



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.
October 19, 2015
MINUTES**

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

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

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. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PERMITS

**A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A SUNROOM
(Laurie Goodfriend and Rick Brown, 4105 Tennyson Road) Ward 2**

Motion: To approve the building permit application request to construct a 9' x 21.3' x 13.5' sunroom on Lot 3, Block 18 at 4105 Tennyson Road.

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

**B. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION
(Michele and Eugene Leonardi, 6714 Queens Chapel Road) Ward 5**

Motion: To approve the building permit application request to construct a one-story 4.5' x 20.56' x 10' kitchen addition located on Lot 2, Block 26, Section 6A at 6714 Queens Chapel Road.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUTHORIZING A POSITION ON THE PRELIMINARY TRANSIT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE’S PLAZA AREA.

Motion: To authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to submit a letter to the Prince George’s County Planning Board expressing the Town’s position in regard to the Preliminary Transit District Development Plan and proposed Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendments for the Prince George’s Plaza Area, and to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to present the position in testimony on behalf of the Town at the hearing on October 22, 2015.

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

7. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. HOME SECURITY SYSTEM REBATE PROGRAM

Motion: To adopt the recommendation of the Council Committee on Police, Traffic & Public Safety to establish a rebate program suggested by the committee in its recommendations 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 as amended.

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

Note: Eliminate “G” from the rebate program.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 5, 2015

Moved by: Mr. Hess **Seconded by:** Mr. Alvarez
Yea: 4 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 2 (Gekas, Verrill)

9. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR’S REPORT

- Received 06 proposed minor revisions to Cafritz DPS (relocating a tot lot to be nearer other playgrounds, converting two townhouses to retail properties, reducing the size of townhouses but adding more townhouses). University Park will have an opportunity to weigh in on these revisions.
- Attended a public status briefing on the Purple Line on October 8. Construction is expected to begin in 2016.
- Speakers and color guards are scheduled for the Veterans Day Observance program on November 11 at 11:00 a.m.
- Attended a briefing in Hyattsville with Chief Wynnyk on a bicycle and pedestrian plan.

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Committee on Trees ~ Mr. Alvarez

- The Tree Committee and volunteers planted 13 trees on Adelphi Road down Calverton and Wells Parkway. Mr. Alvarez thanked Public Works for their help in the planting.

Council Committee on Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure ~ Ms. Verrill

- The Committee met on August 27 to discuss a modernized town website. A copy of the meeting notes were distributed which included desired features and functions for a new town website. Ms. Verrill encouraged Councilmembers to look at the following two websites and to give the Committee their opinion: <http://hyattsville.org> and <https://bouldercolorado.gov>

Council Committee on Development Overview ~ Mr. Hess

- The Development Overview Committee will meet at Town Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.. One topic the Committee plans to discuss is a vision for University Park.

Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services ~ Mr. Gekas

- An e-mail was sent to the Town in reference to the two markers that were recently placed in the park for Zoe Falkenberg and Mickey Lucas. Public responses for Zoe's marker have been positive. Still waiting for more responses on Mr. Lucas' marker. Mr. Gekas will inform the Council if a change to the placement of that marker is appropriate.

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

None

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

- Participated in a CivicPlus webinar.
- University Park will participate in the MML Banner City program for 2016.
- The MML hotel reservations will be sent this week to those attending.

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

September 2015 Treasurer's Report was discussed.

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

September 2015 Crime Report was distributed which showed no reported crimes.

- Attended the chili cook-off.
- Completed the operational plan for Halloween.
- Purchased new vests, shirts and hats for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members to show appreciation for their assistance.
- Corporal Sunday was recognized by the State Highway Administration for DUI enforcement.

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

- Two groups of volunteers and three staff members supported the Tree Committee in the recent tree planting. The County has not yet provided 12 trees. The Anacostia Watershed Society planted 24 trees on both sides of the creek in the park. There will be 26 trees planted in Ward 1. The total number of trees planted within a two-week period will be approximately 75 to 80.
- Lawrence Bloomfield has retired from Public Works after 22 years of service.
- A second person will sit for their CDL exam on Tuesday, October 20.
- Acquired a replacement for a back-up packer and sold the old back-up packer.

- Pointed out the significant decline in vehicle maintenance expenses on the budget.

Mayor Carey asked Councilmembers to mark their calendars for December 3, 2015 and to hold that date for a holiday staff party at which three employees will be recognized for longevity of service. This event will be held at the University of Maryland Golf Course at 6:00 p.m.

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

Submitted by: _____
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor