



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.**

**November 21, 2016**

**MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gekas, Mr. Hess, Ms. Verrill, Mr. Caskey, Mr. Cron, Mr. Alvarez  
**Absent:** None  
**Excused:** None

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mr. Thompson.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Mr. Cron                      **Seconded by:** Ms. Verrill  
**Yea:** 7    **Nay:** 0    **Abstain:** 0

Note: Mr. Gekas requested having a discussion at a future Council meeting on the condition and permitting of the Town field.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**A.** President of the Riverdale Fire Department Steve Lamphier explained their role and coverage area in University Park.

- Wards 3, 5 and 1 up to 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Ward 4 up to Beechwood are covered by Riverdale Fire Department. The remaining areas of University Park are covered by Hyattsville Fire Department.
- Riverdale Fire Department is the oldest station in the county, which is 100% volunteer with approximately 40 members.
- Challenges in the department are aging apparatus, no Spanish-speaking volunteers and the need for future leaders.

Mayor Carey presented Mr. Lamphier with a donation from the Town of University Park and expressed his and the Council’s appreciation for all they do.

**B.** Prince George’s County Council Member Dannielle Glaros, District 3, discussed the status of repair work to Metro and the Purple Line.

- There will be a Listening Session conversation at Robert Harper Books in Riverdale Park on December 4, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- The Purple Line has “hit a speed hump”. While waiting for the Judge’s decision to move on the project, all of the design work and preparatory work is still ongoing.
- On December 1, the artists selected to help integrate art into all of the Purple Line

- stations will be at the College Park Community Center to hear community input.
- In mid December an employment office will be opening on Kenilworth Avenue. There are a lot of jobs associated with the Purple line project.
- Councilmember Glaros distributed a fact sheet on “Pathways to Opportunity”: A Community Development Agreement for the Purple Line Corridor”. Councilmember Glaros asked that everyone consider supporting the Agreement.
- Park and Planning will be bringing on a consultant to take a regional approach on transportation strategies and to determine a time line for the implementation of a Transportation Demand Management District.
- Beginning next year, the public will be able to access all committee conversation where legislative business is handled by going to: [www.pgccouncil.us/district3](http://www.pgccouncil.us/district3)

**5. PERMITS**

**A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR ADDITION AND SIDE ENTRY STOOP WITH CANOPY**

**(Jeremy and Donna Perkins, 4410 Beechwood Road) Ward 5**

**Motion:** To approve the request for a building permit to construct a 11.6’x 9.7’ covered porch addition and to add a 3’x 5.5’ canopy to the side entry stoop located on Lot 46 and Block A at 4410 Beechwood Road.

<b>Moved by:</b> Mr. Caskey	<b>Seconded by:</b> Mr. Alvarez
<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0 <b>Abstain:</b> 0

**B. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REPLACE WALKWAY**

**(Paul Yde and Sarah Elder, 6909 Forest Hill Drive) Ward 7**

**Motion:** To approve the request for a building permit to replace, partially relocate, and widen existing walkway to 5’, located on Lot 12, Block 42 at 6909 Forest Hill Drive. The proposed construction includes a 45’ extension adjacent to the curb, which is in the Town right-of-way. As part of the permit, the Town would grant a license for the walkway to be placed in the right of way, subject to removal by the applicants if required by the Town with notice. Issuance of permit and grant of license does not convey to applicants any fee or easement property rights to the right-of-way. Applicants are required to sign a license agreement.

<b>Moved by:</b> Mr. Alvarez	<b>Seconded by:</b> Ms. Verrill
<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0 <b>Abstain:</b> 0

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. RESOLUTION 16-R-09 TO SUPPORT THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FY 2017 MEA EMPOWER LMI COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION AND DHCD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES-COMMON LEGACY GRANT APPLICATION

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution 16-R-09 to support the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration FY 2017 MEA Empower LMI Communities Grant application and DHCD Sustainable Communities-Community Legacy Grant application.

**Moved by:** Mr. Thompson    **Seconded by:** Mr. Alvarez  
**Yea:** 7                            **Nay:** 0                            **Abstain:** 0

## 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *November 7, 2016*

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez    **Seconded by:** Ms. Verrill  
**Yea:** 7                            **Nay:** 0                            **Abstain:** 0

## 9. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

### A. MAYOR'S REPORT

- The PGCMA Legislative Dinner is scheduled for December 7. Mayor Carey will not be able to attend and offered his ticket to an interested Councilmember.
- Maryland Municipal League's Time to Talk-Maryland will have their first regional forum on Tuesday, December 13 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Glenarden. Mayor Carey encouraged all Councilmembers to attend.
- At the next Council meeting, Mayor Carey stated that there will be a broader discussion on the "Pathways to Opportunity: A Community Development Agreement for the Purple Line Corridor". He proposed that the Town of University Park get behind this Agreement.
- Mayor Carey distributed a copy of the letter sent to the University of Maryland and to the City of College Park on behalf of the Town, asking to participate in their mBike Program.
- At the December 19 Council meeting, the Council will hear the report of the Auditor for Fiscal Year 2016.

### B. COUNCIL REPORTS

#### Mr. Alvarez

- Mr. Alvarez reminded Mayor Carey that in September a motion was passed to consider closing Sheridan Street at Baltimore Avenue. The plan was to be presented within 60 days. Mayor Carey stated that there has been some discussion with his staff on this subject.
- Mr. Alvarez confirmed with Mayor Carey that he had received the draft letter regarding the pedestrian way on Clagett Pineway.

#### Ms. Verrill

- Ms. Verrill asked when the summary of the work will be available that was done at the retreat on November 18-19. Mayor Carey stated that it should be available very soon and that he proposes to discuss this in a work session. He hopes to eventually adopt this as the Strategic Plan for future projects. He would also like to append the Strategic Plan to the

budget proposal each year. The Mayor plans to revisit this in two years.

**Mr. Caskey**

- Mr. Caskey will not be at the December 5 Council meeting. He expressed that he is in support of the Purple Line Corridor.

**Development Overview Committee - Mr. Hess**

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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

None

**D. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK ~ *Tracey Toscano***

- A back-up bus driver has been hired to fill in on occasion as a substitute bus driver.

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

October 2016 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

- Distributed and briefly explained the Audit Report.

**F. REPORT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES ~ *Chief Wynnyk***

October 2016 Crime Report was distributed.

- Chief Wynnyk attended Prince George's County Chief's meeting, Social Justice Work Movement, and Leadership Seminar.
- Town had two successful events: Chili cook-off and Halloween.
- In the process of repainting and refurbishing the police station.

**G. REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ~ *Michael Beall***

- 78 trees have been planted throughout town.
- A sewer line is being replaced at 6403 Queens Chapel Road. A tree at this location will be removed and replaced with another tree in order to complete the project. The tree will be replaced in the event that the transplant is not successful.
- The Veterans Memorial is mostly completed except for the additional of a sign and some plantings.
- Stumps from the trees removed by Pepco, in the public right-of-way, have been removed and replanted with topsoil and have been seeded.
- Leaf removal is going well and is ahead of schedule at this time.
- The bridge on Van Buren Street has been removed. For safety reasons the fence and barrels remain. If everything goes well, the new bridge should be installed by mid-2017.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** by consent at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor