



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

**May 20, 2013
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tabori at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Brosch, Mr. Gekas, Ms. Christiansen, Mr. Carey, Ms. Sorensen, Mr. Cron, Mr. Alvarez

Absent: None

Note: Ms. Sorensen left the meeting prior to approval of the agenda. She expressed concern about the failure of the Council and the Mayor to consider the DSP at the meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mr. Brosch.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Carey

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Carey announced that Danielle Glaros, Chief of Staff to Prince George's County Councilman Eric Olson (D-District 3) was in attendance.

5. PERMITS

A. APPLICATION TO ERECT A NEW STORAGE SHED

(Paul Flick, 7006 Wells Parkway) Ward 7

Motion: To approve the application to erect a new 8' x 15' shed located on Lot: 4, Block: 43 at 7006 Wells Parkway.

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez

Yea: 6

Seconded by: Ms. Christiansen

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

6. VARIANCE REQUEST

A. APPLICATION TO INSTALL SECTIONS OF 6 FOOT FENCING AND ADD A 6 FOOT GATE ACROSS DRIVEWAY TO ENCLOSE THE BACKYARD OF THE PROPERTY (Valerie Winschel, 4213 Sheridan Street) Ward 1

Motion: To approve the Variance request to install sections of 6ft fencing and add a 6ft gate across the driveway located on Lot: 22, Block: 7, Section: 2 at 4213 Sheridan Street.

Moved by: Mr. Brosch

Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Carey

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

7. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF FISCAL 2014 BUDGET

The Mayor and Council discussed the proposed Fiscal 2014 Budget. Two versions were debated: Version A and Version B. The difference between each version is that Version B contains Mr. Brosch's proposed mosquito project.

The discussion began with the Mayor's explanation of the Town's liquid reserves fund, which aims to stay around 25 percent in accordance with best practices. By implementing the prospective mosquito project, liquid reserves dip as low as 22 percent before increasing again. The Mayor expressed concern with liquid reserves falling below 23 percent, arguing that concerns may arise should a mistake occur in the budget.

The mosquito project proposed by Mr. Brosch will cost the Town an estimated \$9,000, as outlined in Version B of the Fiscal 2014 Budget discussed during the Council meeting. Ms. Christiansen pointed out that the program is not meant to be a pesticide program; but rather, a breeding site removal program that focuses on residents making minor changes to their homes. Mr. Brosch stated that the program goal is to allow residents to spend time outside during the day without worrying about negative consequences associated with mosquitoes, including bites that may lead to West Nile virus.

Mr. Carey pointed out that the pest control line item is most costly to the Town in 2016 because of Gypsy Moths, not because of costs associated with the proposed mosquito project.

Motion: To approve the mosquito program for the next two years at \$9,000 and evaluate the program at the end of two years.

Moved by: Ms. Christiansen

Yea: 4

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas

Nay: 1

Mr. Carey

Abstain: 1

Mr. Cron

Following the motion, the Mayor expressed concern concerning the lack of a plan of evaluation. Further, the Town would be required to outsource the program in order to ensure that pesticides are applied by certified personnel. The uncertainty associated with whether University of Maryland can provide a qualified intern, there is also concern regarding liability. UMD does not want to take on the liability; thus the Town would have to use its own personnel so that this person could be insured.

Mr. Gekas asked if the budget proposal addresses Queens Chapel Road. The Mayor stated that the Town is looking for prospective grant money to finish the road and make it a Green Street.

Mr. Brosch asked how the budget will be affected if the Cafritz development requires additional police personnel. The Mayor answered that once the development is operating, the Town will have to provide an additional employee. The Town is working with Riverdale Park in order to determine how this cost may be mitigated.

Mr. Gekas asked about repairs to the walkway in the Park that leads to Adelphi Road. The Mayor stated that the Town is looking to quickly hire an appraiser to move forward with this project. This will require expenditures during this fiscal year and will likely require request of additional funds next year.

The Town Treasurer stated that item D5, Column C Debt Service should now and now subsequently read \$208,000 instead of \$187,000 in order to reflect a commitment letter that the Town received from SunTrust after refinancing and consolidating the Pension Plan and Infrastructure bonds.

Mr. Carey asked if the Town is going to perform invasive species removal. The Director of Public Works stated that the removal would be a six-figure, multiyear effort that would require chemical treatment and physical removal by an individual who possesses the two-year degree which certifies treatment near water. The Town would have to outsource or hire personnel for this.

B. LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 13-O-04: Fiscal 2014 Budget. 2nd Reading

Motion: To approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 13-O-04 Version B: Fiscal 2014 Budget.

Moved by: Ms. Christiansen
Yea: 6

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUDIT CONTRACT FOR THE TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

Motion: To terminate for convenience the contract with the current auditor and award the contract to Lindsay & Associates, LLC.

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez
Yea: 6

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

B. REFINANCE OF EXISTING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Motion: To authorize the Mayor to prepare an ordinance to prepay the Town of University Park General Obligation Bond, 2009 Series and the Town of University Park General Obligation Bond 2011-1 Series to refinance the remaining Principal amount of each loan by a new General Obligation Bond in reasonable conformity to the term sheet dated 5/13/2013 from STI Institutional & Government, Inc.

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez
Yea: 6

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

C. REQUEST TO ADD SIX (6) ADDITIONAL TREES FOR REMOVAL TO THE EXISTING PEPCO TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

Motion: To approve the request to add six (6) additional trees for removal to the Pepco Tree Removal Permit.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas
Yea: 4

Seconded by: Mr. Cron
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 2
Mr. Alvarez
Mr. Brosch

9. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT ~ *Mayor John Rogard Tabori*

There was no report at this time.

B. REPORT ON STEP-UP GRANT ACTIVITIES ~ *Chuck Wilson*

Mr. Wilson presented his report on Step-Up Grant Activities.

C. REPORT FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY ~ *Suellen Ferguson, Esq.*

There was no report at this time.

D. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ~ *Tracey Toscano, Clerk*

There was no report at this time.

E. REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER ~ *Dan Baden, CPA*

Mr. Baden stated that the April Report of the Town Treasurer was distributed on Thursday, April 16, 2013.

F. REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ~ *Michael Beall, Director*

There was no report at this time.

G. REPORT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES ~ *Chief Michael Wynnyk*

Chief Wynnyk briefly presented his report on Police Department activities.

10. ADJOURNMENT at 10:30 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Carey

Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Cron

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0