



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

**March 5, 2012
REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mr. Cron

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Brosch asked to discuss placing trashcans around the periphery of the Town. This topic was added as agenda item 11E.

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 5

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *February 27, 2012*

Approved with corrections noted on the secretary's copy.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas
Yea: 5

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 9, 2012*

Moved by: Mr. Gekas
Yea: 5

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *December 19, 2011*

Mr. Gekas, Mr. Cron, and Mr. Carey raised questions about the details of the votes as reflected in the minutes. After discussion, the vote was tabled. Council members resolved to listen to the audio recording of the December 19, 2011 meeting and discuss the minutes at the February 19, 2012 meeting.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Yea:

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Amster addressed the Council and the Mayor. He referred to his address to the Council and the Mayor from four weeks ago as related to the Executive Session that was recently held. He said that having received no response from the Mayor, he has written a letter to the Mayor seeking a correction to the minutes and access to the Town's public records. Mayor Tabori said Town Hall had received the letter. Mr. Amster punctiliously read his letter to the Council and the Mayor. Mayor Tabori said Attorney Ferguson would respond to Mr. Amster's Freedom of Information request. This response did not satisfy Mr. Amster and he continued to press his point. The Mayor raised the concern that Mr. Amster was pursuing his course of action, including his statement that he would take the Town to court, because the recent Council vote on the Cafritz development proposal did not favor Mr. Amster's position.

Mayor Tabori recommended to that the Council consider holding an executive session to discuss releasing Attorney Ferguson's opinion. There was general agreement among the Council members to take this matter up at the next Council session.

Mr. Carey brought up Mr. Lee's email. Mayor Tabori said he would address Mr. Lee's concerns in the Mayor's report later in the agenda.

7. PERMITS

A. APPLICATION TO RENEW A PERMIT TO ERECT A 4' WOOD FENCE (Brian and Lindsay Jackson, 4304 Woodberry Street) Ward 4

Motion: To approve the application to erect a 4' wood fence located on Lot: 17,
Block: 25, Section: 6-A at 4304 Woodberry Street

Moved by: Mr. Carey

Yea: 5

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT ~ Mayor John Rogard Tabori

Mayor Tabori that his recent accident was more serious than originally realized, and that he suffered a concussion when he fell in his driveway. He has had further medical check-ups and his symptoms are expected to fully resolve in the next several weeks.

Mayor Tabori discussed the situation with the Town's computer server. He said that despite the capabilities of the I-net, the Town still requires a server for email, police records, and similar matters. He noted that the discussion about replacing the server was already underway as part of the FY 2013 budget process. Mayor Tabori said he requested the funds in last week's motion as a bridge to a solution, if the current temporary server also fails. The

server we are using as a temporary replacement that another organization was replacing. Mayor Tabori said his intention was to solicit bids, but noted that the bid process would take a minimum of two months.

B. REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Mickey Beall

Mr. Beall said the mulch and compost purchase program went live today. Residents who coordinate through the University Park Public Works department will be able to order mulch and compost for delivery from the City of College Park. He is continuing to work to resolve the trash truck clearance issues at the work bay at the maintenance facility.

A resident in Ward 7 living on Wells Parkway has raised a concern about damage being caused to the ground along Wells Run due to cars being parked on the shoulder of the road. Mr. Beall said that he had discussed this location with Chief Wynnyk and the Town Engineer. The Town Engineer's position was that a curb should not be placed here, to avoid redirecting run-off from Wells Run back down Wells Parkway. Chief Wynnyk's concern is that marking the location as "No Parking" will impede traffic on the road. Mr. Carey asked for a staff recommendation to the Committee on Public Facilities and Services. Mr. Beall said there have been discussions about a bike lane, as all the remaining roads in Town will be repaved in the coming year.

Mr. Carey asked about resident requests for sidewalk and street repairs. He asked Mr. Beall for a plan forward on upcoming paving and concrete work, and for a hot patch to be placed at Woodberry Street and Queens Chapel Road. Mr. Gekas asked that the list be placed on the Town web site.

Mr. Carey asked what the options were for addressing future gypsy moth outbreaks. Mr. Beall said that presently, there were no alternatives; the Maryland state employee who used to do the egg mass counts no longer does this work. Mayor Tabori requested that Mr. Beall reach out to the agricultural extension service.

9. SPECIAL REPORT TO COUNCIL: MANAGING THE BUDGET PROCESS

Mayor John Tabori

- A. Support for Town organizations
- B. Property tax rates in historical and comparative perspective

Mayor Tabori said it was key to keep tax rates under control because this affects the present value of homes.

Mayor Tabori will report on items C and D at the next Town meeting on March 19, 2012

- ~~C. Perspectives on estimating tax revenues~~
- ~~D. Framing the budget: organization, sections, line items ~ perspective versus detail~~

10. CONTINUING BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Motion: To approve adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate Friday, April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day in University Park.

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Yea: 5

Seconded by: Ms. Bradley Chacón

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

B. ORDINANCE 12-O-02 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION BONUS ~ Introduction

Mayor Tabori explained that initiating an Employee Service Recognition Bonus system must be taken by passing an ordinance because it is considered a modification to the Town's pay scale.

Motion: To approve the introduction of Ordinance 12-O-02, to provide that a Town employee, otherwise in good standing, in addition to his/her regular compensation, shall receive monetary and other recognition for specified years of service.

Moved by: Mr. Carey

Yea: 5

Seconded by: Ms. Bradley Chacón

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Brosch recommended holding a potluck or other celebration to recognize the employees receiving this award. Mr. Carey recommended involving the Civic Association in the event.

B2. SERVICE AWARD RECOGNITION EVENT FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES

Motion: To approve a special day or event to hold a Town event celebrating Town employees receiving service recognition awards and to ask one of the local University Park civic organizations to sponsor the event.

Moved by: Mr. Brosch

Yea: 5

Seconded by: Mr. Carey

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

C. ORDINANCE 12-O-03 AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PLACEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER STORAGE RECEPTACLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PERMIT FEE AND PENALTY ~ Introduction

Motion: To approve the introduction of Ordinance 12-O-03 to enact Chapter 7 “Public Health and Sanitation” Section 7-107 “Dumpsters and other storage receptacles”, and to repeal, re-enact and renumber Section 7-107, “Penalty”, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to institute a permit system for placement of construction and other storage receptacles on private property.

Moved by: Ms. Bradley Chacón
Yea: 5

Seconded by: Mr. Brosch
Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

D. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Police, Traffic and Public Safety; Susan McPherson, Chair, James Gekas, Vacant

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure; Jacqueline Bradley Chacón, Vacant, Vacant

Public Facilities and Services; Len Carey, Chair, Michael Cron, Jacqueline Bradley Chacón

University Park Stream Committee; Tom Stickles, Chairman, Mickey Lucas, Co-Chair. Len Carey, Liaison to Council

University Park Tree Committee; Jenny Glenn, Chair, Len Carey, Liaison to Council

Mayor Tabori proposed Ms. Bradley Chacón as the Chair for the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee. Ms. Bradley Chacón pointed out that Mr. Gekas has been a temporary member of the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee. Mr. Gekas said he would prefer to step down from the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee. Mr. Cron and Mr. Brosch said they were interested in joining the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee.

E. TRASHCAN PLACEMENT ON THE PERIPHERY OF TOWN

Mayor Tabori explained that there had previously been trashcans placed around the periphery of the Town. The Maryland Transit Authority and the County have jurisdiction over the trashcans at bus stops. MTA removed them. The Council and the Mayor had a general discussion about the costs and benefits of trashcans. Mr. Beall said he has had a person serving community service time going around Town picking up trash. He added that the right-of-way along Adelphi Road belongs to the County, and U.S. Route 1 and MD-410 (East-West Highway) belong to the State. Mayor Tabori suggested looking at locations where the trash is coming from – the trash may come from people throwing items out of their cars, or from people riding buses. He asked the Public Facilities and Services Committee to look into the matter.

12. ADJOURNMENT at 10:12 pm

Submitted by: _____

John Rogard Tabori
Mayor

Please return tables and chairs to their original places as requested by the school. Thank you

**** An Executive Session May Be Called ****