improve the infrastructure and development of our city,
771 to increase the quality of life for all residents, employees, and governing bodies, to thrive, to live,
772 work, play within the city of College Park. Being team-oriented, accepting constructive criticism,
773 being cooperative and collaborative is how we all work together to build the city we so desperately
774 deserve. Thank you for all of your attention, time, and service to resolve this matter." That's it.

775 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you very much.

776 7. Public Hearing

777 A. Request to set the Public Hearing Date for consideration of and action on a Conditional
778 Use Permit application at 2539 Sullivan Road (Parcel ID 13 0036 LL1240) in Ward 2 to
779 allow for a private transloading metal recycling facility serving Georgia Power. The
780 Planning Commission heard this case at their January 29, 2024 meeting and voted
781 unanimously to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

782 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We will go ahead and move forward with a public hearing. Let's
783 see. Actually, request to set a date for a public hearing, not the actual public hearing.

784 CITY CLERK: Request to set the public hearing date for consideration of an action on a
785 conditional use permit application at 2539 Sullivan Road, Parcel ID 130036 LL1240, in ward two,
786 to allow for private transloading metal recycling facility serving Georgia Power.

787 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

788 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

789 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

790 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

791 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any discussion? Hearing none, we'll move forward to a vote. All
792 those in favor?

793 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
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794 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

795 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

796 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Councilmember McKenzie, what
797 is your vote?

798 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

799 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right, that is unanimous.

800 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to set the Public Hearing the Conditional Use Permit
801 application for 2539 Sullivan Road in Ward 2 to allow for a private transloading
802 metal recycling facility serving Georgia Power for March 18, 2024, seconded by
803 Councilman Gay and motion carried. (All voted yes)

804 8. Other Business

805 A. Consideration of the approval of the 2024 Federal Legislative priorities for formal
806 submittal to the Federal Delegation via a Resolution. This item is requested by
807 Airport and Governmental Affairs Director, Brecca Carter. This affects all Wards.
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809 CITY CLERK: The next item is consideration of approval of the 2024 federal legislative
810 priorities for former submittals to the federal delegation via a resolution. This item is requested
811 by airport and governmental affairs director Brecca Carter.

812 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening. Is there a motion?

813 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

814 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?

815 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

816 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second, with discussion.

817 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. All right, discussion.
818 Councilmember Gay?

819 COUNCILMAN GAY: I would like to hear from these ladies at this time.

820 CITY CLERK: I'm sorry, who's seconding that?

821 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I believe it was Councilmember Carn. I may have gotten that
822 wrong.

823 CITY CLERK: I think I heard him, but I heard you say Carn.

824 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I think everybody wanted to second it.

825 CITY CLERK: Okay.

826 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I think Councilmember Carn is the first I heard.

827 CITY CLERK: Okay, thank you.

828 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Wait, what did you say? Second? Oh, second it. Okay.

829 CITY CLERK: I heard Gay, but-

830 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yeah. Okay.

831 CITY CLERK: I just...

832 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thought I heard Councilmember Carn. Did you second as well,
833 sir?

834 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yes.

835 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. I heard-

836 CITY CLERK: Okay. Got you. Thank you.

837 COUNCILMAN GAY: We did it contemporaneously.

838 COUNCILMAN CARN: Doesn't make a difference, whoever.

839 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

840 BRECCA CARTER: Good evening, mayor and council. The federal agenda before you is
841 months of going back and forth talking to our federal lobbyists. I have Jennifer Imo here, who is
842 our federal lobbyist with the Ferguson group. We've gone back and forth, making sure we
843 connect the strategic plan goals to what we're looking for, for federal dollars and things like that.
844 You have a number of things dealing with quality of life, local economy, growth, transportation,
845 mobility, and so on. We are bringing this before you as a precursor to our meeting with our
846 federal delegation, which is scheduled for Thursday in Washington, DC, where we'll present to
847 our four delegation members what we'd like to move forward, and for them to advance for the
848 City of College Park.

849 JENNIFER IMO: I don't know if you wanted to go through any of it, but I did want to let you
850 know that just yesterday afternoon, congressional leadership actually released six appropriations
851 bills, final appropriations bills, with the tables that included the earmarks in each of those bills.
852 Included was \$959,752 for... 9-5-9-7-5-2, for the water storage tank and booster station, and then
853 \$500,000 for Finding the Flint. They, in order to avoid a partial government shutdown, the
854 Congress has to pass these bills into law by Friday, which, frankly, we expect to happen.
855 Just so you know, those two projects are in the final lists. Congratulations to you all on that. We
856 have spent a lot of time, also, in addition to mapping out what your federal agenda looks like,
857 identifying projects that we can submit for funding in the next fiscal year. The fiscal year 2025
858 appropriations process. We already have deadlines that are upcoming at the end of March, so
859 we'll look forward to finalizing the projects for which we can submit congressional funding
860 requests.

861 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Any further discussion?

862 COUNCILMAN CARN: I had a couple of things.

863 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn, go right ahead.

864 COUNCILMAN CARN: Jennifer, it's good to see you.

865 JENNIFER IMO: Nice to see you too, thank you.

866 COUNCILMAN CARN: We're excited, as always, to be having you all take us up to the hill, so
867 to speak.

868 JENNIFER IMO: Good.

869 COUNCILMAN CARN: I've probably been up there more than anybody, and in particular this
870 year, I wanted to make sure we all got on the same page, in terms of the point person up here, in
871 terms of the elected officials. Now, obviously, every year you quarterbacked things since we
872 hired a federal lobbyist. Most of the time, Jack led the delegation, in terms of leading the charge
873 and what we wanted. There were a few times when I carried the ball. This year, I'm
874 recommending maybe we have one of our new council members, in terms of five of us... It's hard
875 five people talking at once, more or less. We want to make sure we get our message cleared.
876 I would suggest one of our new council members put some fresh perspective on this thing, since,
877 again, we're starting with a new government. 50% of our government is new. That's my
878 recommendation, in terms of why we're up there. That again, your point, of course, that's what
879 we hire you for, but amongst us, we want to make sure we're on the same page. That's my
880 suggestion. Council members, I don't know which one of you all would be interested, but that
881 would be my suggestion.

882 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'd like to talk.

883 COUNCILMAN CARN: Again. Yeah, that would be my suggestion. I just wanted to get y'all's
884 thoughts on that.

885 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I don't mind. I don't mind. I would do it. I don't know if
886 Councilwoman Arnold wants to.

887 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I don't, if you want to.

888 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay.

889 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Well, with that, do we need to make a motion on that, or is that
890 just a consensus? If that's okay with everyone? Again, in light of things going on here, I don't
891 want us to go up there and get off on the wrong page. I-

892 JENNIFER IMO: Sure. What I would recommend is, what we typically do, is I draft talking
893 points, which I would like for you all to review. You all determine who's going to be the voice. I
894 think, a lot of times too, what we've done is outline our overall strategy. Then if it's a project that
895 you want to focus on, that's a particular interest to an individual member, like we talked about,
896 that's why you would take the reins on certain projects, then that also makes sense. However, you
897 all decide to do it is how we will do it. But again, I will provide talking points. We'll just need to
898 make sure that the issues that we are discussing, and the projects we are discussing, are the ones
899 that the full mayor and council are supportive of.

900 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, this agenda looks good.

901 JENNIFER IMO: Right.

902 COUNCILMAN CARN: I know you're going to keep us in line with the talking points. I make a
903 motion that Councilmember McKenzie lead the charge, in terms of spokesperson for the DC trip.

904 CITY CLERK: Councilman Carn, there's already a motion on the floor.

905 COUNCILMAN CARN: Oh, well, in addition to that-

906 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: To approve the legislative-

907 COUNCILMAN CARN: That's my caveat to it. To approve the legislative agenda, with the
908 caveat of our spokesperson being-

909 CITY CLERK: Can we do that first?

910 COUNCILMAN CARN: Council, it's just an add-on. It's a friendly amendment on that, on my
911 motion.

912 CITY CLERK: Okay. Councilman McKenzie will have to make that amendment.

913 COUNCILMAN CARN: An approval of the agenda.

914 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE:

915 Oh. Oh, okay. Okay, then I would like to make the amendment that we will approve the
916 legislative, and we will... Well, what I've already said, in addition that I will be the spokesperson.

917 CITY CLERK: You accept that friendly amendment, Councilman Carn?

918 COUNCILMAN CARN: I do.

919 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'd like to discuss. If Mayor Pro Tem would take the gavel?

920 COUNCILMAN GAY: Before that, do we have a motion? There was a second?

921 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes. Yes sir.

922 COUNCILMAN GAY: Can we call the motion? All in favor?

923 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

924 COUNCILMAN GAY: Those opposed? Hearing none, the motion pass. Ma'am, you have a safe
925 trip back.

926 JENNIFER IMO: It's nice to see you all. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

927 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: All right, thank you.

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929 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie motion to approve the 2024 Federal Legislative priorities
930 for formal submittal to the Federal Delegation and appoint Councilwoman
931 McKenzie as representation, seconded by Councilman Carn and motion carried.
932 (All voted yes)

933 B. Consideration of and action on a request from the Grady Health Foundation to host
934 "Rules of The Road" fundraiser bike ride on April 27, 2024 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00
935 p.m. A portion of bike course is within the City of College Park city limits. This item
936 is requested by City Clerk, Shavala Ames.

937 CITY CLERK: Next item on the agenda is consideration of an action honor request from Grady
938 Health Foundation to host Rules of the Road Fundraiser bike ride on April 27th 2024, from 7:30
939 AM to 2:00 PM. A portion of this bike course is within the City of College Park city limits. This
940 is being requested through the City Clerk's office.

941 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

942 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

943 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilman Carn has made a motion. Is there a second?

944 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

945 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Gay. Any discussion? Hearing none,
946 we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

947 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

948 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

949 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to approve a Special Event Permit from Grady Health
950 Foundation to host "Rules of the Road" fundraiser bike ride on April 27, 2024, from
951 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman Gay and motion carried. (All voted
952 yes)

953 C. Consideration of and action on a request to approve invoice from Proof of the
954 Pudding at the Georgia International Convention Center, for Police Department's
955 16th Annual Valentine's Seniors' Social in the amount of \$23,356.50. This is a
956 budgeted item. This item is requested by Connie Rogers, Chief of Police.

957 CITY CLERK: Next is consideration of an action on a request to approve invoice from Proof of
958 the Pudding at the Georgia International Convention Center for the police department's 16th annual
959 Valentine's Senior Social, in the amount of \$23,356.50. This is a budgeted item.

960 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

961 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: So moved.

962 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Is there a second?

963 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

964 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is that a second, Councilmember McKenzie?

965 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. I said aye. Yes.

966 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. Any discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a
967 vote. All those in favor?

968 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

969 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

970 **ACTION:** Councilwoman Arnold motioned to approve an invoice from Proof of the Pudding
971 at the Georgia International Convention Center, for Police Department's 16th
972 Annual Valentine's Seniors' Social in the amount of \$23,356.50, seconded by
973 Councilwoman McKenzie and motioned carried. (All voted yes)

974 D. Consideration on and action of a request for approval of Resolution No.2024-03
975 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2024 for the General Fund, Special Revenue
976 Funds and Enterprise Funds. This item is requested by Althea Philord-Bradley,
977 Director of Finance.

978 CITY CLERK: Next is consideration of an action on a request for approval of resolution number
979 2024-03, amending the budget for fiscal year 2024 for the general fund, special revenue funds,
980 and enterprise funds. This item is being requested by Althea Philord-Bradley.

981 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

982 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?

983 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

984 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion?

985 COUNCILMAN GAY: I have discussion.

986 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay, go right ahead.

987 COUNCILMAN GAY: Is this motion tonight to amend, to approve the amended budget, mid-
988 year amended budget?

989 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: The current year budget, which we're in, fiscal year 2023-
990 2024.

991 COUNCILMAN GAY: I'm talking about the items that we wanted to amend it, that was on the
992 agenda in December.

993 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: No. These are items that were actions that were previously
994 taken by council, but we did not appropriate the budgets for them. They're just a few items, that
995 were not previously approved by budget, that I am recommending.

996 COUNCILMAN GAY: Can you tell me what they are, probably?

997 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: The items that weren't previously approved by you?

998 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yes.

999 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. The two items, it would be the city hall controls
1000 upgrade HVAC unit-

1001 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay.

1002 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: ... for \$54,000.

1003 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay.

1004 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: The mobile computers for inspection. That's a newly
1005 requested item. The building inspector position, even though it existed, we did not budget for it
1006 in 2023-2024, and we hired the personnel, so that needs to be budgeted for. In addition, there's
1007 \$5.5 million in M.O.S.T. tax funding that we receive this year, I am budgeting for that. We have
1008 the funds, I'm just budgeting for that.

1009 COUNCILMAN GAY: To be put in the budget.

1010 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: Yes.

1011 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay.

1012 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: And that goes into water and sewer, for sewer improvement.

1013 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay.

1014 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: I believe that's the only items that weren't previously
1015 discussed.

1016 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay, that's all I have. Thank you.

1017 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: You're welcome.

1018 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll move forward to a
1019 vote. All those in favor?

1020 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

1021 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, that is unanimous.

1022 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: Thank you.
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1024 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-
1025 03 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2024 for the General Fund, Special Revenue
1026 Funds and Enterprise Funds, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie, and motioned
1027 carried. (All voted yes)

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1029 E. Consideration of and action on Resolution No. 2024-04, to impose a 1% Municipal
1030 Option Sales Tax within the City and to direct the municipal superintendent to call a
1031 special election for the purpose of submitting the question of the imposition of the
1032 tax to the voters of College Park. This item is requested by Director of Finance,
1033 Althea Philord-Bradley.
1034

1035 CITY CLERK: Next is consideration of an action on resolution number 2024-04, to impose a 1%
1036 municipal option sales tax within the city, and to direct the municipal superintendent to call a
1037 special election for the purpose of submitting the question on the imposition of the tax to the voters
1038 of College Park.

1039 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1040 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

1041 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

1042 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

1043 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

1044 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Any discussion? Hearing
1045 none. We'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

1046 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

1047 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Councilmember Carn, I apologize.

1048 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1049 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay, thank you. All right, so that is unanimous as well.

1050 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-04, to
1051 impose a 1% Municipal Option Sales Tax within the City and to direct the municipal
1052 superintendent to call a special election for the purpose of submitting the question
1053 of the imposition of the tax to the voters of College Park, seconded by
1054 Councilwoman McKenzie and motioned carried. (All voted yes)

1055

1056 F. Consideration of and action on a request for approval of the proposed Mayor and
1057 Council Departmental Budget Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as well
1058 as an opportunity for general policy direction by elected leadership. See attached
1059 draft Departmental Budget Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. This item
1060 is requested by Director of Finance, Althea Philord-Bradley.

1061 CITY CLERK: Next is consideration of an action for approval to the proposed mayor and city
1062 council departmental budget meeting schedule for fiscal year 2024-2025, as well as an
1063 opportunity for general policy direction by elected leadership.

1064 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: I wanted to make a correction on that calendar. April 23rd,
1065 2024 shows up as, I believe, a Monday. It's actually a Tuesday. And April 24th shows up as a
1066 Tuesday, and it's actually a Wednesday. That's the only two corrections I have, but the dates
1067 remain the same.

1068 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1069 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion, but discussion.

1070 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second?

1071 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

1072 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Councilmember Carn, go
1073 right ahead.

1074 COUNCILMAN CARN: There's an outside chance that I may be out of town, actually,
1075 potentially out of the country, on the 23rd and 24th. If there was any way, I'm looking at the first
1076 meeting, April 10th, and the window between the 10th and the 16th. If there was any way that we
1077 could fit those two meetings anywhere in between those seven days, I'd really appreciate it, as I
1078 don't want to miss any of the budget sessions, especially this year.

1079 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: We can pull this back, and check back with the executive
1080 assistants, and bringing it back to the next meeting, if you would like, so we can-

1081 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, I would appreciate it if we can fit some in between that slide.
1082 That's the largest slot, and then there's some space between the 18th and 23rd. But whatever
1083 works with everybody's schedule. Just the last two sessions, if we could move those back, I
1084 would appreciate that.

1085 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Question-

1086 COUNCILMAN CARN: If it's not too much trouble.

1087 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember McKenzie, go right ahead.

1088 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Is there any kind of stipulation that this has to be published a
1089 certain amount of time in advance, these hearings?

1090 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: Well, he's not going beyond the April 24th date, so it's so long
1091 as to be before the April 24th date that we can get these two meetings in.

1092 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay, got you. All right.

1093 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. There's a motion and a second. All those in favor?

1094 COUNCILMAN CARN: With the modification?

1095 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We haven't set modifications, so-

1096 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: I'll bring it back at the next meeting-

1097 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay.

1098 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: The March 19th meeting, if that's okay.

1099 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, my motion to be with whatever modifications that work for
1100 everyone.

1101 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: Okay.

1102 COUNCILMAN CARN: We're clear, we're not passing these exact dates, necessary.

1103 CITY CLERK: Who made the motion, and who second?

1104 COUNCILMAN CARN: I made the motion.

1105 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: He made the motion.

1106 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We're not approving this schedule, we're just approving a
1107 general...

1108 COUNCILMAN CARN: This schedule, with a modification, pending everyone's schedule, with
1109 what works, yes.

1110 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn, do you want to withdraw the motion, just
1111 so we can bring it back with dates that work for everyone?

1112 COUNCILMAN CARN: No, I'd like to pass this, again, just with the modification of adjusting
1113 those two dates, commencement with whatever works with everyone's schedule. That's what I'd
1114 like to do.

1115 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Point of clarification. Basically what-

1116 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Council McKenzie go right ahead.

1117 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. Basically, we're saying the first two dates are fine, but
1118 those last dates would need to be, so we can approve the first-

1119 COUNCILMAN CARN: Four dates.

1120 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: First four dates?

1121 COUNCILMAN CARN: Right-

1122 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay, the first four dates, but we just have to determine the
1123 other two.

1124 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yeah.

1125 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. All right. You just have to determine the other two.

1126 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yes.

1127 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. All right.

1128 COUNCILMAN CARN: That works too.

1129 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So could you state your motion one more time, Councilmember
1130 Carn?

1131 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, I'll modify my motion to approve the first four dates and find
1132 somewhere within those dates to accommodate the last two dates, pending everyone's schedule.

1133 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: So we're just modifying the last two dates?

1134 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yes.

1135 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And Councilmember McKenzie, does your second still stand?

1136 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. Yes, it does.

1137 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right.

1138 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: That's fine.

1139 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All
1140 those in favor?

1141 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1142 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1143 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1144 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

1145 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Councilmember Carn, what's your vote? Are you in
1146 favor?

1147 COUNCILMAN CARN: I said, "Aye."

1148 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. All right, so that is unanimous-

1149 COUNCILMAN CARN: Thank you.

1150 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Thank you Althea.
1151

1152 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn moved to approve the first 4 dates of the proposed Mayor and
1153 Council Departmental Budget Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, April
1154 9th, April 10th, April 16th and April 17th with proviso to modify the last two dates
1155 April 18th and April 23rd, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion
1156 carried.

1157 G. Consideration of and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-05, adopting regulations
1158 concerning the boarding of doors and windows. See attached Ordinance and
1159 memorandum. This item is requested by Marcus Robinson, Chief Building Inspector.
1160 This item affects all Wards.

1161 CITY CLERK: Next is consideration of an action to adopt ordinance number 2024-05, adopting
1162 regulations concerning the boarding of windows and doors. This is being requested by Marcus
1163 Robinson, Chief Building Inspector.

1164 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1165 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

1166 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?

1167 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

1168 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion?

1169 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yes.

1170 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay?

1171 COUNCILMAN GAY: Can you talk a little bit about the great ordinance that you propose,
1172 please?

1173 MARCUS ROBINSON: Good evening. This ordinance is in reflection to what we probably see
1174 within the city. You see the board ups for a long extended period of time, sometimes years. This
1175 ordinance will end that, and this will allow for the residence or owners who have those particular
1176 structures to actually repair, replace those particular doors or windows so that safety is
1177 paramount. When you have board ups, windows and doors, you have a fire safety issue, you have
1178 a nuisance ordinance, a nuisance abatement issue as well where crime incidents could happen
1179 behind closed doors. Kids can go inside there, homeless can live in there. This ordinance will put
1180 a stop to that and it would put limitations on boarded up windows and doors and preserve safety.

1181 COUNCILMAN GAY: Director Robinson, I would also like to say that that's state law and it's
1182 been state law for some time that derelict properties shall be boarded. There was an incident
1183 where a person was killed and it occurred in the house and the property owner was sued. So if a
1184 property owner is negligent, obviously, the liability could go to the city, so that's a good call. And
1185 then, the other thing I would like for you to consider while we have you here is to maybe look at
1186 an ordinance that talk about vacant properties. We don't maintain a vacant property list. That'll
1187 give you a better tools to enforce.

1188 MARCUS ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

1189 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'd like to hand over the gavel to the Mayor Pro Tem.

1190 COUNCILMAN GAY: Madam Mayor, we at retreat, we all, including yourself, we talked about
1191 the passing of the gavel. Now, there is an opportunity for each elected official to speak as long as
1192 they want towards the end of this meeting. And that'll be shortly, I hope. I don't want to use my
1193 title that took me eight years to get just to be used to have when there's an opportunity to speak. I
1194 also want to say that I'm very excited about the job we're doing tonight. Everybody's being
1195 professional, just seeing the great agenda with the exception of those minutes. So Madam Mayor,
1196 if you don't mind, I'm going to deny taking the gavel, but I look forward to hearing your
1197 comments when you talk to us tonight.

1198 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold, I'd like to pass the gavel.

1199 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: No.

1200 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn?

1201 COUNCILMAN CARN: I have a comment.

1202 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Will you accept the gavel?

1203 COUNCILMAN CARN: No, thank you. I do have a comment discussion.

1204 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay, well hold on. Let me ask Councilmember McKenzie if she
1205 would accept the gavel so I may speak.

1206 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Well, Mayor, in accordance with case 1-24-CV-00937 that
1207 has been filed against this council, I will not respond to that.

1208 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Do you accept the gavel or no?

1209 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I will not respond.

1210 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right.

1211 COUNCILMAN CARN: I have comments.

1212 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn, go right ahead.

1213 COUNCILMAN CARN: Thank you. I think the city is making progress. Politics is sometimes
1214 messy and whatever have you, but we had a good retreat and we definitely made a commitment
1215 to communicate better with each other. And one of those communication facets that I think we
1216 pretty much gathered a consensus on was that we understand that the city council does set policy,
1217 the mayor, she convenes and presides over deliberations, but we also suggested that we
1218 communicate with each other more, and we are hoping that the mayor's going to be reaching out
1219 to us more.

1220 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember I would ask-

1221 COUNCILMAN CARN: I have the floor.

1222 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I understand, sir, but-

1223 COUNCILMAN CARN: Please, respectfully, if I could continue.

1224 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: However, your comments are out of order in that Robert's rules 4-
1225 30 indicates that the debate must be confined to the merits of the pending question, and the
1226 pending question is the ordinance 2024-05, so I would ask that you keep your debate defined to
1227 the merits of the pending motion.

1228 COUNCILMAN CARN: Thank you. My comments are defined directly to this agenda item.
1229 What we said we would do is that, when the mayor wanted to have discussion, that she reach out
1230 to her councilmember and have that discussion and we would incorporate that into the discussion
1231 of what we're doing to make sure that everybody's voice up here is heard. Now, I can't pretend to
1232 be mayor or take the position of mayor and I'm going to stay in my lane. And-

1233 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So I would ask again, if you would pertain your comments to 4-
1234 30, which is actually this ordinance 2024-05. Thank you, sir.

1235 COUNCILMAN CARN: Pertaining to comments about the doors and boarded up windows, yes,
1236 this is exactly what I'm talking about. When we do have comments, if we're not part of the
1237 council, we want to make sure that we relay those comments to the proper councilmember so that
1238 we can all be able to voice our opinions and communicate effectively and communicate in the

1239 proper manner that we're supposed to all communicate up here. I just wanted to mention that and
1240 I'm hoping we can make sure we start communicating so that those issues and discussion can be
1241 taken care of and answered and included.

1242 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion?

1243 COUNCILMAN GAY: No.

1244 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

1245 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

1246 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

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1248 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-
1249 05 the boarding of doors and windows, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and
1250 motion carried. (All voted yes)

1251
1252 H. Consideration on and action of a request to approve On-Demand contractor, Kemi
1253 Construction to install 160 feet of 18-inch HDPE Storm Sewer Pipe. This pipe will
1254 discharge into the creek bed on Frontage Road, aiming to prevent flooding at the
1255 intersection of Potomac Drive and Camp Creek Parkway. This item is being
1256 requested by Highway, Streets and Storm Water Superintendent, Raymond Cotton.
1257 This request will support drainage issues within Ward 2. This is a budgeted item.
1258

1259 CITY CLERK: Next is consideration of an action on a request to approve on-demand contractor
1260 Kemi Construction to install 160 feet of 18" HDPE storm sewer pipe. This pipe will discharge
1261 into the creek bed on Frontage Road, aiming to prevent flooding at the intersection of Potomac
1262 Drive and Camp Creek Parkway. This is being requested by Highway Streets and Stormwater
1263 Superintendent Raymond Cotton. This request will support drainage issues within Ward 2. This
1264 is a budgeted item.

1265 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1266 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: So moved.

1267 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?

1268 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second with discussion.

1269 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Gay. Go right ahead.

1270 COUNCILMAN GAY: Director and Interim City Manager. A couple of quick questions.

1271 DR. ADEDIRAN: Sure.

1272 COUNCILMAN GAY: I should know this, but where is Potomac Drive?

1273 DR. ADEDIRAN: Right there in front of, I believe, 2800 Camp Creek, right once you cross the
1274 bridge.

1275 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay. Is this down near where that large Camp Creek bridge is?

1276 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1277 COUNCILMAN GAY: So this stormwater drain is going to prevent ... It's going to feed it from
1278 the stormwater drain?

1279 DR. ADEDIRAN: There's no, currently, when the bridge was built, they didn't put any drainage
1280 there.

1281 COUNCILMAN GAY: In the bridge?

1282 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes, it's a bridge.

1283 COUNCILMAN GAY: I know the bridge.

1284 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes. No drain was put there when the bridge was built. So whenever it rains,
1285 it's flooding all over there from 2800 all the way to Camp Creek. You're talking about sometimes
1286 four, five inches of water, rainwater. This project here will put a drainage there that will move the
1287 water from ponding and take it down into the creek.

1288 COUNCILMAN GAY: Thank you.

1289 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1290 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion?

1291 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yeah.

1292 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember McKenzie, go right ahead.

1293 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Basically, Dr. Emmanuel, with this particular agenda item,
1294 we had a little discrepancy, one, in our packet, on the first page, it mentioned that the cost for this
1295 would be \$14,000, but then, actually, the invoice reflected \$42,000. What is the amount for this
1296 repair?

1297 DR. ADEDIRAN: The executive assistant made a mistake by listing it at \$14,850. The actual
1298 cost for doing this project is \$42,650. That was that.

1299 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Okay. Is that amount still budgeted as well?

1300 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes. Yes, ma'am.

1301 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: All right. That's all I have. No further questions. Thank you.

1302 DR. ADEDIRAN: Thank you.

1303 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion?

1304 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yeah, I have one other question.

1305 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay, go right ahead.

1306 COUNCILMAN GAY: I understand that, when it rained, that's the opportunity to see flooding,
1307 but I'm just curious, that was a lot of money spent on that bridge, and just why didn't GDOT and
1308 the other civil engineers identify drainage from not just on the bridge, but the Potomac? Why
1309 didn't they identify the drainage? Why wasn't that done at the time when the bridge was built?

1310 DR. ADEDIRAN: I cannot answer that, sir. That was way before my time. I'm just trying to
1311 make right what was made wrong.

1312 COUNCILMAN GAY: And would this also be eligible use of the M.O.S.T. monies that --

1313 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1314 COUNCILMAN GAY: That the \$500,000 is in the M.O.S.T. account?

1315 DR. ADEDIRAN: \$5 million.

1316 COUNCILMAN GAY: \$5 million?

1317 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes.

1318 ALTHEA PHILORD-BRADLEY: \$5.5 Million.

1319 DR. ADEDIRAN: 5.5.

1320 COUNCILMAN GAY: Jesus.

1321 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Get everything.

1322 COUNCILMAN GAY: One last question.

1323 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1324 COUNCILMAN GAY: And I apologize to the mayor and colleagues because I don't want to get
1325 out of Robert's order, but hey, if a resident has the exact problem, that there was no stormwater
1326 drains put in any proximity of their home, and if their homes are flooding from stormwater, from
1327 the street, then, would they too be eligible to have us come out and put the proper drainage?

1328 DR. ADEDIRAN: If it's on the city property, but not on private property.

1329 COUNCILMAN GAY: Let me ask the question again.

1330 DR. ADEDIRAN: Sure.

1331 COUNCILMAN GAY: We have stormwater drains in all of our city where the drain goes
1332 through residents' property. We have easements.

1333 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1334 COUNCILMAN GAY: And sometimes, we create easements when we identify new problems.
1335 My question then would be, we would have to get an easement from the homeowner, but we do
1336 have the ability to control our stormwater, correct?

1337 DR. ADEDIRAN: If it's in the main city right of way, yes, but we don't go on any private
1338 property to do any --

1339 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mr. Denmark?

1340 Mr. Denmark: If we have an easement over or on private property, we have both the right and the
1341 duty to maintain our easement. If we have our pipe going through private property and
1342 something, you're right, sometimes we do that, but then, we can't let it fall into disrepair such that
1343 it would cause a flooding issue on the property so we would've a duty to maintain our
1344 infrastructure on private property pursuant to our easement.

1345 COUNCILMAN GAY: So just a little bit of clarification. I asked him why didn't GDOT, and I
1346 apologize for ... Why did GDOT not identify this when they built it? He said he don't know. My
1347 question is this. On Janice Drive ...

1348 DR. ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1349 COUNCILMAN GAY: ... there are four homes that flood. And when the previous public work
1350 director and I and Raymond visited the home-

1351 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1352 COUNCILMAN GAY: ... they said, at that time, they didn't put the proper stormwater drains. So
1353 my question is, if those homeowners gave us an easement through their property, could we
1354 control our stormwater through their property as you are doing with this project? City attorney?

1355 Mr. Denmark: Obviously, if we needed and we independently determined that we needed an
1356 easement through their property in order to maintain our stormwater infrastructure, we could do
1357 that, but obviously, we could not put it through their property for the purpose of benefiting those
1358 homeowners to alleviate their flooding problem.

1359 COUNCILMAN GAY: Even though if the flooding is coming from our street? Not flooding
1360 that's coming from rooftops or a hillside. I'm saying ... Ma'am, I got to get through this because
1361 this is that those homeowners-

1362 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Sir, I understand, but this is off of this particular issue and we do
1363 need to have debate remain to this particular topic.

1364 COUNCILMAN GAY: That's fair. We'll talk about it in legal review. That's fair.

1365 DR. ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1366 COUNCILMAN GAY: Thank you.

1367 DR. ADEDIRAN: Thank you, sir.

1368 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion on item 7H? Or 8H? I apologize.

1369 DR. ADEDIRAN: And one correction, ma'am.

1370 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, sir.

1371 DR. ADEDIRAN: This item is funded by the stormwater fund, not M.O.S.T. I misstated. It's the
1372 stormwater fund, and we have money in the stormwater.

1373 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

1374 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes.

1375 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold?

1376 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I just wanted to make sure that the motion included the adjusted
1377 amount. Right now, it's \$14,850. We just need to make sure it is stating the appropriate amount.

1378 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember McKenzie, are you amenable to them?

1379 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes, I am.

1380 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. And I don't recall who seconded?

1381 CITY CLERK: It was Councilman Gay.

1382 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. You're okay with that?

1383 COUNCILMAN GAY: Sure.

1384 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in
1385 favor?

1386 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

1387 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you. That is unanimous.

1388
1389 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to approve a request for On-Demand contractor,
1390 Kemi Construction to install 160 feet of 18-inch HDPE Storm Sewer Pipe, seconded
1391 by Councilman Gay and motion carried. (All voted yes)

1392
1393 I. Consideration of and action on a request to approve payment of the emergency Insert,
1394 12-inch valve in the amount of, \$39,025.00. utilizing our On Demand Contractor
1395 Kemi Construction., Inc., at Jefferson Street and Columbia Avenue. This item is
1396 being requested by Water & Sewer Superintendents Timothy Lewis & Antwan
1397 Dorsey. This item affects Ward 3. This is a budgeted item.

1398 CITY CLERK: The next item is consideration of an action on a request to approve payment of
1399 the emergency insert 12" valve in the amount of \$39,025, utilizing our on-demand contractor,
1400 Kemi Construction, Inc. at Jefferson Street and Columbia Avenue. This affects Ward 3. This is a
1401 budgeted item.

1402 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1403 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Motion.

1404 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Is there a second?

1405 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

1406 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

1407 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Any discussion? Hearing none,
1408 we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

1409 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

1410 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you. That is unanimous.

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1413 **ACTION:** Councilwoman Arnold moved to approve payment of the emergency Insert, 12-inch
1414 valve in the amount of \$39,025.00 utilizing On Demand Contractor Kemi
1415 Construction, Inc., at Jefferson Street and Columbia Avenue, seconded by
1416 Councilman Carn and motion carried. (All voted yes)

1417
1418 J. Consideration of and action on a request to approve the emergency Insert, 12-inch
1419 valve in the amount of, \$88,875.00. utilizing our On Demand Contractor Kemi
1420 Construction., Inc., at Temple Avenue and Lee Street. This item is being requested
1421 by Water & Sewer Superintendents Timothy Lewis & Antwan Dorsey. This item
1422 affects Ward 3. This is a budgeted item.

1423 CITY CLERK: The next item is consideration of an action on a request to approve the
1424 emergency insert 12" valve in the amount of \$88,875, utilizing our on-demand contractor, Kemi
1425 Construction, Inc. at Temple Avenue and Lee Street. This is in Ward 3 and this is a budgeted
1426 item.

1427 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1428 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Motion.

1429 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Is there a second?

1430 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

1431 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Any discussion?

1432 COUNCILMAN GAY: Discussion.

1433 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay?

1434 COUNCILMAN GAY: I obviously feel that you got to do this, but I'm just curious, I sit up here
1435 a lot, why, tonight, are we getting all these water and sewer? Have we had these problems and all
1436 of a sudden, since we were here last, you've known about this. This is four water and sewer
1437 projects tonight. So, come again.

1438 TIM LEWIS: Well, both of the projects was an emergency. We shut all the valves off and still
1439 can't get a keel. And we were losing water to the point that our tank was dropping. So we called
1440 both the on-demands out, and Kemi was the only one who was able to get the contract to come
1441 out and insert a valve. We inserted a valve on the right side and then left side to get a keel.

1442 COUNCILMAN GAY: Well, I wasn't so much talking about this, I'm just, it's a lot of water and
1443 sewer projects tonight. I was just asking.

1444 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn?

1445 COUNCILMAN GAY: Are we-

1446 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Oh, I'm sorry. I apologize, Councilmember Gay.

1447 COUNCILMAN GAY: I just thought maybe we were putting them all in tonight.

1448 TIM LEWIS: No, all this happened-

1449 COUNCILMAN GAY: I don't normally see these many projects. I get the valve. I get that. I was
1450 following the email thread.

1451 DR. ADEDIRAN: Mayor Pro Tem, one was stormwater and two where emergency in the water
1452 issue.

1453 COUNCILMAN GAY: All right. Thank you.

1454 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1455 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn?

1456 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'm fine with it, then. I'm fine with it.

1457 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All
1458 those in favor?

1459 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

1460 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.

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1462 **ACTION:** Councilwoman Arnold motioned to approve the emergency Insert, 12-inch valve in
1463 the amount of, \$88,875.00 utilizing our On Demand Contractor Kemi Construction,
1464 Inc., at Temple Avenue and Lee Street, seconded by Councilwoman McKenzie and
1465 motion carried. (All voted yes)

1466 K. Consideration on and action of a request to pay J.W.C. Environmental for an
1467 emergency purchase of 2 Muffin Monsters. This equipment was purchased June &
1468 July 2023 under the direction of Jackson Myers, Interim Director. This item is being
1469 requested by Water & Sewer Superintendents Timothy Lewis & Antwan Dorsey.
1470 This will affect all Wards. This is a budgeted item.

1471 CITY CLERK: Next is consideration of an action on a request to pay J.W.C. Environmental for
1472 an emergency purchase of two Muffin Monsters. This equipment was purchased in June and July
1473 of 2023 under the direction of Jackson Myers, Interim Director. This is being requested by water
1474 and sewer. This affects all wards. This is a budget item.

1475 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1476 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

1477 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

1478 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

1479 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion?

1480 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'd just say it's solely-

1481 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn?

1482 COUNCILMAN CARN: No. No discussion. No discussion. I see it.

1483 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All those in favor?

1484 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

1485 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. That is unanimous.
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1487 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to approve a request to pay J.W.C. Environmental for
1488 an emergency purchase of 2 Muffin Monsters in the amount of \$41,888, seconded
1489 by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried.

1490 L. Consideration of and action on a request to select a voting delegate for consideration
1491 of Three Statewide Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission Members
1492 (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members. This item is being
1493 requested by the Interim City Manager, Dr. Emmanuel Adediran.

1494 CITY CLERK: The next item is consideration of and action on a request to select a building
1495 delegate for consideration of three statewide Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission
1496 members, GOSAC, and Regional Advisory Council, RAC members. This is being requested by
1497 Interim City Manager. Dr. Emmanuel Adediran.

1498 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

1499 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I would like to make a motion that Joe Carn be selected as
1500 the delegate for this advisory, delegate for this.

1501 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second?

1502 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

1503 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
1504 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

1505 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

1506 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.

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1508 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie moved to appoint Councilman Carn as a voting delegate
1509 for consideration of Three Statewide Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory
1510 Commission Members (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members,
1511 seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried. (All voted yes)

1512 M. Discussion of Flint River MARTA Contract
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1514 CITY CLERK: The next item is 8M., which is an add-on item. Notes here. This is discussion of
1515 the Flint River Headwaters MARTA contract.

1516 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: This is a discussion item so if there is discussion?
1517 Councilmember McKenzie, you added it.

1518 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. I'm just going to lead the discussion. I know that there
1519 will be probably a motion required. This council did vote to terminate the contract with MARTA
1520 for the Flint River property. Since that time, we have now been informed by our federal
1521 legislative body or members and Ms. Jennifer's here as well, Brecca has been working on it,
1522 David Scott's office, that there are funds in the amount of \$500,000 that are being given, granted
1523 to the City of College Park for this particular project.

1524 I know that, at the time, my colleagues were concerned about the spending of general fund
1525 monies towards this project. This is a project that the members of my community, my ward, it's
1526 very important to them. But I believe that this is also a project that is going to be very beneficial
1527 for us as a city and the community around us. The Atlanta Regional Commission is involved in
1528 this. Aerotropolis is involved in this. This river runs over 300 miles through the state of Georgia.
1529 And the project is a wonderful project. At this time, I just wanted to share some words of
1530 discussion and leave this in the hands of my colleagues.

1531 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? All right. Okay.

1532 COUNCILMAN CARN: Are you making a motion?

1533 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I can't make the motion because I didn't vote. I'm the only
1534 one that voted in favor. You all voted against. You wanted to have the contract. MARTA,
1535 basically, what happened is the contract with Marta for \$218,000 was terminated by this body.
1536 That is what I wanted to hear from the council. Now that we know that we have funds, what is
1537 your pleasure?

1538 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'd make a motion for reconsideration, to accept that funding and to re-
1539 engage MARTA regarding the property.

1540 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I'll second.

1541 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Councilmember Carn made the motion. Councilmember
1542 Arnold seconded. Is there a discussion? Mayor Pro Tem, I'd like to hand the gavel to you so I
1543 may discuss.

1544 COUNCILMAN GAY: Go ahead, Mayor.

1545 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thanks. So, I do want to be clear, because the Flint River project
1546 and this request for appropriation actually started last year, and last March that we made this
1547 request to Congressman Scott and other members of our delegation, and that has been a slow
1548 process because of what happens in Washington.

1549 This is not \$500,000 that just appeared. This is something that we have been working on and
1550 asking for since last March and it's gone through committee. It has been something that has been
1551 on the table as Congress has been struggling with their own issues. It was never off the table, it
1552 was just simply, we were waiting for DC to get out of their holding pattern. And this is
1553 something that I appreciate that Ms. Imo has kept us abreast of from the start when we made that
1554 request into the summer and as we continued to move forward. I'm thrilled to hear that that
1555 funding may come to fruition at the conclusion of the week, but I do want everyone to understand
1556 that this is something that has been in process for the better part of a year at this point.

1557 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Mayor Pro Tem, may I?

1558 COUNCILMAN GAY: You have the floor, ma'am.

1559 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. When the council decided to cancel this project, with
1560 funding, you could have all the funding in the world, but if we don't have that piece of property,
1561 it cannot be done. When the council voted to terminate the contract with MARTA, David Scott's
1562 office was also looking at no longer applying those funds to the City of College Park.

1563 I spoke with David Scott's office and several other persons and let them know that, please, do not
1564 take this off of your agenda, do not remove this. I do hear what is being said regarding this
1565 project that has been in the works for several years, but it almost fell apart. I want to make it
1566 clear, and very clear, that it required the intervention of this council and this governing body at
1567 this late stage in the game to ensure that we would be the recipients of funds that we had fought
1568 hard to receive last year.

1569 COUNCILMAN GAY: Anyone else care to speak?

1570 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, sir, I would care to speak.

1571 COUNCILMAN GAY: Ma'am, Councilwoman Arnold.

1572 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Mm-hmm.

1573 COUNCILMAN GAY: Are you sure?

1574 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I'm positive.

1575 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yes, ma'am, go ahead

1576 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Sir, may I inquire of Ms. Imo?

1577 COUNCILMAN GAY: Sure. Ms. Imo, would you please step down?

1578 JENNIFER IMO: Yes.

1579 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Hi, Ms. Imo.

1580 JENNIFER IMO: Hello.

1581 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Can you just talk a little bit about the process by which we get
1582 funding requests? Because I know, after this body made that decision, I certainly reached out to
1583 Congressman Scott's office and asked what the status of that was, and certainly we were ... It's
1584 still in the process, correct? Did it ever fall off the table at any point in regards to the
1585 appropriations process?

1586 JENNIFER IMO: No. The issue was, were you going to accept the money or not.

1587 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Right.

1588 JENNIFER IMO: At that, and again, and we spoke about this earlier today, each house member
1589 gets 15 requests. This is a particular account that is extremely competitive, so we were very
1590 fortunate to get this project advanced through the appropriations process. It was included in the
1591 final house passed bill. And then, as they conference the two bills, it remained in those bills.
1592 What we weren't sure is, when we saw the bills that came out, I've not seen, at this stage in the
1593 game, a situation where an earmark's been pulled. It's been, a community decides not to use it,
1594 and then, you have to deal with the consequences there.

1595 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Understood.

1596 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. And that's what happened, Ms. Jennifer, that I was
1597 contacted by David Scott's office the day after the contract was canceled and I was asked, "Do
1598 you want us to keep this on?" Because I was one that voted.

1599 JENNIFER IMO: Sure.

1600 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: I was the one that had the vote, so they were leaving this on
1601 if I said yes and that's why I said, "Yes, and let's work to make sure that we can get this done."
1602 We were informed that this could be taken off, that it could be removed.

1603 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Ms. Imo, I'm so glad that Representative Scott's office reached
1604 out after I asked him to. But-

1605 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: See, this the ... Mayor Pro Tem, may I please? This is the
1606 kind of thing that is going on now. We are in a-

1607 COUNCILMAN GAY: All right.

1608 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: This is getting ugly.

1609 COUNCILMAN GAY: All right. The discussion is over, we had a motion. You made a motion,
1610 Councilwoman McKenzie.

1611 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Yes. Well, I didn't make the motion. Councilman Carn made
1612 the motion.

1613 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Actually, Councilmember Carn made it.

1614 COUNCILMAN GAY: And who seconded? You seconded? Motion made and seconded. Motion
1615 passed.

1616 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: We need to vote.

1617 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Call for the vote.

1618 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Those in favor?

1619 COUNCILMAN GAY: All in favor?

1620 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Aye.

1621 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

1622 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

1623 COUNCILMAN GAY: Any opposed? Abstain? Motion passed. Madam Mayor, you may have
1624 the gavel back.

1625 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.
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1627 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to reconsideration of the MARTA Contract, seconded
1628 by Councilwoman McKenzie and motion carried. (All voted yes)

1629 9. City Attorney's Report.

1630 CITY CLERK: Next is City Attorney's report.

1631 Mr. Denmark: Nothing this evening.
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1633 10. City Manager's Report.

1634 CITY CLERK: Next is City Manager's report.

1635 CITY MANAGER: None.

1636 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Mm-hmm. That's exactly --

1637 11. Report Of Mayor And Council.

1638 CITY CLERK: Next it's report of Mayor and Council, starting with Mayor Motley Broom.

1639 **MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM:** All right. I do want to talk a little bit more about that Flint River
1640 Project, because I want to thank my colleagues for reconsidering it. I don't think we should have
1641 ever gotten rid of it in the first place, because it is a really vitally important project for our entire
1642 region. And as Councilmember McKenzie said, it is something that we should all be doing because
1643 it is the right thing to do, and I certainly agree with her sentiments on that. And I do want to thank
1644 Congressman Scott's office because I did reach out. I was concerned about this, and I appreciate
1645 his office reaching out to my colleagues to help them talk about this and think through this so we
1646 could keep on working on this project.

1647 I also wanted to thank all the leaders in Clayton County who got together for the Women Around
1648 Our Region luncheon. It celebrated the five Black female mayors of Clayton County, including
1649 Mayor Wynn-Dixon of Riverdale, who is our champion, our trailblazer, and just a phenomenal
1650 outstanding leader, Mayor Angelyne Butler from Forest Park, Mayor Dr. Donya Sartor from
1651 Jonesboro and Mayor Marci Fluellyn of Lovejoy. We were joined by Anna Roach of the Atlanta
1652 Regional Commission, who is also the CEO and the Executive Director of the Atlanta Regional
1653 Commission. And it is just nothing but a joy to get together to celebrate that and it was a truly
1654 special, special event. And I just want to thank everybody for all of that.

1655 I also want to thank Ricky Mackenzie. He had a Meet the Mayor's Forum last week and we had
1656 eight Black female mayors to close out Black History Month who were the first in their
1657 communities. We had Mayor Burks of Clarkston, Mayor Robinson of Douglasville, Mayor Butler
1658 of Forest Park, and Mayor Fluellyn of Lovejoy, Mayor Dr. Sartor of Jonesboro, Mayor Vincent of
1659 McDonough and Mayor Thomas-Smith of Palmetto and myself. It was such a wonderful
1660 conversation and an excellent opportunity that we're going to build on because the comradery and
1661 the support from everyone was contagious and it was just a fantastic event. I want to thank
1662 Councilman Carn for attending. Appreciated that as well.

1663 Last Thursday was Crossover Day. Unfortunately, Senate Bill 16, which we have been looking at
1664 pretty closely in regard to emergency medical services and the ability to take people with our units
1665 to the hospital, did not cross over unfortunately. But we are still in talks. They are doing a pilot
1666 program in a couple of rural counties in the state that may move the needle on that particular issue.
1667 And we will keep focused on these last few weeks of the legislative session as certain bills are on
1668 the horizon. There's still some homestead issues to take a look at and some taxation issues that
1669 could directly impact the City of College Park.

1670 My next one-on-one is March 19th. If you'd like to sit down and chat, you can call 404-669-3755
1671 for your spot. I want to encourage everyone, we've still got early voting through March 8th. You

1672 can find out your voting location at mvp.sos.ga.gov. Or if you are a resident of our great city, you
1673 can go to votecollegepark.com. Is that right, Ms. Ames? That is the website?

1674 CITY CLERK: Votecollegepark.com? Yes.

1675 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That's right. All right. If you have a rising 9th, 10th, or 11th grader,
1676 the Promise Career Institute will be kicking off this fall, right on the other side of our lawn here.
1677 They are investing \$40 million in that building. It is one of the most innovative schools in the
1678 entire region and it's being built right here in College Park. There are spaces that are somewhat
1679 limited for rising 9th graders, but 10th and 11th graders are encouraged to send in their application
1680 soon. If you need more information, you can go to fultonschools.org/pci. Again, that's
1681 fultonschools.org/pci.

1682 Our College Park Main Street Association is doing their annual wine stroll and live music on March
1683 14th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$30. You can go to the CPMSA website and learn more.
1684 And we are certainly grateful to Ms. Frances Kennedy and all the work that she does with Keep
1685 College Park Beautiful. She is celebrating the first year of Keep College Park Beautiful at the golf
1686 course on March 9th from 4:00 to 8:00. It is called Tea Time, but not T-E-E, it's T-E-A Time, the
1687 drink, not golfing. And if you would like to attend, you need to RSVP by March 6th to
1688 fkennedy@collegeparkga.com. Again, that's fkennedy@collegeparkga.com.

1689 Tomorrow night's Skyhawks game is free to College Park residents, so take this opportunity and
1690 see some of the best basketball on the South Side. We'd love to see you at the arena. If you go to
1691 cpskyhawks.com/resident, you can get your free tickets at that site. And on Wednesday for
1692 students, on March 6th from 09:00 to 01:00, Aerotropolis Atlanta is having a career expo. Students
1693 can register through their school career centers and the expo is focused on aerospace, multimedia
1694 production, logistics, biolife science and food and agriculture business, so if you've got a high
1695 schooler who is interested in those areas, there is an opportunity for them to learn more and get
1696 more exposure to those areas.

1697 April 1st is the deadline for the Price Barbershop survey closing and you can go to our website and
1698 go to the Six West Development to add your input and we want to make sure that everyone has the
1699 opportunity to put in what they're thinking about Price Barbershop and how they want to see it
1700 evolve. I want to thank the council for quality growth for their invitation to their monthly South
1701 Metro advisory round table to discuss development in the great city of College Park. We had a
1702 robust discussion at the airport CID, to just talk about everything that's going on in College Park,
1703 all the great things, Six West development in the Old National Godby Corridor. It was a very, very
1704 good discussion.

1705 I appreciate everyone attending and want to make sure, I said it at the last meeting, we've got an
1706 Easter egg hunt coming up on March 28th from 10:30 to 12:30 at Badgett Stadium. You can register
1707 at collegeparkrca.com. I am looking forward to our trip to DC on Thursday so we can connect with

1708 our federal legislators and we have, I want to thank Ms. Carter and Ms. Imo for their hard work in
1709 getting our priorities and so we can move forward with that and hopefully bring home some money
1710 so we can continue to keep on developing great projects in our region.

1711 We're going to go to DC for the day and then we're back in a couple of days for the National League
1712 of Cities Congressional Cities Conference. As a member of the board of directors and a liaison to
1713 the Small Cities Council I'm going to be busy, but we're going to be bringing back great information
1714 and hopefully making good connections with our peers around the country because we're not trying
1715 to reinvent the wheel and people have really, really innovative ideas and strategies throughout the
1716 country and we can certainly learn from them.

1717 I want to close with a quote I saw from Martin Luther King Junior. The time is always right to do
1718 what is right. Councilmember McKenzie.

1719 **COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE:** Thank you. All righty. Everybody, we do have a lengthy
1720 report now and I will try not to repeat some of the things that the mayor's already spoken. Today
1721 is my 64th day in office. Yay! Thank you. And also today is the fourth day of Women's History
1722 Month. This month it's set aside to honor the contributions of women to American history. It began
1723 with Women's History Week in 1978 and then in 1987 Congress passed a public law 100-9 which
1724 designated the entire month of March as Women's History Month. I want to say a quote from
1725 Jimmy Carter that he said in 1980. He said, "From the first settlers who came to our shores, from
1726 the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to
1727 build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went
1728 unnoticed, but the achievements, leadership, courage, strength, and love of the women who built
1729 America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

1730 I want to salute all of our women everywhere, no matter whether you get the credit or not, you're
1731 doing great things. Keep up the great work. I also want to say a special happy birthday to everyone
1732 who's listening to the sound of my voice who may be watching this if you have a birthday in the
1733 month of March.

1734 My theme for my comments tonight is it's bigger than us. Public service is about the citizens and
1735 the city that we represent. Everything we do while we're in office sitting in these seats should
1736 reflect that and so it's bigger than us, it's bigger than our personal opinions, it's bigger than our
1737 fears, it's bigger than our insecurities and it's bigger than our prejudices and preferences. One of
1738 the reasons that I chose to run and I ran hard for this seat was because it was critical to me that the
1739 residents of my ward and my city come first and that they have representation that not only sees
1740 them but also hears them.

1741 My ward didn't need someone who would just sit here and pontificate or seek the seat in order to
1742 put the council members in their place, which was some of the ambitions that I heard of folks that
1743 were seeking the same office, but rather they needed someone that was here to do the work and

1744 put themselves last in order to put the people first. And it isn't easy holding your tongue. Now, y'all
1745 know I'm a speaker. I can speak. It's not easy holding your tongue when you want to speak or
1746 refraining from defending yourself when you know you're being lied about and falsely accused,
1747 but I understand, and Deen told me this when I first before I ever came into office, it comes with
1748 a territory, so you've got to be bigger. That being said, these past two weeks have been a mixture
1749 of informing, inspiring, and inciting.

1750 I intended and I completed the Harold F. Holtz Training Institute for newly elected officials offered
1751 in conjunction with the Georgia Municipal Association and the University of Georgia in Athens.
1752 This was an incredible experience in which I had the opportunity to meet and to hear from other
1753 municipal leaders and elected officials and to gain information about how to be effective in my
1754 service to our community. As soon as I was elected, I wanted to receive this training. I mean, I
1755 wanted to get this training before January 1st, but the practical and the professional teaching that
1756 I received during those few days last week was even more valuable after being in this seat for
1757 almost 60 days. So I really got more out of it because there was a point of reference and the learning
1758 was experiential. I want to thank GMA CEO, Larry Hanson and his team for this dynamic training
1759 and for all the wisdom that he shared with us, and he kind of took me and Tracie, well, she'll tell
1760 you, Councilman Arnold should tell you, but he was really, really kind to the two of us.

1761 March 1st through the second, we thought we would have it march through the first through the
1762 third, but March 1st through the second, we held a retreat for our governing body. And it's no secret
1763 that this governing body has been challenged for quite a long time before January 2nd, and it didn't
1764 just begin, as I said on January 2nd, 2024. These issues have existed for several years and have
1765 compounded to a place where all the progress we were making was either smeared by negativity
1766 or we were being seen as a contentious group that should not be entrusted to properly address the
1767 needs and the concerns of our constituents. The purpose of our retreat this past weekend was to
1768 remove ourselves from the organizational structure that we are in and even the geographic location
1769 that we govern in to focus on how to heal the hurts and the misconceptions that we have been
1770 allowing to affect our ability as a governing body to properly execute the responsibilities that come
1771 with running our organization, which is the City of College Park. Furthermore, the purpose of this
1772 retreat was to explore what issues were hindering us, come to the full realization that we are here
1773 to serve the people and we need to be the version of ourself that allows this to happen in excellence
1774 and to do a reset so that we can move forward as a unified governing body.

1775 The only setback was that the retreat was scheduled to take place over a three day period and we
1776 were not able to complete the targeted task because our presiding officer did not inform us that she
1777 would be leaving a day and a half early. We were however, able to accomplish a few goals and it
1778 was my hope that we would leave Buford and strive to put the people of College Park first and to
1779 continue to make sacrifices that come along with making this city and our residents a priority.
1780 Every member of our governing body was afforded the opportunity to put it all on the table and
1781 leave it there. We were able to gain a better perspective of our roles or our lanes as Larry Hanson
1782 would say, and most important, I believe that we would be able to agree that our behaviors are
1783 critical to our constituents, and we did.

1784 Some more takeaways were that the sharing of elected official opinions would be based on
1785 communication with those officials and Mayor Pro Tem has already stated that, so that factual
1786 information would be shared with the members of our community. We also agreed that we would
1787 show one another respect as we meet, but not only when we meet here in this council chamber, but
1788 when we're not in a meeting as well. Most important, we agreed that we would leave the past in
1789 the past and move forward with the goal of representing our constituents in a spirit of
1790 accountability and with respect for one another and to have continued effective communication.
1791 We also got a better understanding about what it means to be a team because regardless of what
1792 transpires during our meetings behind closed doors and in our district, when one of us looks bad,
1793 our entire city looks bad.

1794 When one of us misses the mark, our entire city suffers. When we support one another and assist
1795 in helping one another to do good, then our entire city wins. Unfortunately, when we returned from
1796 the retreat, we discovered that there were more woes brewing and that we were not aware of until
1797 this morning's news articles began to flood our emails and our text messages, and now our beloved
1798 city is once again on the map in a way that is not appealing. We are facing a lawsuit that will cost
1799 our taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars simply because the communication we thought we had
1800 never really existed. And the real victims are the people who work hard every day to make a living,
1801 to call College Park their home, the people who elected us to represent them, and we did not want
1802 our personal feelings to get in the way of our decision making.

1803 The people who don't want our personal feelings to get in the way of our decision making, the
1804 people who deserve to have a peaceful place to live, like my sister spoke about free of immature,
1805 petty political drama. I want to thank Dr. Natasha for being a phenomenal facilitator for this retreat
1806 and doing her homework and being prepared to help this governing body, also to Warren Bond
1807 who drove all the way to Buford to visually document to the event from my colleagues on council.
1808 And I want to also thank my colleagues on council and to everyone who attended for the full
1809 session, our city clerk, our city manager, our city attorney. Thank you for being there and thank
1810 you for being a part of making solutions happen. More news is I held my 1st Ward One community
1811 meeting on February 24th, 2024 at the courtroom in the public safety building.

1812 During our meeting, our Ward One board appointees made reports and I gave updates on the
1813 restrooms in Barrett Park, curbside recycling, street and traffic concerns, and the Flint River Nature
1814 Preserve Project. In an effort to save time, I won't go through what I shared with the community,
1815 all these updates, but you can go to our [www.oneward1](http://www.oneward1.com), the word one, the number, the word ward,
1816 and then the number one.com. And on that website you can see my entire updates that were shared
1817 during that Ward one community meeting. I also want to thank our special guest speakers, Dr.
1818 Emmanuel Adediran and Chief Connie Rogers for sharing invaluable information. My colleague,
1819 Mayor Pro Tem, Roderick Gay for supporting us with his presence and to all our police staff who
1820 were present. We had several police officers. We had about five or six officers, and especially to
1821 the 50 plus members of our community who came out at 10:00 AM on a beautiful Saturday
1822 morning to get informed and to begin to continue their involvement in our Ward one community.

1823 Our next ward one community meeting will be held on March 23rd, which is a Saturday. At the
1824 same time, 10:00 AM We'll be putting signs out the Monday before that time just to let everybody
1825 know that we'll be there. It'll also be announced on our media. We are currently conducting a Ward
1826 one community involvement and development survey to get input from our resident stakeholders
1827 about Six West, Barrett Park, Flint River, Main Street, safety and other resident concerns. This
1828 survey was based on feedback that we have received from our community champions and persons
1829 in the community. I'm asking that everyone will please complete this survey. We have gotten a
1830 wonderful response already from our residents, but we want to hear from more. So we're asking
1831 that you would complete this survey no later than March 8th. The survey can also be found on our
1832 onewardone.com website, as well as our One Ward One Facebook information blog page, and the
1833 survey results will be revealed at our March 23rd Ward one community meeting.

1834 The next two weeks schedule is going to be very busy. We're going to travel to Washington DC
1835 this week. I look forward to that. I'm going to thank Jennifer for coming all the way down here to
1836 sit with us, and we will be meeting with our federal legislators and then on to attend the National
1837 League of City's Congressional City Conference from the 10th to the 13th. I plan to begin my
1838 office hours here at City Hall in April after the renovations are completed in our offices. I also
1839 want to let everybody know that our MARTA station, our airport MARTA station, will temporarily
1840 be closing from April 8th to May 19th. It's going to be a six-week period to do construction
1841 renovation. However, there will be shuttle service available 22 hours a day from 4:00 AM to 2:00
1842 AM between the College Park station and the north baggage claim area.

1843 This will not affect the sky train. The sky train will continue to run on its route for those who catch
1844 it at the GICC or trying to go to the rental car lots. I also wanted to give some follow up on the
1845 employee break room suggestion box. We are still going to give another week or so to leave that
1846 suggestion box. We just really got the word out. I believe it was last week, Christa, let everybody
1847 know we want to give another week or two for that. I've gotten some great ideas. Somebody even
1848 said we need to have a lactation room or a quiet space. So we want to look at what we can do to
1849 make the employee break room here at City Hall, more amenable, more friendly, and a place where
1850 you can really take a few minutes, half an hour of your break and feel good about taking a break.

1851 I also want to thank our Chief Information Officer, Mr. Michael Hicks for taking out time with me
1852 and Howard Levinson, who is my tech guy, and he spent an afternoon with us at Barrett Park.
1853 Michael showed us all the security features of the new restrooms in Barrett Park also, which is the
1854 Butterfly MX technology, fancy smancy water fountain that you can just put your little water bottle
1855 to and you don't have to touch it. It's going to fill the water up for you. But I was really impressed
1856 with the design of the restrooms, the thoughtfulness with the restrooms, and the fact that the
1857 security will require, you have to show your face in the camera and you'll have to put in a code or
1858 you'll have to be able to notify a park ranger. We have several ways that persons will be able to
1859 enter. I'm not going to get into all of it, but I want to thank Michael.

1860 We're not going to open up the restrooms in Barrett Park until we are totally sure that it is safe and
1861 secure. So once Michael and I talk and we see what's going on, I will be announcing a date for the
1862 grand opening of the restrooms in Barrett Park. I want to thank my colleagues for deciding to move
1863 forward with the Flint River contract with MARTA because that is very important. It's very
1864 necessary and it's something that I have personally been involved in since 2017 when I took the
1865 tour with Hannah Palmer and we began to discuss that project and it was breaking my heart to
1866 think that that would fail. I'm also very thankful to the community from Aerotropolis and the
1867 Atlanta Regional Commission and Jennifer Imo and Brecca Carter, David Scott's office, all of the
1868 organizations that have come together to say this is important and we're going to move forward
1869 with it.

1870 I want to close by saying that I believe that organizations are much more than what they are slated
1871 to be on paper, and because organizations rely on people, human flesh and blood to run them, we
1872 must never omit to acknowledge the fact that the human element always matters. Organizations
1873 can't run without people and therefore people matter how those people feel, how they're viewed,
1874 how they're heard, and how they are seen. Therefore, organizations are run by organisms, and
1875 organisms are living, breathing entities that have feelings, and we're not perfect, and because we're
1876 not perfect, it can cause chaos at times because humans can be unpredictable and very stubborn.
1877 But the good news is that organizations are governed because they're governed by humans. They
1878 can also heal and they can also change. I want to encourage the members of my ward and the
1879 residents of the city of College Park not to lose hope, even though things may not look the way
1880 each of us would like them to be right now, there is still always the possibility of change.

1881 And even though that change may be difficult and change may be, it may challenge the core of
1882 one's being, and I like what Dr. Chisluo said, "There's time to change." Change can bring about
1883 growth, and growth can bring about prosperity, and prosperity is not money or things, but
1884 prosperity is the condition of being successful or thriving because when people are prosperous,
1885 they are given the distinct ability to erase all the struggles that they experienced in order to achieve
1886 that progress and that prosperity. What I'm saying is that when you get to the point of prosperity,
1887 everything that you went through, everything that you tried to fight, every challenge that you met
1888 on the way it becomes erased because you are now thriving, you are now successful, and our city
1889 is experiencing challenges. We are experiencing things that we don't like, the good, the bad, and
1890 the ugly, but if we continue to allow the process of growth to happen, if we continue to embrace
1891 the process of change, we can achieve true prosperity. Let's press on as a community of thrivers,
1892 and as that Jesse Jackson would say, "Let's keep hope alive." That's all I have to say.

1893 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you Councilmember McKenzie, Councilman Carn.

1894 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Amen. Amen. Let's pass the collection plate.

1895 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Put it on me.

1896 **COUNCILMAN CARN:** Amen. Speaking of collection plate, actually I guess I'll start on that
1897 first topic. We've been making significant progress in this last couple of months and I see good
1898 things happening in this city through all the transition and the turmoil. Good things are happening
1899 in this city and there are a huge list of improvements that we have been experiencing since the
1900 beginning of this year, but change is not easy and sometimes it's going to be a bit of agitation here
1901 and there, but we're making that change and we're going to get through that change and we're going
1902 to be solid and stronger than ever coming through on the other side of whatever challenges come
1903 our way.

1904 In my community, I've got a lot of residents that are struggling right now. Times are tough all over.
1905 Gas is still \$3 plus, food is still high. A part of this city's objective is to make the lives of our
1906 residents just a little bit better and we want to strive to do that any way in every way that we can.
1907 City manager, one of the things I've seen around town, it seems like I guess in the past five years
1908 is just about every other store I go to seems like I get to the cash register and they say, pay my
1909 money for whatever it is I'm picking up and they say, well, "Sir, would you like to round that up
1910 to the next dollar?" And sometimes I round it up, other times I won't. Usually I round it up and I
1911 don't help carry a lot of change in my pocket.

1912 Something had occurred to me and city attorney, I wanted to get a bit of a clarification on
1913 something along these lines. We've got a lot of utility service customers that pay for water,
1914 electricity, sanitation here in the city. What I wanted to know, was there anything that would
1915 possibly prevent us from putting together some type of a roundup program for residents that are
1916 struggling that may be on that cutoff list for electricity, so on and so forth, and put together some
1917 kind of a roundup change request with the thousands of residents that we have for utility service?

1918 **Mr. Denmark:** No, Councilman, I can think of nothing that would prevent us from making a request
1919 that rate payers voluntarily round up. We use that when you establish a separate fund that would
1920 be used to help us. I can't, as I sit here now, think of any impediment to doing that.

1921 **COUNCILMAN CARN:** Well, city manager and Councilwoman McKenzie in particular. I know
1922 altruism and nonprofit and charitable giving is I guess kind of your wheelhouse. Well, I imagine
1923 that's sort of part of how you ended up here, I guess in a sense too, but I'm not an expert at that,
1924 but I have seen the trend and it's a heartwarming trend that has emerged during the retail industry
1925 nationwide. I think we might want to look at being part of that trend, and you probably know more
1926 about it than me and maybe if y'all could come up with something. I thought if there's no objections,
1927 I thought that might be a good something to explore looking at doing a project like this, and maybe
1928 we have an application process for those most in need or something along those lines, but I like to
1929 explore it and see if it's something we can come up with that everybody would be okay with if it's
1930 acceptable to everybody to take a look at. Something like that.

1931 **COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE:** Did you want --

1932 COUNCILMAN CARN: well, I -

1933 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold.

1934 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Add this to the next agenda.

1935 COUNCILMAN CARN: Oh yeah. Well, no, I was just going to, if there was interest in taking a
1936 look at it, I would maybe have the city managers just do some research and talk and look into the
1937 departments and see what is possible and bring it back at some point in time or whatever. But that
1938 was just my thought there.

1939 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: And I would be willing to work on that. Okay. I'll get with
1940 Councilwoman Carn.

1941 COUNCILMAN CARN: Most of us did commit to communicate better with each other. Most of
1942 us did commit to work together and as a team. And regardless of what goes on, I think the majority
1943 of this body will continue to work together as a team and do things that have never been done
1944 before in this city for the good of this community. No city is perfect. Every city goes through
1945 transitions and again, we're going to come out on the other side of this stronger and better because
1946 of whatever it is that we go through. Councilmember Gay, in regards of that flooding issue, just so
1947 you know, I've been asking about that particular flooding issue for quite about six months on and
1948 off. It's right in front of the bridge, like at the front end of the bridge, it's not on the bridge itself,
1949 but it pools there and it's like six inches of standing water. So it was a real big issue and a lot of
1950 residents are going to be very, very happy if we can get that fixed and resolved.

1951 A couple of things I took care of throughout the last week or two. I attended the Korean Trade
1952 Reception with the Fulton County government. There are a lot of Korean businesses in this county
1953 throughout metro Atlanta. They're looking for new places to do business. They're looking to open
1954 up headquarters and we are still open for business in the city of College Park. We have land for
1955 sale and properties and we want to reach out to any and all that are interested in doing business
1956 with this city. And some of those folks are interested in doing business. I may be a part of a trade
1957 delegation in terms of travel over there along with our state delegation, which includes some of
1958 our state elected officials as well as our county and participation on the city level. College Park
1959 wants to certainly be involved in that and I think we will be.

1960 The Black Legislative Caucus event was on the 22nd at the GICC. It was a really great event. It
1961 was well attended and packed. We definitely rolled out the red carpet there, Mercedes. Once again,
1962 first class event, first class showing for the city of College Park and I think they're certainly going
1963 to be coming back.

1964 I attended the community engagement day on the 27th at Banneker High School. They've got some
1965 incredible programs for those kids over at Banneker. City Manager, there's so many programs

1966 going on right around us right now. The mayor wrote off a litany of events and things that are
1967 happening and there are very few people that will bother to look on our website if the information
1968 is on our website. We still have a communications department now. I want to make sure that all of
1969 the county-wide city-wide announcements are sent to the communications department from tonight
1970 that everyone has spoke on. I want to get those things in an email, dates, times, everything that is
1971 happening. I'm putting together a newsletter, community newsletter, and I want to make sure we
1972 are making sure our residents are aware.

1973 Again, a handful of residents visit the website. That's great. They may get some information, but
1974 how about everybody else? What if you're not up on the web or tech-savvy, so on and so forth. The
1975 Women Making History event on Godby Road was really fabulous. It was jam-packed and I did
1976 attend. Mayor, she definitely represented well for the city of College Park. It was amazing to have
1977 that many mayors in town and I made sure we showed a little hospitality. We had gift bags for all
1978 of our mayors as we should.

1979 Looking forward to the trip to DC. Brecca, we're going to get together some gift bags for our
1980 legislative delegation, our Congress members and senators and the like. I got some bags, we're
1981 going to make sure we get those together, so we want to make sure that you're letting them know
1982 how much we appreciate them. So we'll get that together the next day or two here.

1983 I went on a tour with Mrs. Kennedy with the Keep College Park Beautiful group to the Strategic
1984 Materials Recycling Center over on Sullivan Road. This is a glass recycler and it was a very
1985 enlightening tour. I never knew how organized that place was. You pass by it on Sullivan Road and
1986 it looks like just a great big pile of glass up there. But man, they are organized and meticulous like
1987 you would not believe. And they gave us some tips and pointers on how to organize our glass in a
1988 way that would be acceptable to them, where they could possibly arrange some type of a pickup
1989 where we could start the recycling system. And I know you had talked about a recycling program
1990 and they told us what they needed from the glass perspective to make our lives a whole lot easier
1991 there. So that was a great tour.

1992 I also participated in the College Park Cleanup Day on February 24th with Georgia Works. Georgia
1993 Works is a partnership program and they are cleaning up like you wouldn't believe in our high
1994 traffic areas, those high traffic intersections and in between spots where public works may not be
1995 able to get to. Those are the crucial areas and I want to push to double what it is they're doing in
1996 College Park because this is the kind of coverage we have. I always say again, don't let this city
1997 fool you. With 14,000 in population, but that's about a hundred to a hundred and fifty every day,
1998 we get almost 10 times the company here, which means we're going to get eight, nine, 10 times
1999 the trash and litter. So we've got more cleanup and get more company than the average city. So we
2000 have to double and increase our efforts.

2001 Inspections and code enforcement, they are gearing up for an aggressive enforcement season and
2002 particularly in and around our apartment communities and everywhere else. I got one apartment

2003 complex looking at about two hundred citations right now so far. And folks, we mean business
2004 when we say we are raising the bar. And those citations are real, they're going to cost real money
2005 and if those unacceptable conditions are not fixed then those fines are going to increase. We are
2006 making the improvements this community expects to be made here contrary to what you may hear.
2007 We are getting it done and we're going to continue to do our best to get it done despite of whatever
2008 distractions are coming.

2009 Last couple of things. Congressman Scott again who has always come through for us.
2010 Congressman Lewis was always there for us as well. He was heavily influential in us getting the
2011 airport lands back along with the city of Atlanta to create what is now going to be Six West, our
2012 largest development project. They've worked in tandem over the years. Now Congressman Scott,
2013 his district will no longer be in Fulton County at all, in any part of Fulton County, so just FYI. And
2014 that's due to the state's redistricting plan. So he will not be our Congress member starting the next
2015 year.

2016 Now he still is our congress member from now to the end of the year and we are going to make
2017 sure that we recognize him. City manager and I would like us to at some point do something for
2018 him before he leaves this city sometime this year. Again, he will be our Congress member for the
2019 remainder of this year. I think we need to honor him in some kind of a way or some type of
2020 reception or something along those lines. I would like to put something together. When folks look
2021 out for us, we need to show them we really appreciate them and cities that show their appreciation
2022 are cities that really strive. And we want to definitely make a good showing to let him know how
2023 much we appreciate his commitment.

2024 Last thing here. Let's see here. Oh, so I need to find out City Manager, Fulton County Schools, if
2025 they have any kind of adult literacy classes, resources. I see that Cobb County and Clayton County
2026 do have adult literacy classes in some of the high schools and I'm not quite sure what we have, but
2027 maybe communications could find out for us.

2028 And that's all I got. Looking forward to a wonderful March. Oh, happy birthday to my mom. Her
2029 birthday is in March, so happy birthday Mom. This is the closest council meeting to her birthday,
2030 so happy birthday. That's all I got.

2031 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. Council Member Carn. Council Member Arnold.

2032 **COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD:** Thank you. So first I would like to thank Dr. Emmanuel and
2033 Ms. Althea Philord-Bradley for allowing me and Councilwoman McKenzie the opportunity to
2034 learn more about the budget development and budget amendment process. Not only did this
2035 conversation give us more insight into those administrative processes, but it also allowed us to
2036 discuss some of the best and standard practices of the quarterly budget amendments and monthly
2037 financial reports.

2038 I believe our conversations will lead to providing the mayor and council with pertinent financial
2039 information going forward and assist us all in being better stewards of the city's financial resources.
2040 I also want to thank the Princeton Village HOA board of directors for allowing me the opportunity
2041 to share in their community meeting and I'm looking forward to sharing at the next event. I want
2042 to thank Dr. Emmanuel again and the wonderful staff at the Tracey Wyatt Recreation Center for
2043 the tour and the hard work that has gone into preparing the center for the upcoming spring and
2044 summer activities.

2045 I want to send a special thank you to Mrs. Constance Rodriguez for her leadership on the Keeping
2046 College Park Beautiful, on that board, and the cleanup day that was held by the entire committee
2047 at 10 o'clock on February 24th. On that same day, I participated in the Women Around our Region,
2048 also known as WAR, luncheon for elected and appointed women leaders of Clayton County where
2049 Mayor Motley Broom, along with other mayors of Clayton County, received a special recognition.
2050 And it was wonderful to see women being recognized in this way.

2051 From February 27th through the morning of March 1st, I participated in the mandatory GMA
2052 training for all newly elected city leaders. The training was very insightful, it was relevant. It
2053 equipped us with the documented evidence-based and proven examples of how we should exercise
2054 our duties as elected officials. And yes, I too fell in love with the CEO Larry Hanson, who actually
2055 shared some very inspiring stories with us.

2056 And one of the items that I was extremely excited about bringing back to this particular body was
2057 for us to reaffirm ourselves as a city of civility by re-adopting GMA's oath of civility. And now
2058 I'm really disappointed that it doesn't seem like that's going to be an option at this particular time
2059 because of the actions unbeknownst to us that took place before the beginning of our retreat on the
2060 evening of March 1st.

2061 So at this point, I'm completely baffled and I'm being extremely transparent. While many of us
2062 were open and sincere, transparent with our concerns about the negativity and divisive activities
2063 and the serious implications that these actions have on our great city and our citizens, others had
2064 ulterior and nefarious motives, which is painful. But nevertheless, our great city will continue to
2065 grow and thrive. And I personally thank Dr. Natasha Gresham for working with us through this
2066 effort and I hope that we will be able to complete the parts of the process that we missed due to
2067 mayor's early departure. I too am looking forward to both DC trips along with learning and
2068 networking and continuing to advocate for the citizens of College Park.

2069 So moving on to some upcoming things, activities in Ward 3. The open volunteer position for the
2070 planning board for Ward 3, will close on March 7th and I will begin hosting conversations with
2071 the applicants on March 8th. If you are a resident of Ward 3 and an alum of Clark Atlanta
2072 University, please reach out to my office and provide your name, address and telephone number.
2073 And I have the number here, but you all know how to reach the city. And I am also seeking 10
2074 Ward 3 volunteers for community activities and engagement and more information will be shared

2075 about the volunteer positions at the Ward 3 meeting that will be held on the 27th and within the
2076 [inaudible 02:49:51].

2077 And those are all of my updates. Thank you.

2078 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. Councilmember Arnold. Councilmember, Gay.

2079 **COUNCILMAN GAY:** I'll be brief, y'all. My colleagues, y'all had great notes and information so
2080 I was pleased to listen. I just want to start off by thanking my alumni, Frederick Douglass High
2081 School for visiting the GICC for the Annual Breakfast. And that brings Mayor Keisha Lance
2082 Bottoms and Michael Bunn and just a host of elected officials who attended Douglass. So
2083 Mercedes, I heard you did an amazing job once again for Douglass High School breakfast.

2084 I want to also echo on the retreat. Everybody has talked about the retreat. I came away from the
2085 retreat like reset. That's what we came back with, a reset. I cannot thank my colleagues for, I
2086 thought I liked them, but I really like them now. If you didn't get it out of the retreat, you had a
2087 missed opportunity, they say in the church because the love was there doc. The love was there.
2088 And I don't want to talk too much about it, but I will say this respectfully, a lot of energy was put
2089 on trying to bring harmony and peace, more so I was ready to go back to my room. I'm like this is
2090 too much time for one person, but they tried hard but we are going to keep praying and keep
2091 praying.

2092 Anyways, I would like to ask that we bring the Lifeline back this springtime on Sullivan Road.
2093 They do the neuter and spray clinic and shots. We had it a few years ago, but it is really needed not
2094 just the neuter and spray but the shots and bring that back to College Park please for the spring.

2095 Councilman Carn, you were spot on with the workforce folks with the letter. I will tell you that
2096 they are asking for an increase, so we need to talk about how we can add that to our budget because
2097 they want more money. But if it wasn't for them, I don't know what we could do because the amount
2098 of litter that we get. But I absolutely want to consider adding Herschel Road, I think they do
2099 Herschel Road actually, Riverdale Road. And if any of my colleagues have any streets that they
2100 notice hot spots or litter, talk to the Dr. Emmanuel about maybe adding your streets.

2101 Scratch that off. I wanted us to talk about the recycle bin and Joe, you talked on it. You and I must
2102 be kindred spirits tonight. You talked about the recycle bin, but I need my colleagues as well as the
2103 community and this could be something for the Brownfield grant. We are conflicted, we're toying
2104 on the recycle bin on the 18 acres. I mean we love it and we hate it. I mean it is a great asset for
2105 the community I'm talking about, but it has become a site for illegal dumping. It has also become
2106 a site where people bring -- just like a goodwill, I mean people come over there every morning,
2107 you'll see pickup trucks picking out furniture.

2108 So we got to figure this out and I don't have the answers on what we can do to either make that
2109 sustainable or not. And maybe Joe, like you said, maybe the glass people can come and talk to us
2110 about that. Councilwoman McKenzie, maybe the door-to-door recycling. But we got to figure this
2111 one out because the sanitation people were there every day and that's not a good use of y'all's
2112 resources.

2113 It is time to start talking about KidsFest and the 8th Annual Ward 4 Citywide Festival. It's that time
2114 of these people telling you these budgets. It's that time, start early. And I will tell you last night I
2115 watched Unsung and they had Vanessa, what's her name the lady at our festival, what was her
2116 name? Vivica Fox. She was on Unsung. If you haven't seen Unsung, they featuring Vivica Fox. I
2117 love her even more now. She has an amazing story and for her to come to College Park, I mean
2118 just to watch her journey and to say she came to College Park to visit with us, that says a lot about
2119 College Park and not to mention she got a brother that lives here too.

2120 So this festival and KidsFest time to start talking about the budget. Dr. Emmanuel, we would like
2121 to know when the sidewalk construction is going to start. The main council agreed to it so we need
2122 to get that started. Dr. Emmanuel, we also need to know when the Jack Longino scholarship funds
2123 are going to go to One Talent. Do you know?

2124 DR. ADEDIRAN: It's already gone.

2125 COUNCILMAN GAY: It did?

2126 DR. ADEDIRAN: Yes.

2127 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay, see how easy it is. All right, just a couple more. Dr. Emmanuel and
2128 I had breakfast. We came up with a conversation about, and this is just a conversation y'all, putting
2129 the cameras on certain employees' phones because as you know, there's cameras all over the city
2130 and then we council people can watch their phones. But could you imagine that's approximately
2131 10,000 screen time hours of employees on their screen. Now imagine if just some of that time
2132 could be to look at deficiencies in real time, maybe the recycle bin, maybe whether it's loitering
2133 and maybe we could come up... Because we had the technology to put those cameras on certain
2134 employees phones and maybe you could incentivize them.

2135 I was at Mayor Dickens office. I went there to talk about how he administered his mayor's
2136 scholarship, I really did, to learn how he does it. But I noticed the police in his office has cameras
2137 all in front of him and he watches the city hall. So we got officers and we got an opportunity to put
2138 more eyes on the city and make a better use of our resources, that's all. I would like for you to start
2139 maybe looking at that. And I think that's about it.

2140 One thing I want to tell you, when y'all did the Brownfields grant, and this is a lot about what Dr..
2141 I call him Freedom Initiative. But anyway, Dr. Chisulo it is a lot about why? What he said, when

2142 we did it's about change, when they did the Brownfield grant, it hurt me that there was nothing on
2143 there that represented anything that I've asked and envisioned for since 2015 for my ward. Nothing.
2144 Not one thing. It took change just to have that conversation. It took change to have an equitable
2145 conversation.

2146 Nothing. And then I'm so kindhearted, I started talking about how they use it in other people wards.
2147 But I say that to say this, I would love to see some of that Brownfield money look at Camp Truitt
2148 as a conservation natural center, center for environmental education. Bring those kids back on
2149 buses to Camp Truitt and let them watch indigenous plants, indigenous animals. So let's make
2150 Camp Truett a real thing. I love Flint, but let's make Camp Truitt, bring that conversation back.

2151 And we are having a town hall meeting March 21st and our special guest is Pat Labat. Sheriff
2152 Labat is going to come and talk about his vision for our city and for his county amongst other
2153 guests are coming. They're not confirmed, so I won't call their name just now. So I'll be sending
2154 out more information. And that's all I have this evening.

2155 12. Executive Session

2156 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. Is there a motion to enter into executive session for
2157 the purposes of discussion of real estate, litigation and personnel? Actually, I don't think personnel.

2158 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Amendment, it's just I'd like to make a motion to enter into
2159 executive session for the purpose of litigation and real estate.

2160 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right, thank you Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?

2161 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

2162 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. Councilmember Carn. Any discussion? Hearing none
2163 will move to a vote. All those in favor?

2164 ALL COUNCIL IN UNISON: Aye.

2165 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right, that is unanimous

2166 **ACTION:** Councilwoman McKenzie motioned to enter Executive Session for the purpose of
2167 Litigation and Real Estate at 10:25 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carn and motion
2168 carried. (All voted yes)
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2170 **ACTION:** Councilwoman Arnold motioned to exit Executive Session at 11:21 p.m., seconded
2171 by Councilman Carn and motion carried by those present.
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2173 13. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes

2174 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to approve the Executive Session Minutes dated March
2175 4, 2024, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried. (All voted yes)

2176 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to pay \$199,000 for settlement to KDR Consulting
2177 LLC, seconded by Councilwoman Arnold, Councilman Gay abstained and motion
2178 carried.

2179 **ACTION:** Councilman Carn motioned to pay \$60,000 for settlement for Yisrael litigation,
2180 seconded by Councilwoman Arnold and motion carried. (All voted yes)

2181 14. Adjournment.

2182 The meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

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2195 **ATTEST:**

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Shavala Ames, City Clerk

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