



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.  
May 15, 2017  
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. Thompson.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** as modified.

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

**4. PERMITS**

**A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REPLACE EXISTING FENCE  
(Paul and Jennifer Staats, 4407 Tuckerman Street) Ward 1**

**Motion:** To approve the request for a building permit to replace a 4' fence located on Lot 17, Block 2 and Section 1 at 4407 Tuckerman Street.

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

**B. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO WATERPROOF EXTERIOR FOUNDATION WITH  
FRENCH DRAIN  
(Mickey Parish, 6902 Wells Parkway) Ward 7**

**Motion:** To approve the request for a building permit to waterproof the exterior foundation with a French drain located on Lot 6 and Block 42 at 6902 Wells Parkway.

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

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident who is very supportive of the “Helping Hands” program, especially since there are a lot of elderly people living alone in Town, asked that the Council consider funding for this group of volunteers who are leading this program.

## 6. CONTINUING BUSINESS

### A. LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17-O-03: FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

**Motion:** To approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 17-O-03: Fiscal year 2018 Budget.

*The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 15, 2017.*

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion:** To accept the amendments and request the Treasurer to update the 2018 proposed Budget and to bring it to the Town’s special session meeting for Council consideration on May 22, 2017.

**Moved by:** Mr. Hess

**Seconded by:** Mr. Cron

**Yea:** 7

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *May 1, 2017* as modified.

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez

**Seconded by:** Mr. Thompson

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 (Hess)

## 8. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

### A. MAYOR’S REPORT

- A press conference is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, May 19 at Town Hall to announce the expansion of the mBike system. Representatives from the University of Maryland, the City of College Park and others will be present. Mayor Carey had an interview with the Washington Post on May 15 about the mBike system.
- Mr. Cron reported that when Mayor Carey was out of town, a request came in from the Mounted Park Police to use the new soccer field for a horse demo. Mr. Cron and the Director of Public Works made the decision that this request would not be granted.

### B. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Town Hall at 7 p.m.

#### **Tree, Parks and Environment Committee - Mr. Alvarez**

At the last meeting, the Committee discussed two options for the Town field off Adelphi Road: 1) community gardens, 2) adding trees to make it more forested.

**Development Overview Committee - Mr. Hess**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the parking garage, the number of parking spaces and signage for new businesses at Riverdale Park Station.

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

None

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

- Ms. Toscano gave an update about the repair work to the bus bay area at Prince George's Metro station, which is expected to be completed over the next two weeks.
- Mayor Carey responded to a question about the status of the auditor. He said the Town has an audit done every year, best practice is to go out to bid for a auditing services as contacts expire. This request for proposal closes in thirty days, a proposal to select an auditing firm will be brought to the Council for their review and consideration.

**E. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE~ *Chief Wynnyk***

April 2017 Crime Report was distributed.

- Chief is working with Public Works to clear the vegetation around stop signs.
- New hire, Mr. David Johnson, is doing very well in his position and Chief believes he will be a good fit for the Town.
- The Code Enforcement Officer has begun rental inspections. Residents are complying with the letters sent out about tall grass.

**F. REPORT FROM THE TOWN TREASURER ~ *Dan Baden***

April 2017 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

**G. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ~ *Michael Beall***

- The Mosquito Coordinator Amy Milne officially begins work for the Town's program on Thursday, May 17. A meeting on the Mosquito Program is scheduled for May 17 at the Church of the Brethren. All are encouraged to attend.
- Public Works department is currently focused on cleaning up the edges of the park, along fence lines, etc.
- Approximately 21 ash trees will be removed (19 in the Town Park, and 2 additional trees in Town) due to the emerald ash borer disease.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A member of Helping Hands asked that the Town increase the amount of funds for this program from last year due to the cost of liability insurance, office space, office supplies and possible fees. The Helping Hands volunteer group is asking for an increase of \$5,000.00 for the FY 2018 Budget.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** by consent at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor