



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.
January 11, 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 Mayor Carey.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. PRESENTATION

A presentation on the development of College Park and the University of Maryland was given by County Councilmember (District 3) Dannielle Glaros, University of Maryland Vice President for Administration & Finance Carlo Colella and College Park Economic Development Coordinator Randall Toussaint.

Some of the future development projects for the College Park and University of Maryland area are:

- Phase 1 of the plan includes improvements along Route 1 from downtown College Park up to about Route 193. Construction is expected to begin in approximately two years.
- To create a college town.
- Housing for professors and staff.
- Arts amenities.
- Expansion of bike lanes.
- Installing landscape buffers.
- In 2016, College Park is going to launch its first bike share program
- Car sharing program.
- Get new businesses into the community to create new jobs and help local businesses continue to grow.
- Building student housing to get commuter traffic off the roadways and encourage students to live near campus.

- Four star hotels/conference centers.
- In addition to the private development that is underway, the University is making significant investments such as: Bio-Engineering building, Brendan Iribe Center for Computer Science and innovation, and updating Cole Field House.
- The Purple Line will come through the center of campus and cross Metro near the College Park Station and Paint Branch Parkway. A total of five stops will service the College Park area. The University of Maryland stops will be a fare-free zone for those affiliated with the University.
- Rearranged the College Park/Riverdale Park TDOZ Plan to focus on pedestrian transit at the College Park Metro and the University of Maryland Research Park.
- The slow traffic along Route 1 is mainly caused by the increased lights that have been installed for pedestrian safety.

Residents and Councilmembers expressed concerns about parking, traffic along Route 1 and the safety of pedestrians along Route 1. It was suggested that a variety of retail be considered other than just food, that the design of the development is very important, and to consider connectivity of green space and zagster bike share system with the local municipalities.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None, other than what was expressed above.

6. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. BUDGET TRANSFER RE: UPGRADE OF TOWN COMPUTER SERVER AND FIREWALL (*Second Reading*)

Motion: To approve the transfer of \$14,000 from *Reserved Designated - Cable Capital Equipment* to *IT Costs* to fund the expense necessary to upgrade the Town's computer server and firewall to connect to the Prince George's County INET backbone.

Moved by: Mr. Thompson
Yea: 7

Seconded by: Mr. Alvarez
Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE HEROLD AND ED LEE AS SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS.

Per Chapter 5, Section 502 (a) "Supervisor of Elections" from the Town Charter, the Mayor and Common Council shall appoint two qualified voters to the positions of Supervisors of Elections. The Supervisors shall serve for two-year terms beginning on March 1 and ending on the last day of February on the next even-numbered year. The current Supervisors of Elections are Ms. Stephanie Herold and Mr. Ed Lee.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Stephanie Herold and Ed Lee as the Supervisors of Elections for the term ending March 2018.

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Seconded by: Mr. Hess

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

B. POLL HOURS FOR THE NEXT ELECTION

Motion: Per Section 504(a) of the Charter of the Town of University Park, to set a May 3, 2016 date for general elections in the Town, and to approve the poll hours of operation for the from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Seconded by: Mr. Caskey

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 4, 2015*

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez

Seconded by: Ms. Verrill

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

9. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attended the Maryland Board of Public Works meeting on January 6. The transfer of 3.37 acres from the University of Maryland to Prince George's County was finalized. The construction of the CSX Crossing can now proceed.
- The Maryland Municipal League is having its legislative reception on January 13 at the Calvert House in Annapolis. On January 20, MML is providing a legislative orientation.
- The Maryland Mayor's Association Conference will be held on February 4-5 in Annapolis.
- A copy of the letter to County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros regarding TDMD was distributed. A copy of the letter was also sent to College Park, Riverdale Park, and Hyattsville urging them to join University Park in this effort.
- Prince George's County Animal Commission is meeting on January 13 to discuss the dog issue.

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

Development Overview Committee - *Mr. Hess*

Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Tree Committee - *Mr. Alvarez*

Meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2016

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee - *Mr. Alvarez*

Meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

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

- The Maryland Municipal League convention is scheduled for June 26-29, 2016.

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

December 2015 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

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

- The third packer is now in service.
- Leaf pick-up has been completed.
- WSSC has a project that will affect Wards 3, 4 and 7. Mr. Beall, Mayor Carey and the Town Attorney are currently working on an agreement with WSSC before construction begins.
- Mr. Beall and Mayor Carey will be meeting with Washington Gas to discuss outstanding paving and construction in Town.
- State Highway Administration has indicated that the two stormwater problems on Route 1 (Wells Parkway and Van Buren Street) will be addressed in the Fall of 2016 or the following spring.
- Signage for Town Hall has been approved and should be installed in approximately three weeks.

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