



**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL**

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.
July 6, 2015
MINUTES**

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

Present: Mr. Thompson (arrived at 8:25 p.m.), Mr. Gekas, Mr. Hess, Ms. Verrill,
Mr. Caskey, Mr. Cron, Mr. Alvarez
Absent: None
Excused: None

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mr. Cron	Seconded by: Mr. Gekas
Yea: 6	Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

4. INTRODUCTIONS

Reverend Dr. John L. McCoy, Senior Pastor, Word of God Baptist Church, accompanied by other Church leaders.

Reverend Dr. McCoy expressed that the Word of God Baptist Church wants to become part of the University Park community. He asked for patience from the residents while the building is undergoing some necessary repairs.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- The Word of God Baptist Church has been helpful to the Riverdale Presbyterian Church and the Seventh Day Adventist Church during the transition and it is very much appreciated.

6. PERMITS

**A. APPLICATION TO INSTALL A HOT TUB (Curtis Burrill, 4202 Clagett Road)
Ward 5**

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to install a hot tub located on Lot 3, Block 28 and part of Lot 1, Block 1 at 4202 Clagett Road.

Moved by: Mr. Caskey **Seconded by:** Mr. Hess
Yea: 6 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

**B. PERMIT REQUEST FROM WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY
COMMISSION**

Motion: To approve the request for a special utility permit for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter University Park right-of-way to locate water mains for project as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed.

Moved by: Ms. Verrill **Seconded by:** Mr. Hess
Yea: 6 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. TOWN SHUTTLE BUS

Motion: Per Section 2-105 (b) of the Town Ordinances, to override sealed bid procedures and approve the purchase of a 2006 Ford E450 StarTrans 20-passenger (16 + 2 wheelchair) bus (VIN: 1FDXE45S06DA04354) from Shumate Truck Center, Tampa, Florida for \$17,500 delivered cost; good cause having been demonstrated that the Town needs a backup vehicle immediately, diligence having been shown in considering buses from an array of sources prior to finding this one, and it being therefore doubtful that a full-bid process would bring a vehicle in better condition at lower price.

Moved by: Mr. Caskey **Seconded by:** Mr. Hess
Yea: 6 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Note: This is an “as is purchase” with no warranty.

B. AMENDMENTS TO NEWSLETTER EDITOR CONTRACT

Motion: To approve amendments to contract for editors of the *University Park Newsletter*.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas **Seconded by:** Ms. Verrill
Yea: 6 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

C. COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(Established by Town Code and appointed by the Council, per Section 2-103)

Current committee appointments are listed in *italics*; new members are listed in **bold**.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Chairs and Members of Standing Committees.

Police, Traffic, and Public Safety:

Mr. Alvarez (Chair), Mr. Cron, Mr. Gekas, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Verrill

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure:

Ms. Verrill (Chair), Mr. Hess, Mr. Thompson

Public Facilities and Services:

Mr. Gekas (Chair), Mr. Cron, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hess, Mr. Caskey

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

D. DESIGNATION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TO SERVE IN ABSENCE OF MAYOR

Motion: Per Section 307 of the Town Charter, to designate Michael Cron as *Mayor pro tempore* to perform the duties of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence, and to perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Mayor, without further action by Council, during an emergency when the Mayor is absent.

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez

Seconded by: Mr. Thompson

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

E. NEW APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to approve the appointments of Council Member Bradlee Hess as Chairman and Council Member David Caskey as Member (replacing Mr. Alvarez) of the Development Overview Committee, and Mr. Tiegh Thompson as a member of the Stream Committee.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas

Seconded by: Mr. Alvarez

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *June 15, 2015* as modified.

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez

Seconded by: Ms. Verrill

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 (Cron)

9. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Wells Run channel cleaning has begun.
- The new Town shuttle bus will be delivered in August. The old bus will be returned to the County and the Town owned bus will be surplus. The two new buses will be 16-passenger buses plus space and fixtures to carry wheelchairs, The size of the bus will require the drivers to have a commercial driver's license.

- The County has changed their policy in terms of accepting plastic bags. Effective July 1 residents will no longer be able to put plastic bags or plastic film in their recycling bin.
- Propose that we ask the Green Team to study this matter with the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center and--working through the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services--recommend to the Council in regard to policies and courses of sustainable action to effectively reduce the occurrence of plastic bags and plastic film as a component of trash from University Park.
- Propose that we invite Adam Ortiz and County recycling center managers to present to the Council and community in regard to the future of Prince George's County recycling and solid waste management.
- On June 17, the Town was in court in Hyattsville on a code enforcement issue. A court order was received to allow the Town to secure a house in the 7000 block of 40th Street and to maintain it in secure condition.

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services - Mr. Gekas

A memorandum from the Public Facilities and Services Committee on the Veteran's Memorial was distributed. The cost of the Veteran's Memorial has been drastically reduced and the design is very reasonable. The site that was approved in Resolution 12-R-05 approximately three years ago seems to be the appropriate site. The Committee recommends that Veteran's Day be celebrated on the Sunday closest to November 11, or on Veterans Day.

Motion: To accept the report of the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services and to refer it to the Council for consideration at the July 20, 2015 Council meeting.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas

Seconded by: Mr. Cron

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

10. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 9:30 p.m.