



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

7:30 p.m.

September 19, 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. Hess.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. PERMITS

**A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL A RETAINING WALL
(Catherine Turner of 6508 40th Avenue) Ward 6**

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to install a 10"x 38' cinderblock retaining wall located on Lot 8, Block 38 and Section 7 at 6508 40th Avenue.

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

**B. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL A 4' FENCE
(Shane Perkinson of 6521 Adelphi Road) Ward 2**

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to install a 4' fence located on Lot 14 & 15, Block 21 and Section 5A at 6521 Adelphi Road.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

Campus Community Connection Pilot- Andrew M. Fellows from the University of Maryland gave an update on the Campus Community Connection Pilot of the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education and the College of Information Studies (formerly the Environmental Finance Center's Sustainability and Resiliency Financing Initiative), which will

provide assistance of campus experiential learning programs and other faculty, student and staff efforts to collaborate with our community. The approved fiscal 2017 budget provides \$5,000 in financial support for this initiative.

Mr. Fellows distributed a handout that outlines potential areas of interest.

Discussion:

- This semi mutual third party can help University Park reach several goals.
- Concerns about traffic if Campus Drive closes.
- Interested in seeing the list of projects for the other participating municipalities.
- Mr. Fellows plans to reach out to faculty and staff in all the different departments at the University of Maryland to participate in the projects.
- This effort gives University Park access to all sorts of different experts at the University to help University Park with everyday problems.
- Concerns about the expansion of Prince George's Plaza related to the flooding in University Park.
- A request was made to put a map of Guilford Run on the Town website.
- Would like to pass through College Heights Estates to get to the University of Maryland.
- Would like to see a more specific description of what the community sees as outcomes for the projects.

Mr. Fellows encouraged Councilmembers to email him any suggestions for other projects that may be of interest to University Park. He also stated that this initiative is intended to be a pilot for something much bigger. The things that get done this year are a prelude to identifying grant funding for University research. Mr. Fellows distributed a flyer with information for those interested in participating in the Anacostia Watersheds Stewards Program.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident thanked the Tree Committee for visiting his residence regarding tree placement on public land near his property.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion: To introduce LR 16-O-06 to amend the fiscal 2017 budget by creating a new line item, B7-Tennis Court Upgrade, and transferring an amount not to exceed \$ 25,000 from Unreserved Undesignated Funds to the new line item to fund repair of the tennis courts on Queens Chapel Road.

The earliest this resolution may be adopted is at the October 3, 2016 Council meeting.

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

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *September 12, 2016* as amended.

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

9. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

Development Overview Committee - Mr. Hess

Next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

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

- On October 1, 2016 the State law will require that all Committees/Council submit an agenda within a reasonable amount of time.

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

- Attended a joint Maryland Municipal Clerks Association and Maryland Municipal Attorneys Association meeting.

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

August 2016 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

- The auditors began their fieldwork for the fiscal year 2016. The audit report will be issued by the November 1, 2016 deadline.

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

August 2016 Crime Report was distributed.

- Residents interested in having the speed sign in front of their house should contact Chief Wynnyk.
- Attended the Maryland Chiefs of Police Professional Development Training.
- The University Park Police Department attended firearms training.
- A survey was made on abandoned vehicles throughout Town, a total of thirty two vehicles were reported.
- Attended a training, along with Code Compliance Officer Craig Brown, on rental housing inspections hosted by the city of College Park.
- Reported that the Code Compliance Officer inspected thirty homes in the month of August.

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

No Report (not present)

10. COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Motion: To close out the legislative session and enter a Council work session to discuss the 2016 Mosquito Repression Program. Oswaldo Villena and David Brosch will present and discuss with the Council.

Moved by: Mr. Thompson

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

A PowerPoint presentation titled, *2016 Report - University Park Mosquito Control Program* was given by Mr. Oswaldo Villena. A copy of his report was distributed. A copy of Mr. Brosch's presentation titled, *Community Mosquito Control UP* was also distributed.

Discussion:

- At the end of this summer, an amazing collaboration was beginning between Oswaldo and the volunteers for the Mosquito Repression Program.
- Encourage residents to become block captains.
- There is a possibility that the traps could be serving as a control device, but this cannot be confirmed without the proper data.
- Studies are showing that insects are now becoming resistant to insecticides.
- It is important to do yard inspections and get more people to buy traps next year. One trap costs approximately \$18.
- Using the website and the newsletter are ways to communicate with the community about mosquito control.
- It was suggested that the amount of rainfall be included in the charts that compare the yearly data of mosquito trapping.
- Pay attention for possible grants.
- Mayor Carey plans to convene a group to pull together ideas in what was learned in this program and use the information to plan what will happen next year.

11. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor