



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

**September 16, 2013  
REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tabori**

**Present:** Mr. Brosch, Mr. Carey, Ms. Sorensen, Mr. Cron and Mr. Alvarez  
**Absent:** None  
**Excused:** Mr. Gekas, Ms. Christiansen

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Len Carey

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Minutes were moved to the end of the meeting.

<b>Moved by:</b> Mr. Cron	<b>Seconded by:</b> Mr. Alvarez	
<b>Yea:</b> 5	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *June 17, 2013***

<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	
<b>Yea:</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *August 12, 2013***

<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	
<b>Yea:</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *August 22, 2013***

<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	
<b>Yea:</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Terisa Flick asked Council to consider the placement of a free portable library in the play ground area near the Tot lot. Books placed in the portable library are donated, leave a book and borrow another. The Public Facilities and Services Committee will review the idea and report back to Council.

## 8. PRESENTATION

### A. GRANICUS DEMONSTRATION

<http://www.granicus.com/>

Mr. Chris Dodge, Sales Executive from Granicus, Inc. presented a live demonstration on Granicus and an overview of their Government Transparency Suite – Granicus has developed software that integrates meeting materials and minutes directly into the agenda. Granicus hardware supports live and on-demand streaming, closed captioning, search and indexed items are available over mobile devices. Meetings may be streamed using video or audio recordings. The data is uploaded and integrated into public record for residents to review and search at any time.

### B. UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Mr. Harold Freeman, of Woodberry Street, and former Mayor of University Park, presented concerns on the development project proposed to replace the University of Maryland Golf Course. Some of the concerns Mr. Freeman discussed; the golf course is a large area of open green space (150 acres). The entire course was renovated about 10 years ago using environmentally friendly practices. The area was named an Audubon International Certified Wildlife Sanctuary in 2003. This space has become a sanctuary for birds, mammals, reptiles, trees and wild flowers. More information on the golf course can be found on the University of Maryland website; <http://www.newsdesk.umd.edu/uniini/release.cfm?ArticleID=1267> Mr. Freeman asked Council to consider taking a stand against the proposed renovation.

## 9. PERMITS

### A. APPLICATION TO EXCAVATE AND WATERPROOF FOUNDATION WALL (Tucker, 6506 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue) Ward 2

**Motion:** To approve the application to excavate and waterproof the foundation walls around the house located on Lot: 4, Block: 21, Section: 5A at 6506 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Moved by:** Mr. Carey  
**Yea:** 5

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

## 10. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion:** To approve the following consent agenda item.

**Moved by:** Mr. Cron  
**Yea:** 5

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

### A. APPLICATION TO REPLACE EXISTING SIDEWALK SIDE WALK LOCATED ON LOT: 41, BLOCK: 15, SECTION: 3 AT 6708 BALTIMORE AVENUE. (Smith, 6708 Baltimore Avenue) Ward 3

## 11. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Mayor Tabori report that the General Orders Manual (GOM) will be introduced at the meeting on September 23. Council consideration and vote will take place in October.

Mayor Tabori reported that the record on the Cafritz Appeal has been sent to the District Court. Mayor Tabori asked Council to decide quickly whether to continue to pursue the Town's cases to appeal the project. The mayor encouraged Council to watch the video of the District Council hearing, adding that the County Council will vote on the Cafritz development project by September 30, 2013. The resolution this District Council will consider is being drafted by County Council member Eric Olson. Mayor Tabori commended Ms. Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney for the outstanding work she did to help protect the best interest of the Town on this project.

Save the date reminder, on October 19, the Town will celebrate the installation of the UPES Solar Panel Dedication (Step-UP). Mayor Tabori reported that the system is on and generating electricity. Mayor Tabori called this a fantastically successful project; he invited residents of all ages to this important celebration.

## **B. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Carey, Chair of the Public Facilities & Services Committee, reported that a recent report on committee activities is available on the Town website. Mr. Carey also announced that the committee will hold another committee meeting on October 10, 2013 at 7PM at the University Park Elementary School on the possible acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Meetings are open to the public; residents are welcome to attend. Mr. Carey encouraged residents to attend this meeting.

