



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.
February 1, 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 Mr. Caskey.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident shared a link: <http://ventrac.com/advantages/snow/> which offers information on sidewalk snow removal machines. The Town did an excellent job in clearing the snow from the streets, yet extra attention needs to be given to the tall snow piles at the end of the blocks. This is a safety issue when exiting onto a major highway.
- Several residents expressed concerns about the letter written to the District Council in reference to the Preliminary Transit District Development Plan for the Prince George's Plaza area (agenda item 6D). The following are some issues that need to be addressed:
 - Push for the plan to mandate sustainability measures and green building techniques.
 - Place-making.
 - The implication methods, zoning regulations and development standards need to be understandable, sensible and enforceable, yet properly encouraging.
 - Ask to use the maximum amount of environmental site design and preserve the natural features as much as possible.
 - The letter needs to be more specific.
 - Sustainability (green roofs, reducing stormwater runoff, solar energy).
 - Need to say that we cannot accept this plan, get more information and then give a very good plan.
 - Some parts of the letter sound more supportive of the plan than we really want to be.

- End the letter with a stronger statement.
- A resident stated that there is reason to believe that the zoning rewrite is not being received well and that there is not support to get it passed. There is serious discussion going on about looking at models of affordable housing and the advantages and need for it here.
- A resident stated that he was very appreciative of the efforts of the Town to clear the snow.
- After receiving emails from residents, NBC4 News videoed the street conditions in University Park and spoke briefly with Mayor Carey.
- In reference to the Asian Tiger Mosquito Program, controlling water sources is one thing that can be done to stop the one mosquito that might be dangerous.

Mayor Carey reported that the Town bus will be available for those interested in attending the hearing in Upper Marlboro on February 16, 2016. Reservations are required.

5. PERMITS

A. PERMIT REQUEST TO (Janet Moreland (Jarquin), 6517 41st Avenue) Ward 2

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to waterproof 112 feet of the basement interior with 2 sump pumps and 2 blue angel back-up batteries, both pumps discharge to the back of the property located on Lot 2, Block 19 at 6517 41st Avenue.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas
Yea:

Seconded by: Mr. Thompson
Nay: **Abstain:**

Motion: To be tabled.

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 7

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 0

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (*2 Readings are required~ Introduction*)

Motion: To approve the introduction of the budget adjustments after subtracting out the Transit and Unreserved Funds balance transfers as recommended by the Town Treasurer in the January 25, 2016 memo to the Mayor and Council.

* Budget transfers require 5 votes.

Moved by: Mr. Thompson
Yea: 7

Seconded by: Ms. Verrill
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 0

B. POLICE, TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO INSTALL STOP SIGNS AND STOP BARS.

Motion: As per the recommendation of the Council Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety, to recommend that the Mayor request the Director of Public Works to install two stop signs

on College Heights Drive at Woodberry Street and to install stop bars at each of the four corners of the intersection. In addition, the intersection should be reconfigured when funds become available.

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

C. POLICE, TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO ATTACH INFORMATIONAL SIGNS TO ALL “NO OUTLET” SIGNS AT TENNYSON ROAD AND 41ST AVENUE.

Motion: As per the recommendation of the Council Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety, to recommend that the Mayor request the Director of Public Works to attach informational signs to all the “No Outlet” signs in the area of Tennyson Road and 41st Avenue. The informational signs should point to Adelphi Road and Queens Chapel Road as appropriate.

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

Motion: To amend by adding: In addition, change the “No Outlet” signs on 40th Avenue, 41st Avenue, and Tennyson Road to 30-inch signs (diamond shaped, yellow with black lettering), and move the existing “Children Playing” sign to a more prominent place near the Tennyson entrance that being between the alley and 40th Avenue.

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

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

Motion: To adopt positions on the Preliminary Transit District Development Plan for the Prince George’s Plaza area in substantively the form proposed by the Development Overview Committee, and authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write and submit a letter to the District Council expressing the Town’s positions and to present the positions in testimony on behalf of the Town at the hearing on February 16, 2016.

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

Motion: To amend by: Include in Section VII, “this plan should have green building requirements”. The conclusion should ask the Council to do whatever it takes to improve this plan even if it means remanding it. Remove from the third paragraph, last sentence after the word critical, *and to indicate support for certain conclusions and solutions included in the Plan and TDOZ.*

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

E. AUTHORIZING A LETTER SUPPORTING PG 305-16.

Motion: To authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write and submit a letter to the Chair of the House of Delegates Committee on Economic Matters and other appropriate parties supporting

PG 305-16 in regard to alcoholic beverages licenses for restaurants located within Riverdale Park Station.

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez **Seconded by:** Mr. Hess
Yea: 5 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 2 (Cron, Gekas)

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 11, 2016* as amended.

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

8. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Reminder to file the financial disclosure statements by April 30.
- The civic groups are scheduled to attend the February 22 Council meeting to discuss what they do.
- Public Works and the Police departments did a great job during the recent snow storm. Residents cooperated by parking where Town Hall had suggested during a snow emergency.
- The Mayor will attend the Maryland Mayors Association Meeting in Annapolis from February 3-6, 2016.

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

Development Overview Committee - Mr. Hess

The Committee voted to recommend unanimously that Mr. David Brosch be added to Development Overview Committee.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Mr. David Brosch to the Development Overview Committee.

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

Mr. Hess - Mr. Hess praised the Town work crew for clearing the streets. The Town needs to consider hiring a contractor to clear the snow drifts that keep shoveled sidewalks disconnected from the cleared streets and to clear the park paths. This would allow people to walk safely and not have to walk on the road.

Mr. Alvarez - Mr. Alvarez suggested that the Council Committee on Trees, Parks and the Environment (i.e., the Tree Committee) may be willing to ask for volunteers to help clear the park paths after a snowstorm if the Director of Public Works request their assistance.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee - Ms. Verrill

The Committee submitted their recommendations to the Council for a modernized University Park town website. Mayor Carey recommended that this item be added to the February 22 agenda.

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

January 2016 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

9. COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Motion: To close out the legislative session and enter a Council work session for the purpose of discussing the Department of Public Works Town garage lease and the TBOY Asian Tiger Mosquito program.

Due to time constraints, a discussion of this program will be placed on the February 22 agenda.

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Seconded by: Mr. Hess

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Department of Public Work's Town garage lease

- The five-year garage lease is up for renewal.
- Would like to renew the lease with a three-year term and two optional years on the back end.
- Negotiated an arrangement to include tax incentives.
- The lease will have to be worded to say that the municipality is responsible for the taxes in order to get the exemption.
- A request needs to be given to the County by April 1 in order to be considered for the exemption.
- The recommendation to renew the garage lease will be presented to the Council on February 22, 2016.

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