



**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET
7:30 PM**

**November 7, 2011
REGULAR SESSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tabori at 7:35 pm

Present: Mr. Brosch, Mr. Gekas, Ms. McPherson, Mr. Carey, Ms. Toscano, Mr. Cron,
Ms. Bradley Chacón
Excused: None
Absent: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Ms. Bradley Chacón

3. OFFICIAL SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBER-ELECT BY THE MAYOR

David C. Brosch, Ward 1 Council Member

Mayor Tabori swore in Mr. Brosch.

Mayor Tabori reported that a meeting was held with the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the department has said they will support the 9-Pond proposal. Mayor Tabori added that the Town of University Park will need to create an initial site plan and a budget estimate, and develop an agreement among all the interested parties.

Mayor Tabori continues to recover from a recent flu, and excused himself for the rest of the meeting.

Ms. McPherson served as Mayor Pro Tem for the rest of the Council meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Ms. Toscano
Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 0

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 17, 2011 Meeting*

Moved by: Ms. Toscano

Yea: 4

Nay: 0

Seconded by: Mr. Carey

Abstain: 2 (Mr. Brosch, Ms. Bradley Chacón)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. PRESENTATION FOR ROUTE 1 RIDE SUPPORT – *Route 1 Bus Ride Service achievements and request for support; Presentation by Alex Hirtle, Project Coordinator*

Mr. Hirtle described the Route 1 Ride bus route system in place to support the economic development of the U.S. Route 1 corridor. This is provided currently by Bus Route 17, and travels from IKEA at the northern-most point on the route to downtown Mt. Rainier at the southern-most point. More information is available at <http://www.Route1Ride.com>

Three buses currently support the bus route. The wait time between buses is 20 minutes. The cost to ride is \$1 for adults, free for seniors, the disabled, and UMD students & staff with ID. The bus presently runs from Monday through Friday from 5:30 am to 8:09 pm.

Mr. Hirtle answered the Council's questions. He asked that University Park consider a one-time contribution of \$2000 to the program, which would entitle University Park to place information about our community on the outside of the buses (the "wrapper"). He said that extended hours and/or weekend hours could be considered for the route, depending on ridership.

8. PERMITS

A. APPLICATION FOR A DUMPSTER TO BE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY PLACEMENT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY (30) DAYS, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAIN HOUSE ROOF, THE FLAT SIDE ROOF AND GARAGE ROOF (MacKinney, 6906 Oakridge Road) Ward 5

Motion: To approve the permit for a dumpster to be placed in the public right-of-way placement not to exceed thirty (30) days, for the replacement of the main house roof, the flat side roof and garage roof located on Lot 27, Block C, at 6906 Oakridge Road.

Moved by: Ms. Toscano

Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Cron

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor John Rogard Tabori

Not covered this evening, due to Mayor Tabori being excused.

B. REPORT ON STEP-UP GRANT ACTIVITIES – Chuck Wilson

Mr. Wilson reported on the progress to date for the program. Through November 1st, 170 households have participated in the program, 110 energy audits have been completed, and 55 households have carried out energy retrofits.

The Compost pilot program has launched with 47 participating households. The six month pilot program will be supported by the University Park Department of Public Works.

Mr. Wilson noted that the program's spending rate is consistently running below the projected amounts. At the current / forecasted expenditure rate, the program will underspend by approximately \$200,000 by the end of the grant (on August 2013).

The STEP-UP program's web site is <http://mystep-up.org/>

C. REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Mickey Beall, Director

Discuss the Maryland Municipal Public Works Association Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement (MMPWOA)

MMPWOA Agreement is the Maryland Municipal Public Works agreement drafted by Suellen Ferguson Esq. Vetted by the Maryland Municipal Attorneys and approved by the MMPWOA. The agreement is designed to insure that all municipalities that help-out during an emergency can receive MEMA and FEMA reimbursement if that is available.

**See item 10A for the Motion to introduce MMPWOA legislation*

Mr. Beall reported that curbside leaf collection has started. The Town has been approved for a \$20,000 grant from the National Trails program to reconstruct and improve the path through the Town park. The Town will use a separate grant to carry out an analysis of the lighting in the park and determine ways to upgrade the lighting.

All 2011 street repairs have been completed. Street repaving work will be suspended until sometime in the spring. Mr. Beall raised the point that now would be the time to consider

making some or all of the temporary speed humps permanent when the street repaving work moves into the current locations of temporary speed humps. He raised the possibility that some of the current speed humps could be sold as surplus.

10. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON CAFRITZ PROPERTY

Not covered this evening, due to Mayor Tabori being excused.

B. UPDATE ON BELCREST PLAZA/LANDY PROJECT

Not covered this evening, due to Mayor Tabori being excused.

C. TOWN STREET REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Not covered this evening, due to Mayor Tabori being excused.

D. 9-PONDS UPDATE

Discussed during Agenda Item 3.

E. CHARTER AMENDMENT 11-CR-02 TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT ARTICLE III, "MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL", SECTION 301, "NUMBER, TERM OF OFFICE", AND SECTION 301 "MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, AND ARTICLE V, "REGISTRATION, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS", SECTION 504 "ELECTION" OF SAID CHARTER TO REMOVE TERM LIMITS FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, AND TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF OFFICE SO THAT MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE ALL ELECTED IN THE SAME YEAR WITH TWO YEAR TERMS BEGINNING JULY 1.

**** Currently scheduled for a vote on December 5, 2011****

Motion: To approve/disapprove Charter Amendment 11-CR-02 to repeal and re-enact Article III, "Mayor and Common Council", Section 301, "Number of Term of Office", and Section 304 "Meetings of Mayor and Council", and Article V, "Registration, Nomination, and Elections", Section 504 "Elections" of said Charter to remove term limits for the offices of Mayor and Council, and to change the terms of office so that Mayor and Council are all elected in the same year with two year terms beginning July 1

Moved by:
Yea:

Seconded by:
Nay:

Abstain:

F. ORDINANCE 11-O-06 COMPENSATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**** Currently scheduled for a vote on December 5, 2011****

Motion: To approve/disapprove Ordinance 11-O-06 to enact Article 1, Section 2-115 “Compensation of Mayor and Council” of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for compensation of Town officials elected in or after May, 2012.

Moved by:
Yea:

Seconded by:
Nay:

Abstain:

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. MARYLAND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Motion: To approve/disapprove the Mutual Aid Agreement with Maryland Municipal Public Works Association to insure that all municipalities that assist during an emergency can receive MEMA and FEMA reimbursement if available.

Introduction

Moved by: Mr. Carey
Yea: 6

Seconded by: Ms. Toscano
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 0

Ms. Bradley Chacón reported on the Charter and Ordinance hearing held earlier in the evening. She said she wanted to engage the Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee in considering the charter and ordinance issues being raised. She asked to separate the Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee hearing from the next November 2011 public hearing. Ms. Toscano recommended against this approach. Mr. Carey said he anticipated the vote on the motions as taking place at the December 5th Council meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

John Rogard Tabori
Mayor