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(Deborah Snider, 4107 Van Buren Street) Ward 7

To replace railing on second level flat roof located on Lot 1 and Block 32 at 4107 Van Buren Street.

B. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL 4' FENCE

(Angela Evatt, 4404 Van Buren Street) Ward 3

To install a 4' fence located on Lot 17, Block 16 and Section 3 at 4404 Van Buren Street.

C. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO ADD A SCREENED PORCH ADDITION

(Marlyn Siegel, 4307 Tuckerman Street) Ward 1

To add a 12'x 14' screened porch addition located on Lot 18, Block 5 and Section 1 at 4404 4307 Tuckerman Street.

D. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REPLACE DRIVEWAY AND WALKWAY

(John Rzasa, 6703 Queens Chapel Road) Ward 3

To remove an existing 10'x 95' concrete driveway plus 3" of soil and install new 5" thick concrete driveway 20' wide at apron to rear corner of house, and widen the driveway to the width of garage, and to replace a 4'x 16' front walkway with a brick border located on Lot 14, Block 16, and Section 3 at 6703 Queens Chapel Road.

6. PERMITS

A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION EXTENSION

(Davis Boucaud, 4413 Beechwood Road) Ward 5

Motion: For the property located on Lots 9 & 10 and Block B at 4413 Beechwood Road, to extend for eleven (11) months through October 21, 2019 a building permit that was originally approved by Council on April 24, 2017 and extended for six (6) months by Council on November 20, 2017 and again on July 9 2018 to construct three two-story additions of 17'x 24', 13.3'x 6', and 6'x 6.10' ; a 5'x 17' deck with steps; a 10.5'x 18.25' second story addition; to replace existing basement areaway steps; and to remove an existing garage and portion of driveway to meet lot coverage requirements; and to extend the dumpster permit for an additional eleven (11) months.

Moved by: Mr. Caskey

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain:

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE

A. Opening remarks and reading of the proposed real property tax rate increase legal notice into the record by Mayor Carey.

Mr. Dan Baden, Treasurer, said that this public hearing is a requirement by the State of Maryland because the town of University Park plans to set the tax rate above the constant yield rate. Mr. Baden read the legal notice that has been posted.

B. Council Comments

- Mayor Carey responded to a question by saying that the schedule for discussing the FY2020 budget is May 6 and May 20. If the Council would like to discuss further, Mayor Carey suggests

setting up another special session.

- This Councilmember wants to be sure that there is an explanation to the rationale behind this Town tax increase decision especially since many people just paid unexpected taxes for 2018.
- Mayor Carey said that in order to maintain the current level of services offered by University Park a tax increase is required.
- A Councilmember said that the Town has to do what it is chartered to do: keep the streets in repair, pick-up trash and police the neighborhood. No one likes to pay more taxes but after three years with no tax increase there is not much choice given the cost of things rising.
- Mr. Beall responded to a question by saying that the amount of money to be reimbursed from WSSC is based on a MOU. The reimbursed amount will be equivalent to the cost their contractor will charge to do the street repairs and this amount is not yet known because the project is not complete. The repair of Queens Chapel Road (from Rt. 1 to the bridge) will be included in the repair; the other half of Queens Chapel Road is not included in this compensation.
- A Councilmember suggested thinking long term; think about a more gradual progression of tax increases. Waiting for three years to raise taxes might have been a mistake; it would have been better raising the taxes a little last year.
- A Councilmember said that the tax increase will be approximately \$275.00 a year for a home assessed at \$450,000.
- A Councilmember said that the Town prides itself on the curb appeal and if the streets are not repaired, the curb appeal can be harmed.
- The Council is moving toward the direction of having a capital budget.
- Mayor Carey said that the ratings show that residents value the Town services offered.

C. Public Comments

- A resident said the \$275.00 per year increase sounds good but this number doesn't include all the other tax increases.
- A resident thanked the Councilmembers and Mayor for all they do for the Town and said that she supports the tax increase.
- A resident suggested the following for the budget: 1) create a Capital Improvement plan; 2) take the Town Manager out of the budget at this point in time; 3) get a 15 year bond now before the rates go up; 4) do the street/sidewalk work as quickly as possible.
- A resident said the Town Manager line item is tucked in to the FY2020 even though last year many residents were against hiring a Town Manager. He agrees with removing the Town Manager out of the budget at this point in time. With regard to the roads and infrastructure, this resident is concerned that the budget doesn't describe what is being fixed. Information on what is being done to the infrastructure needs to be posted for the residents. *Mayor Carey responded by saying that information on the street/sidewalk repair can be found in the minutes of the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee meeting on the Town website. In the near future, a report of what is going to be done on the streets/sidewalks will be coming to the Council for approval and residents are welcome to attend that meeting.*
- A resident said that if someone wants to know what is going on in Town, they have to get involved.
- A resident said that based on his experience, he does support the recommendations from the Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety on the streets/sidewalks. He does agree that it would be helpful if the issues were fully explained so that the resident know what their money will be spent on.
- A Councilmember asked where can you find information on the streets/sidewalks on the Town website? *Go to the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee and find the list of meetings and*

go to “minutes”.

- A Councilmember asked if Metro still have rights to Queens Chapel Road and will this present any problems when doing work on the road? *Mr. Beall said no. The Town is not looking to install a storm drain on Queens Chapel Road. Approval from WAMATA would be required if a storm drain were being installed.*
- A Councilmember said that he will have a hard time going along with the Queens Chapel Road project without knowing exactly what will be done. *Mayor Carey said that he has a copy of the breakdown and he will distribute it.*
- A resident said that the issues in the budget are common sense and need to be done.
- A resident said having good streets and sidewalks that make it possible to walk around Town safely adds to the property value and makes this Town part of what it is. The Town Hall has to be fixed, especially for those who cannot attend meetings because of the stairs and he will wait for the Management Study before forming an opinion on the Town Manager issue. This resident does support the tax increase.
- Mayor Carey said that the Town Operations and Management Report has been posted on the Town website. Representatives from the Municipal and Financial Services Group will be at the next Council meeting scheduled for May 6 to present and discuss the final report.
- A resident who has worked on the Town Hall many times recommends that the “house” be taken down and a new, progressive building be put up.
- This resident said that she supports hiring a Town Manager. She worries about the next Mayor who might have a full time job and doing all the work at Town Hall.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident encouraged the Council to pass the motions on “Welcoming Town” on the first reading, the changes are minor amendments to the Town code.

9. CONTINUING BUSINESS

**A. ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19-O-03: FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET
(Second Reading)**

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 19-O-03: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 20, 2019.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Yea:

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion: To postpone the determination of the fiscal year 2020 budget and to set the property tax rate for next year until the regularly scheduled May 20, 2019 meeting of the Council.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Mr. Stephen

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

B. ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19-O-04: PARKING RESTRICTION ON THE 4300 BLOCK OF UNDERWOOD STREET, SOUTH SIDE (Second Reading)

Motion: To approve the introduction of LR 2019-O-05 to amend Chapter 16-103 “Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment” to clarify that membership in the committee is open to all residents of the Town and that all residents of the Town are encouraged to adopt installation, removal and maintenance practices that promote and protect healthy trees on private land, reflecting the Town’s “Welcoming Town” concepts adopted at the January 14, 2019 Council meeting.

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is June 3, 2019.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Ms. Verrill

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

D. INSTALLATION OF 3 STOP SIGNS AT 40TH AND UNDERWOOD STREET

Motion: Per recommendation of the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, to request the Mayor authorize the Director of Public Works to place two additional stop signs and three stop sign bars at the intersection of 40th Avenue (northbound and southbound) and Underwood Street.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Mr. Stephen

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: The stop signs will go up immediately and the stop sign bars will wait until July.

E. LETTER URGING PROMPT ACTION TOWARD A TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BALTIMORE AVENUE CORRIDOR

Motion: To authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write and send a letter to County Council Member Dannielle Glaros urging prompt follow-up action to implement the Transportation Action Guide for Urban Communities along the Route 1 corridor as originally requested in the Town’s letter of January 11, 2016.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Ms. Verrill

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *April 1, 2019*

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Ms. Verrill

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

12. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES: *April 22, 2019*

Moved by: Ms. Verrill

Seconded by: Mr. Schultz

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

13. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR’S REPORT

- Town elections are scheduled for Tuesday, May 7.
- Arbor Day was celebrated on April 26 at the University Park Elementary School. Due to the weather, there were no tree plantings, this will be scheduled for a later date.
- Mr. Brosch reminded Mayor Carey about the community conversation on Climate Change scheduled for the June 10 Council meeting.
- The May newsletter will be late due to emergencies in the family of the editors.

B. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Wells

- The surplus property within the Town of College Park (R55) located across the street from Town Hall has been put up for sale by WAMATA. It appears that the proper process of notifying municipalities and County government were not followed in this case.

Motion: To authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter to the WMAMTA Board.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Mr. Caskey

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee - Mr. Schultz

- The Committee noted with some concern the number of items that received direction from Council and Committee in the past year and stopped in the Mayor’s office. The Committee hopes that the Mayor can expedite action on these issues: 1) stripping of Clagget-Pineway Road; 2) request of a State Highway Administration meeting; and 3) code enforcement question at Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee - Ms. Verrill

The May meeting is cancelled.

Development Overview Committee - Ms. Wells

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

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

No Report

D. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK ~ *Andrea Marcavitch*

- Thanked everyone for turning in the Financial Disclosure Statements.
- Town election is scheduled for May 7. The write-in candidates deadline is May 2.
- Ms. Marcavitch pointed out that items of interest such as studies, reports, etc., can be found under “News Flash” on the homepage of the Town website.

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

April 1 - 29 Crime Report

- The officers participated in the 17th National Drug Take-Back Day at Town Hall. Approximately 60

pounds of medication was received. This event will take place again in October.

- The first Bike-to-School Day event will take place on May 8 at the Word of God Baptist Church at 6:45 a.m.
- Chief For A Day Recognition event will be held at University Park Elementary School on May 10. Six students will be selected by the teachers and principal for their leadership, academic and working with others.

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

- In response to the question at the Special Session on April 22 about the amount of the original bonds, Mr. Baden provided a memo with the explanation and this was distributed to the Council.

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

- The Adelphi Field has been seeded.
- The submerged gravel wetland is entering the landscaping phase on April 30.
- The electronic and paint recycling event scheduled for April 27 was very successful. Approximately 2,300 pounds of paint was received.
- The go-ahead for fabrication of the Town bridges was given. Mr. Beall does not anticipate delivery until July.
- Mr. Stephen requested a copy of the drawing of the extended sidewalk/crosswalk to where the bridge will be.

14. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 10:05 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor