



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

7:30 PM

**May 19, 2014
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

Excused: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Ms. Christiansen.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Yea: 7

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE

A. Mayor Tabori read the legal notice of the proposed real property tax rate increase. This notice was published in the May 1, 2014 issue of the Sentinel.

B. Council Comments

- Mr. Brosch recommended that additional efforts be made to reach out to the town to inform them of the date that Council votes on the tax rate increase.
- Ms. Christiansen stated that this notice be placed in the town newsletter.
- Mayor Tabori clarified that in the initial budget notice, it was very clear that the tax rate would be raised.
- Mr. Gekas asked about the driving force behind the projected five-year plan for property tax? Mayor Tabori responded that inflation is included in this five-year plan. The projection model used for the town budget has been very successful by forecasting a conservative outcome, i.e., underestimating revenue and overestimating expenditures.
- Mr. Gekas stated that the town newsletter is always a good source of information, as far as the tax increase, beyond what is legally required in a general circulation such as the Prince George's Sentinel, and recommended that in the future the notice be posted as soon as possible.

C. Public Comments

- Harold Freeman of Woodberry Street stated that the current budget works very well and the projections are on target and it is a good model and the town should hang on to it.

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

- A great turnout for the Town Election held on May 5 thanks to the residents who voted! Congratulations to the new Council Members-elect Joe Thompson, Ward 1; Bradlee Hess, Ward 3; and a special thanks to Roy Alvarez, Ward 7; and Len Carey, Mayor-elect for their continued service to the Town. Everyone is welcome to attend the Swearing-In of new officers on June 16 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Prince George's County Planning Department is planning three Countywide Listening Sessions for the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite, the hearings will be held soon, however the dates and locations TBA
- Howard Berger, Supervisor, Historic Preservation has asked for comments from the Town on the elevation drawings, with two garage orientations, for the proposed single family dwelling at 6405 40th Avenue. Mayor Tabori and Mr. Gekas will contact Mr. Berger and request more information.
- Save the Dates! The Tree Committee will hold a Tree Ordinance Public Forum on Thursday, June 5 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at UPES
- The Cafritz Oversight & Monitoring Committee (Development Oversight Committee) will meet on Tuesday, May 20 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss a new name for the committee, and develop a mission statement. The committee is also organizing a Town Forum/Community Listening Session with the Prince George's County Planning Department on June 12, 2014 at UPES at 7:30 p.m. on the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan (TDDP) and Transit District Overlay Zone (TDOZ).
- There will be a Special Election for Ward 4.

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

- In response to a question from Ms. Christiansen, Ms. Ferguson read a portion of Section 301 of the Charter to clarify when a term ends for elected Council members.

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

- Working on the final budget.
- Gearing up for the Special Election.

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

Distributed the April Crime Report

- The Azalea Run was very successful.
- The Joint Public Safety exercise went very well.
- Met with the Public Safety Committee.
- Completed the 270-mile bike ride for Police Memorial Day.

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

- The bubble on Wells Parkway, near Chansory Lane, due to a water main break, was repaired.
- Public works is aware of the tree that is down in the park near the horseshoe pit.
- Asked that the Public Facilities and Services Committee help with the wording of the memorial plaque to be dedicated to Mr. Mickey Lucas.
- Mayor Tabori reported that he was informed that the Anacostia Watershed Society received a grant for storm water management at UPES and they plan to begin this project over the summer.
- Since an ordinance has been passed to establish a no parking zone in that area, Mr. Alvarez

requested that No Parking signs be placed on Wells Parkway on the University Park side.

- Mr. Carey reported a dead tree near the tot lot.
- Mr. Cron reported a dead tree on Adelphi Road near Underwood and Wells Parkway.

F. COUNCIL REPORTS

None

11. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. BUDGET HEARING AND DISCUSSION

The Mayor Tabori and Council continued discussions on the FY 2015 proposed budget.

Motion: To retain the \$100 placeholder for the North County Animal Shelter Study

Moved by: Mr. Carey

Seconded by: Mr. Cron

Roll Call Vote:	Brosch	Yea
	Gekas	Yea
	Christiansen	Nay
	Carey	Yea
	Sorensen	Nay
	Cron	Yea
	Alvarez	Yea

Yea: 5

Nay: 2

Abstain: 0

B. LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 14-O-05 LEVYING A REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF SIXTY-FOUR AND 5/10 CENTS (\$0.645) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUE, LEVYING A PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF TWO DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$2.25) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUE, AND APPROPRIATING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR FY 2015, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2015. (2nd Reading)

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 14-O-05, an Ordinance levying a real property tax rate of sixty-four and 5/10 cents (\$0.645) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed value; levying a personal property tax rate of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed value; and appropriating and adopting the budget for fiscal year FY 2015, beginning on July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas

Seconded by: Mr. Carey

Roll Call Vote:	Brosch	Yea
	Gekas	Yea
	Christiansen	Yea
	Carey	Yea
	Sorensen	Yea
	Cron	Yea
	Alvarez	Yea

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. TREE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Motion: To approve the appointment of Chris Aubry to the Tree Committee as Chair.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas

Yea: 7

Seconded by: Mr. Alvarez

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

B. RESOLUTION 14-R-06 TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION BY THE TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK IN THE 2014 TOUR OF SOLAR HOMES AND GREEN HOMES

Motion: To adopt Resolution 14-R-06 as attached and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town.

Moved by: Mr. Brosch

Yea: 7

Seconded by: Ms. Christiansen

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

C. SPECIAL ELECTION WARD 4

Motion: To approve procedures and a date -- Tuesday, August 12, 2014 -- for Ward 4 Council Member Special Election

Moved by: Mr. Carey

Yea: 7

Seconded by: Mr. Cron

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

13. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 9:50 p.m.