



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.  
June 15, 2015  
MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gekas, Ms. Verrill, Ms. Sorensen, Mr. Alvarez,  
Mr. Hess (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Mr. Cron

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

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Mr. Thompson    **Seconded by:** Mr. Gekas  
**Yea:** 5                            **Nay:** 0                            **Abstain:** 0

**4. SWEARING-IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS-ELECT BY MAYOR CAREY**

**James Gekas, Ward 2 Councilmember  
Linda Verrill, Ward 4 Councilmember  
David Caskey, Ward 5 Councilmember  
Michael Cron, Ward 6 Councilmember (not present)**

Mayor Carey reported he had administered the oath of office to Mr. Cron on June 12.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**6. PERMITS**

**A. APPLICATION TO REPLACE SHED, INSTALL A DRIVEWAY AND ERECT A  
4' FENCE (Ed and Martha Wells, 6813 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue) Ward 6**

**Motion:** To approve the request for a building permit to erect a shed and a 4' fence and to install a 10' x 25' driveway located on Lot 12, Block 38, Section 7 at 6813 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Moved by:** Mr. Thompson    **Seconded by:** Ms. Verrill  
**Yea:** 5                            **Nay:** 0                            **Abstain:** 0

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

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

**Moved by:** Ms. Sorensen      **Seconded by:** Mr. Thompson  
**Yea:**                                      **Nay:**                                      **Abstain:**

**Motion:** To defer this motion until the end of the Council Meeting.

**Moved by:** Ms. Verrill      **Seconded by:** Mr. Gekas  
**Yea:** 5                                      **Nay:** 0                                      **Abstain:** 0

**Motion:** To lift this motion from the table and to continue the matter at the next Council meeting.

**Moved by:** Ms. Sorensen      **Seconded by:** Mr. Thompson  
**Yea:** 5                                      **Nay:** 0                                      **Abstain:** 1 (Hess)

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. BUDGET TRANSFER Public Works Department**

**Motion:** To approve the transfer in 2015 of \$2,000 from *Landfill* to *Travel* to cover costs to reimburse an employee for completed Commercial Driver's License training.

**Moved by:** Mr. Thompson      **Seconded by:** Mr. Alvarez  
**Yea:** 5                                      **Nay:** 0                                      **Abstain:** 1 (Hess)

**B. POLICE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS VEHICLES**

**Motion:** To declare the 2005 Chevy Impala, and the 2005 Chevy Impala Police Department vehicles as surplus and authorize the Chief of Police to auction vehicles with VIN # 2G1WF55K959386715 and VIN # 2G1WS551769431414 for disposal.

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

**C. TREE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

*Per Section 16-103 of the Town Code, to approve the appointment of new members to the Tree Committee.*

**Motion:** To approve the appointment of Tiegh Thompson and Edna (Eddie) Crocker to the Tree Committee.

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez      **Seconded by:** Mr. Hess

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *May 28, 2015 - SPECIAL SESSION***

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez

**Seconded by:** Ms. Verrill

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *June 1, 2015***

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez

**Seconded by:** Mr. Thompson

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**10. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- A 2015 Chevy Express Cutaway Bus was purchased and will be delivered in August. The bus will hold 16 passengers and 2 wheelchairs or 20 passengers and no wheelchairs. We continue to search for a used back-up bus.
- The Town has officially withdrawn from the Department of Agriculture's Spray Program for night flying mosquitoes.
- Due to regulations, it is recommended that the portion of the Asian tiger mosquito program (Take Back Our Yards) which administers pesticidal dunks, be eliminated. The program will focus on educating homeowners on changing behaviors.
- The College Park City University Partnership announced a homeownership program that will offer \$15,000.00, down payment and closing cost assistance to University of Maryland employees who purchase homes in College Park.
- Currently researching a new IT support contractor for Town Hall. The proposed purchase will come to the Council for approval.
- Attended a dedication service for Word of God Baptist Church.
- The Town will be in court on June 17 for a code enforcement matter, seeking the ability to secure and maintain the security of a property on 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- The Maryland Municipal League Conference begins on June 28.
- A special thank you to Ms. Sorensen for her service as a Councilmember representing Ward 5.
- Welcomed Mr. Caskey who will be representing Ward 5.
- Will meet with Comptroller Peter Franchot to discuss fiscal concerns.
- The Department of Public Works and Transportation will soon begin cleaning the channel on Wells Run between the 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge and Baltimore Avenue.
- The Prince George's County Gazette is folding permanently.

**B. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mr. Gekas - Public Facilities and Services**

Mr. Gekas will temporarily take over the Granicus program until a new Chair is assigned to the Policy, Rules and Municipal Committee. Mr. Gekas will email a copy of the legal document received from the vendor with information on the program to the Councilmembers.

A meeting to review the plans for the Veterans Memorial is scheduled for June 18, 2015

at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

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

None

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

- Councilmembers will soon receive the official MML confirmation information.

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

Treasurer not present.

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

May 2015 Crime Report was distributed.

- Planning for the annual bicycle parade scheduled for July 4. A tent will be set up to check bicycles for safety and helmets will be available for those who need them.
- Worked with code enforcement on grass issues.

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

- The mosquito program has begun. Trapping data will be collected once a month through September.
- The College Heights Estates water main project is ahead of schedule, construction is expected to start in the spring of 2016.
- Effective July 1, Prince George's County will no longer accept plastic bags in the recycle receptacle. A flyer with detailed information will be delivered to all University Park residents.
- Encouraged the Tree Committee and the Town as a whole to begin promoting the shade tree reimbursement program.

**11. ADJOURNMENT at 9:00 p.m.**