



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

6611 Kenilworth Avenue • Riverdale, Maryland 20737

Commission Meeting
Open Session Minutes
May 15, 2024

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met virtually via videoconference. The meeting was broadcast by the Montgomery Planning Department.

PRESENT

Prince George's County Commissioners

Peter A. Shapiro, Chair

Dorothy Bailey

William Doerner

A. Shuanise Washington

Montgomery County Commissioners

Artie Harris, Vice Chair

Shawn Bartley

James Hedrick

Mitra Pedoeem

NOT PRESENT

Manuel Geraldo

Josh Linden

Chair Shapiro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION AGENDA

ACTION: See item 2

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Open Session – 4/17/24

Motion by Commissioner Washington to adopt the 5/15/24 Agenda and 4/17/24 Open Session Minutes

Seconded by Bailey

8 approved the 5/15/24 agenda

7 approved the 4/17/24 minutes

Pedoeem Abstained

ITEM 3 GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) National Prevention Week (Mental and/or Substance Use Disorders) May 12-18

b) National Fitness Month/Fitness Days

c) Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

d) Jewish American History Month

e) Military Appreciation Month

f) Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Day (May 15)

g) Reminder June Commission meeting will be Wednesday June 12 (regular schedule falls on Juneteenth M-NCPPC Holiday)

ITEM 4 COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

- a) Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024 (for information only)

ITEM 5 ACTION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

- a) Rotation of Commission Chair effective July 1, 2024 (Shapiro)

ACTION: Motion of Chair Shapiro to have Artie Harris assume the Chairmanship of the M-NCPPC and Peter Shapiro to assume the Vice-Chairmanship of the M-NCPPC effective July 1, 2024.

Second by Commissioner Pedoeem

8 in favor

- b) Resolution 24-09 Adoption of the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment (Williams)
No discussion

ACTION: Motion of Vice Chair Harris to adopt Resolution 24-09

Second by Commissioner Pedoeem

8 in favor

- c) Resolution 24-10 Employees' Retirement System FY25 Strategic Plan and Operating Budget (Rose)
No discussion

ACTION: Motion of Vice Chair Harris to adopt Resolution 24-10

Second by Commissioner Washington

8 in favor

- d) Employee's Retirement System Employer Funding Estimate (Spencer/Rose)

Acting Executive Director Spencer provided background on the Chairs' request to have Cheiron examine several different scenarios to determine if the employer contribution funding estimate for the Employees' Retirement System could be reduced without harming the pension system. The analysis by Cheiron actuaries was shared with the M-NCPPC and ERS leadership, which found there was no way to substantially reduce the employer contribution without detrimentally impacting the M-NCPPC's pension program. The Chairs accepted and approved this report, and Cheiron was on hand to discuss their findings and answer Commissioners' questions.

Chair Shapiro thanked Acting Executive Director Spencer, ERS Administrator Rose and the Cheiron actuaries for their time and their work. No further discussion.

e) FY2024 Budget Adjustment for Legal Department and Corporate IT (Charles)

Corporate Budget Director Charles requested Commissioners approve a reallocation and transfer of a portion of the FY2024 salary savings for non-personnel items in the Legal Department and in Corporate IT as described in the late delivery memo. She said she will be returning in June to request further salary savings transfers for other Central Administrative Services departments.

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Washington to approve the budget transfers
Second by Vice Chair Harris
8 in favor

ITEM 5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

a) Late Evaluation Report, April 2024 (For Information Only)

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

No report scheduled

General Counsel's Report

b) Litigation Report (For information only)

Pursuant to the Maryland General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b), (9), Commissioner Washington moved to enter a closed session to consider matters relating to collective bargaining negotiations with the Municipal and County Government Employees' Organization and the Fraternal Order of Police bargaining units to preserve the Commission's negotiating position. Commissioner Pedoeem seconded. All Commissioners attending approved.


Closed session commenced at 10:19 a.m.

ITEM 7. CLOSED SESSION

a) Collective Bargaining Update

Open Session resumed at 10:48 a.m. where Chair Shapiro acknowledged a vote was taken to approve closed session minutes and collective bargaining strategy was discussed. With no other business to discuss, Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.


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