



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.
April 18, 2016
MINUTES**

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

Present: Mr. Thompson (arrived at 7:31 p.m.), Mr. Gekas, Mr. Hess, Ms. Verrill, Mr. Caskey, Mr. Cron, Mr. Alvarez
Absent: None
Excused: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mr. Hess.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (*Responses are italicized*)

- Concern about the budget cut for the Mosquito Program. Testing, sampling and trapping should be the key part of the program.
- Budget concerns: Encouraged the Council to be more transparent in what the budget reads. Consider giving payment to Council Members. Stop adding clutter to the Town with signage. Where is the placeholder for the Traffic Study? Discontinue Cafritz security when no longer funded by Cafritz. Funding of Veteran’s Memorial. Do not cut funding on the Mosquito Program, if anything, expand the program. Consider a Town Manager.
The Mosquito Program is not being discontinued. The salary portion of this program can be found under the General Salaries line item of Public Works. Yard surveys and trappings will be continued at hot spots that are reported.
- Would like more information on the calculation of the Solar Array line item.
The \$10,000 under Revenue is from energy credits and Pepco.
- Why an increase for pest control for the projected 2017 Budget?
This is a “what if?” for gypsy moss.

- Line item Unreserved/Reserved Service Funds, column A shows a significant percentage change. *This question will be reviewed and forwarded to the resident when available.*
- What information is available on the progress of grant writing from the Town Treasurer?
- Supports the continuation of the sampling of the Mosquito Program. What is the reason for changing the program and moving around with the trapping?

The Town is trying to focus on more than one type of mosquito. The goal is to find the mosquitoes and eliminate them. Trapping in the same location year after year does give some information, but it does not tell us where the mosquitoes are today.

5. PERMITS

A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REPLACE A FENCE (Stephanie Herold, 6519 40th Avenue) Ward 2

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to replace a 4' chain link fence located on Lot 18, Block 20, Section 5A at 6519 40th Avenue.

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

B. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REPLACE A FENCE (Daniel Lockney and Sara Makris, 6507 43rd Avenue) Ward 1

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to replace a 4' chain link fence located on Lot 15, Block 6 at 6507 43rd Avenue.

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

C. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REPLACE A FENCE (Thaddeus Flood and Kirsten Tullia, 4411 Beechwood Road) Ward 5

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to install a 4' fence located on Lot 7&8, Block B at 4411 Beechwood Road.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *April 11, 2016* as amended.

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

7. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

- The firewall and server in Town Hall have been replaced.
- The telephone system in Town Hall will soon be updated.
- Will be discussing the option of migrating Council emails so that it remains on the Town server.
- Prince George's Plaza Transit District Overlay Zone Plan, Draft 2-B of CR-25-2016 was distributed. There will be a public hearing by the District Council on May 31, 2016.
- The Green House Gas Emissions Reduction Act was passed by the Senate House of Delegates and signed in to law by Governor Hogan.
- The job description for a Code Compliance Officer was distributed. Mayor Carey asked that he be informed of any concerns or suggestions.
- On May 5, 2016, College Park will have the grand opening of their Zagster Bike Sharing Program. There will be a bike sharing station at Gilford Road and Baltimore Avenue.
- May 7, 2016, The Rivers to Rockets Bike Rally will be riding through University Park in the morning and the Porch Fest will take place in the afternoon.
- On May 2, Mayor Carey and Mickey Beall will attend a State briefing on the Zika Virus in Annapolis.

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee - Roy Alvarez

Topics of discussion at the April 14 committee meeting were:

- To consider stop bars for the safety of pedestrians in the area of Clagett-Pineway, Clagett Road and Pineway.
- To survey the Town and prioritize the areas most in need of sidewalks.
- To request the assistance of Mr. James Cook of TruCount Data to help alleviate traffic problems on Van Buren Street between 40th Avenue and Forest Hill Drive.
- An additional stop sign on College Heights Drive will not be decided until it is determined if that street will become a "green street".

Development Overview Committee - Mr. Hess

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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

- **7-Eleven.** Park and Planning Commission and the attorney for 7-Eleven have responded to the brief. Riverdale Park and University Park will have a certain amount of days to respond. A hearing date has not been scheduled.

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

- Preparing for the upcoming Town election. Absentee ballots are available.
- MML reservations for the 2016 convention has been made for Mayor and Council.

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

March 2016 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

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

March 2016 Crime Report was distributed.

- Attended the Azalea Run and the Community Health Fair.

- The Home Security Reimbursement Program has had four submissions.

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

- Mr. Beall asked that the Council encourage their constituents to participate in the Shade Tree Reimbursement Program.
- The Electronics Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the University Park Elementary School. A picture ID will be required for certain items.
- Street paving on Baltimore Avenue has begun.
- A group of Town volunteers organized by the Council Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment and Public Works staff planted 10 trees that were donated by the County.
- Mr. Beall has gone through the first round of reimbursement documentation with FEMA for winter storm Jonas. The approximate reimbursement amount is between \$15,000 to \$18,000.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 16-O-03: Fiscal 2017 Budget (*Introduction*)

Motion: To approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 16-O-03: Fiscal 2017 Budget.

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 2, 2016.

Moved by: Mr. Hess

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: *Council suggestions for the 2017 Budget:*

- Solar Array - For clarity, break it down to two components.
- Code Enforcement Officer (G15) - move to the Police Department line item.
- Azalea Classic - separate line item from PTA (PTA, PTA/Azalea Classic)

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

Submitted by: _____
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor