



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.
March 7, 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. Alvarez.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA as amended.

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

4. PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Sarah Mosely, Chair of the Green Team reported two updates: 1) The team hopes to expand composting to the whole Town and 2) currently lobbying with the County to add another composting facility. Ms. Mosely introduced Allison Harwick, a graduate student at Harvard University Extension School Sustainability Planning Service. She has come to University Park to help refine, update and focus the Sustainability Action Plan.

Ms. Harwick explained that for her Capstone project she has decided to work with municipalities on sustainability. The objective is to have a road map to figure out the financial and environmental costs of initiatives and be able to prioritize. This would cover building energy, transport and waste as well as some sustainability education around consumer habits and daily behavior.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mosquitoes are a serious health threat. University Park needs to maintain a proactive program to monitor mosquito populations and instruct people how to prevent harboring and encouraging mosquitoes.
- Consider reaching out to Dan Strickman, a national mosquito expert and former Town resident, for suggestions on how to run the program. The trapping and counting of mosquitoes is very important.
- There is a public safety hazard for pedestrians on Clagett Pineway, between Pineway and Clagett Road. The Town should either restrict parking on one side of the road or install a sidewalk.

- The Green Team supports the mosquito program. They are interested in helping in any way they can.
- Mayor Carey reported that an intern for the mosquito program will be hired in May. His budget proposal for next year will continue to address mosquito problems.
- A group of undergraduate students from the University of Maryland School of Public Health are taking on a research project in University Park where they will do a needs and strengths assessment on aging in place issues.
- The Word of God Baptist Church is sponsoring a Community Health Fair on April 16, 2016.
- Would like to see more community volunteers for the mosquito program.
- A concern about delay of the Traffic Control Study.

6. PERMITS

A. PERMIT A VARIANCE REQUEST TO INSTALL A 5’ FENCE (Steven and Angela Tidwell, 6912 Baltimore Avenue) Ward 5

Motion: To approve the request for a Building Permit with Special Exception for the installation of a non-conforming 5’ fence, located on Lot 49, Block A at 6912 Baltimore Avenue due to unusual circumstances, including requisite findings (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) per Section 4-115 of the Town Code.

Section 4-115. Special Exceptions

The Common Council may consider an application for a special exception based upon a particular case or situation, and may approve the application provided that there is a showing of hardship, unique topography, unusual circumstances or safety considerations that warrant an exception. Special exceptions shall be granted by the Council only if it finds that such exception:

- (a) will not adversely affect the public health, safety, welfare or interest, nor the reasonable use of adjoining properties;
- (b) will not violate any covenants applicable to the property;
- (c) can be granted without substantial impairment of the purpose and intent of the Town building regulations;
- (d) will not interfere with or obstruct the visibility of motorists or cyclists; and
- (e) will not unduly impede the enforcement of any other applicable law. (Revised, effective December 12, 1989, February 28, 1998)

Moved by: Mr. Caskey **Seconded by:** Mr. Hess
Yea: 6 **Nay:** 1 (Verrill) **Abstain:** 0

B. APPLICATION TO REPLACE FRONT STOOP AND REPAIR AND REPLACE PATIO (Wayne Pierce and Kristin McCue, 6812 Pineway) Ward 5

Motion: To approve the building permit application to replace front stoop and repair and replace 12’ x 22.5’ patio on Lot 16 & 17, Block E at 6812 Pineway.

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda item.

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

A. TO ENDORSE THE FEDERAL INTERAGENCY ANNUAL SPRING WALK, RUN, ROLL ON MAY 5, 2016 FROM 12:00 P.M. UNTIL 1:00 P.M. THROUGH UNIVERSITY PARK.

The police department has been notified and supports this request.

8. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 16-O-01 AMENDMENT OF 2016 BUDGET (2nd reading)

Motion: To adopt LR 16-O-01 which amends the FY 2016 budget to transfer \$32,000.00 from Unreserved Funds to the “Transit” line item under the General Government category to fund the purchase of a backup transit vehicle, originally budgeted in FY 2015; inspection and painting of the vehicle; and increased personnel costs involved in hiring CDL qualified drivers.

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

B. ORDINANCE 16-O-02 TO INCREASE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR (2nd reading)

Motion: To adopt LR 16-O-02 to amend Section 2-115 “Compensation of the Mayor” of the Code of the Town of University Park to increase compensation of the Mayor from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per year in the term commencing in June, 2016.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Motion: To approve adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate Friday, April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in University Park.

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

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *February 22, 2016* as amended.

Moved by: Mr. Hess

Seconded by: Mr. Thompson

Yea: 5

Nay: Abstain: 2 (Caskey, Verrill)

11. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Town election is scheduled for May 3. The announcement is published in the Newsletter. Financial disclosure statements are due by the end of April.
- The District Council will have a work session on March 15 regarding the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan.
- Some Public Works employees have been interviewed by the African American Museum about their history with University Park.

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

Development Overview Committee - Mr. Hess

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Ms. Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney

- March 8 is the day for filing the brief on the 7-Eleven appeal. Riverdale Park will be filing the brief and University Park will state that they are in agreement with Riverdale Park.

Public Facilities and Services Committee - Mr. Gekas

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The discussion will be about the bike trail and historical markers.

12. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 8:30 p.m.