



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.
September 21, 2015
MINUTES**

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS CALLED AT 7 P.M. TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL TO OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE RE: 7-ELEVEN PROPOSED IN RIVERDALE PARK.

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. Alvarez.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mr. Cron	Seconded by: Mr. Hess
Yea: 7	Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

4. PRESENTATION

Mosquito Pilot Program Coordinator Oswaldo Villena distributed a copy of his power point presentation and a 2015 Report titled "Take Back Our Yards". Mr. Villena gave a summary of his findings on mosquitoes in University Park. He said it was very important to educate the residents on mosquitoes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING CHAPTER 12 "PUBLIC ETHICS" OF THE TOWN CODE: Legislative Resolution 15-O-11 (Second Reading)

The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is September 21, 2015.

Motion: To approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 15-O-11 to repeal and reenact Sections 12-101, 12-102, 12-104, 12-105, 12-106, 12-107, 12-108, and 12-109 of Chapter 12 "Public Ethics," of the Town Ordinances and to add Section 12-110, to clarify the applicability of the Code; delete a publicly traded mutual fund from the definition of interest; clarify the procedures for filing and retention of the required financial and other

disclosures by elected Town officials and candidates; clarify the procedures for filing and retention of the required financial and other disclosures by appointed officials and Town employees; delete the requirements for and enforcement of lobbying disclosure; authorize the Town Clerk to receive filings on behalf of the Ethics Commission and Supervisors of Elections; change the complaint procedure when ethics counsel determines that the complaint is time barred under or does not assert facts that if proven true would constitute an ethics violation; and make provision to require filing of conflict of interest statements and correction of inaccurate or incomplete filings.

Moved by: Mr. Hess **Seconded by:** Mr. Gekas
Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

7. NEW BUSINESS

**A. UNIVERSITY PARK POSITION RE: DETAILED SITE PLAN DSP-14010-01
KIPLINGER, PHASE II, IN HYATTSVILLE**

Motion: To authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter reasserting the earlier position taken by the Town re: Kiplinger, Phase II DSP-14010-01 to submit to the Planning Board for the hearing on October 1, 2015.

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

**B. UNIVERSITY PARK RESPONSE TO PLANNING BOARD ACTION RE: 7-ELEVEN IN
RIVERDALE PARK Special Permit (SP-150003).**

Motion: To adopt the recommendation of the Development Overview Committee that, if the Town of Riverdale Park appeals and/or requests reconsideration of the action taken by the Prince George’s County Planning Board to approve a 7-Eleven (SP-150003) on the corner of Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue in Riverdale Park across the street from University Park, to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to make the Town of University Park also a party to that appeal or request.

Moved by: Mr. Hess **Seconded by:** Mr. Gekas
Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

C. HOME SECURITY SYSTEM REBATE PROGRAM

Motion: To adopt the recommendation of the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee to establish a rebate program for residents who install a home security system that includes motion detectors, alarm systems (commercial or individually installed), outdoor floodlighting and outdoor security cameras as described in the committee proposal dated September 8, 2015.

Moved by: **Seconded by:**
Yea: **Nay:** **Abstain:**

Motion: To continue this agenda item to a future Council meeting

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez **Seconded by:** Ms. Verrill

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

D. AMENDING THE PEPCO SPECIAL PERMIT SP-2015-02 TO INCLUDE TREE PRUNING IN THE 4300 BLOCK OF VAN BUREN STREET

Motion: To amend the existing PEPCO Special Permit (SP-2015-02) to include tree-pruning work in the Town right-of-way between 4219 and 4307 Van Buren Street with the conditions as previously approved.

Moved by: Mr. Thompson **Seconded by:** Ms. Verrill

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *August 31, 2015*

Moved by: Mr. Hess

Seconded by: Mr. Alvarez

Yea: 5

Nay: 0

Abstain: 2 (Thompson, Gekas)

9. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Reminder of the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference, October 26-28 in Cambridge, MD.
- Ms. Tracey Toscano, Town Clerk has taken classes and is now a fellow of the Academy for Local Governance.
- The new Town bus has arrived.
- The October 5 Council meeting will include a presentation by planning staff in regard to the Prince George's Plaza TDDP update.

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee report ~ Mr. Alvarez

- The Committee is investigating signage for the community and Town Hall.

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

None

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

- Reminder of the deadline to register for the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference.

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

- August 2015 Treasurer's Report was distributed.
- The auditors were in last week. A draft report should be available by the middle of next month.

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

August 2015 crime report was distributed.

- Attended a Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee meeting held by Mr. Alvarez.
- Attended the Maryland Chief's Police Association professional development seminar.
- Hired Administrative Assistant Dunia Morales who came very well experienced from Cottage City, Maryland.

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

- The electronics recycling event, which also includes paper shredding, is scheduled for October 10 at the elementary school.
- Pepco has two additional pole replacement projects, which does not require tree trimming. Currently in the process of obtaining permits for this project.

10. COUNCIL WORK SESSION-- EMERGENCY RESPONSE TABLE-TOP EXERCISE

Motion: To close out the legislative session to enter a Council work session for the purpose of an emergency response table-top exercise.

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Seconded by: Mr. Hess

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

11. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 10 p.m.