Mr. Carey has also suggested that Council consider adding 2 special sessions to the calendar, 1 in December and 1 in January. Council agreed that rushing into a decision was not necessary. Council agreed that due diligence and careful consideration of this matter is required before a decision is made.

As Council moved to discuss item 13A residents, shared concerns on the request for the Contract for Services on the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, and the time frame for a decision. Council assured residents that this decision is in the preliminary stages, that this decision would not be rushed and that they will hold a number of public committee hearings and special sessions on this matter. As this process moves forward, if Council finds during the evaluation process that the cost parameters begin to show that this is not a cost effective project, they will stop the project immediately. Further information will be presented in the Town Newsletter and posted on the website.

The Ahmann Architects, LLC will provide the Town with a review the mechanical, electrical, sustainability and provide an estimation of construction costs of the building. Council asked that any ancillary services be put out to bid via RFP.

## **12. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### **A. ORDINANCE 13-O-10 TO AMEND FY-2014 BUDGET (*Introduction*)**

*\*The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is September 23, 2013.*

*\*A super majority is required to amend the budget (5 votes).*

**Motion:** To approve the introduction to amend the FY 2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-10, to transfer \$67,500 from *Unreserved Funds* and add *Cafritz Legal Fees* line item to insure that funds are available and reflect the expenditure of legal fees associated with

the various appeals of the Planning Board Decisions with regard to the Cafritz Property Development.

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Abstain:**

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. CONTRACT FOR SERVICES ON THE ACQUISITION OF RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Motion:** To approve the appointment, pursuant to section 618 (b) of the Town Charter of, Ahmann Architects, LLC as architect for the Town with respect to evaluation of Riverdale Presbyterian Church as a potential site for Town hall and other government services and to approve a contract with Ahmann Architects, LLC in substantially the form attached at a cost not to exceed the price of \$18,000.

**Moved by:** Mr. Carey

**Seconded by:** Mr. Alvarez

**Yea:** 4

**Nay:** 1 (Brosch)

**Abstain:** 0

#### B. THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE PROPOSES TWO (2) SPECIAL SESSIONS TO CONSIDER THE ACQUISITION OF RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Motion:** To approve adding two (2) Special Sessions to the calendar for Council to hear community input Re: the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, December 5, 2013 and Saturday, January 11, 2014.

**Moved by:** Mr. Carey

**Seconded by:** Mr. Cron

**Yea:** 5

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

#### C. HYATTSVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

**Motion:** To request the Mayor write a letter from Mayor and Council to be submitted to the chairman of the Board of the Prince George's Library system, County Executive Rushern Baker, County Council members Eric Olson and Will Campos and other stakeholders to be identified to reopen the design phase for additional in depth public comment and to consider continuing public review throughout each phase of construction of the Hyattsville Branch Library until there is significantly more opportunity for community input which especially includes residents of the City of Hyattsville, Town of University Park, and Town of Riverdale Park as well as other stakeholders. Courtesy copies will be sent to County Council Members Will Campos and Eric Olson, PGCMLS Board of Library Trustees, PGCMLS Director Kathleen Teaze and Associate Director for Administrative Services Michael Gannon, and the Prince George's County Office of Central Services, and neighboring municipalities.

The Mayor should bring the letter to the September 23 meeting of the Council for Council approval.

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez  
**Yea:** 5

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

**D. MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GOLF COURSE**

**Motion:** To request the Mayor write a letter from Mayor and Council to Wallace Loh, President of the University of Maryland at College Park, expressing our community's concern about the proposed mixed-use development of the Golf Course and an associated freeway connection to Interstate 95. The Mayor should bring the letter to the September 23 meeting of the Council for Council approval. Courtesy copies should be sent to Senator Paul Pinsky and the 22nd delegation, County Council Member Eric Olson, County Executive Rushern Baker Campos and other stake holders to be identified.

**Moved by:** Mr. Cron  
**Yea:** 5

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT** by consent at 10:12 p.m.