

**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
VIA VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCE**

**7:30 p.m.
May 1, 2023
MINUTES**



1. CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Biermann at 7:32PM*

Present: Mayor Biermann, Mr. Dubayah, Ms. Gathercole, Ms. Morrissey, Mr. Morgan, Mr. McGaughey, Ms. Wells and Mr. Sweet

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mr. McGaughey

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay:

Abstain:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *April 17, 2023*

Ms. Morrissey made a Motion to approve the amended minutes for the April 17 meeting pending the correction of the misspelling of Mr. Morgan's name.

Moved by: Ms. Morrissey

Seconded by: Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 7

Nay:

Abstain:

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident stated that he was glad the Town Administrator's position was moved back to the budget proposal. It is his opinion that the position should be funded as a full-time position, including salary and benefits. He believes the Town should fund contributions to non-profits using ARPA funds and requested this be restored to reflect the 10% ARPA funds which the Council committed in December 2021.
- A resident addressed the council and said he supported the shuttle program but said he heard there is a proposal to let go of the shuttle and it may be it's time to do that. He supports a transparent process to get the right person for the Town Administrator's position.
- Mayor Biermann stated the proposed budget includes a zero emissions shuttle with ARPA funds that is in the proposed budget. The mayor also said that the Town Transit survey showed nearly 70% support for the shuttle program if it could be reinstated at the same or lower cost.

5. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- Mayor Biermann had a productive conversation with Ms. Morrissey. They discussed the Assistant Clerk position and some of the funds for that position would go to an increase for the Town Clerk. They discussed the park lighting, the leaf blower rebate program and attorney fees.

The Police Traffic and Public Safety Committee – Ms. Gathercole

- Attended the Police Chief’s Community Police Forum on Saturday and it was very informative.
- The next meeting is May 10.
- Hopes to receive the Chiefs parking plan for Wards 4 and 6

The Committee on Policy Rules and Municipal Structure– Ms. Morrissey

- The Committee will meet on June 1, and she will send out an agenda shortly.

Public Facilities and Services Committee – Mr. Morgan

- Met with Town Attorney and the Public Works Director to discuss the low bidder on the Town Hall project.
- The monthly meeting will likely become a bi-monthly meeting.
- Will work on designating a Project Manager, discussing funds and design for the Town Hall project.

The Development Overview Committee – Ms. Wells

- Will meet May 12.
- They will have one project before them at that time.

The Sustainability Committee – Mr. Dubaya

- Will not meet tomorrow night as previously planned but will meet on May 16.
Meadow Day is scheduled for July 8, and he wants to know how to move forward with the request for \$300 for food. Mayor Biermann said it could be discussed but was pretty sure it could be afforded.

6. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 23-O-03: FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

Motion: To discuss Legislative Resolution 23-O-03: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Moved by: Ms. Morrissey

Seconded by: Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 7

Nay:

Abstain:

Ms. Morrissey recommended some of the following amendments to the budget.

Motion: To cut line G-33, path lighting, from the budget.

Moved by: Ms. Morrissey

Seconded by: Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 6

Nay: 1

Abstain:

Ms. Morrissey suggested a Worksession to continue discussing the budget next Monday.

Motion: To increase line G-16, legal fees to \$45,000.

Moved by: Ms. Morrissey

Seconded by: Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain:

Motion: To increase line G-22, the gas blower rebate program to \$10,000.

Moved by: Ms. Morrissey

Seconded by: Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 6

Nay: 1

Abstain:

Motion: To remove line G-36 for the purchase of a zero emissions out of the ARPA funds.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain:

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