

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (*Responses from Councilmembers, the Mayor or staff are italicized*).

- A resident referred to a statement in the Newsletter and asked for an explanation of the new personal property tax and why different language is used in the Ordinance. *The personal property tax is not new. It has existed and its wording has been the same for decades, and it comes directly from the State Code. The Town is not allowed to assess a tax unless it is authorized by the State of Maryland.*

6. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20-O-04: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET
(*Second Reading*)

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 20-O-04: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 18, 2020.

Moved by: Mr. Caskey

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion: With regard to line item G30-Hyattsville Middle School PTA Grant, to allow the appropriation to go forward subject to the condition that the PTA provides the Town with a plan for how the funds will be disbursed and indication that they have sufficient money to complete the project before any funds are given.

Moved by: Mr. Schultz

Seconded by: Ms. Verrill

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: Councilmembers agreed to address the Helping Hands Temporary Assistance Funds Donations line item and to bring it back to a meeting at a later date.

Motion: To increase Police Salaries by \$5,000.00 for Police Specialty Certification Bonuses.

Moved by: Ms. Verrill

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion: To allocate funding for COVID-19 Revenue and Expenditure account to allow the funds from the Federal Relief through the County to be placed in the proper accounting system and tracked.

Moved by: Ms. Verrill

Seconded by: Mr. Stephen

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY2020 PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET TRANSFER

Motion: To transfer \$3,000 from Public Works line item 6410-04, *Snow Removal*, to Public Works line item 6580-05, *Vehicle Maintenance*, to cover higher than anticipated costs.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Ms. Stephen

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

**Two readings required.*

B. INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20-O-05: AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET – COVID-19 FUNDING (*First Reading*)

Motion: To introduce Legislative Resolution 20-O-05 amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget to establish a new revenue line item to receive COVID-19 funding from Prince George’s County, and a new expenditures line item for authorized COVID-19 expenditures from that funding source.

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is June 1, 2020.

Moved by: Ms. Verrill

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

C. EMERGENCY LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20-O-06: AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 13-203 RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSE AND RENEWALS

Motion: To introduce the emergency Legislative Resolution 20-O-06 to amend Chapter 13 “Housing”, Article 2, “Rental Housing Code”, Section 13-203, “Rental property license and renewals” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park to allow a required inspection to be postponed or altered in scope by resolution of the Mayor and Council.

Moved by: Mr. Schultz

Seconded by: Mr. Caskey

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

D. RESOLUTION 2020-R-03: TO ACCEPT CARES ACT COVID-19 FUNDING FROM PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2020-R-03 to submit a plan to Prince George’s County to enable receipt of CARES Act COVID-19 funding and authorize Mayor and staff to prepare the plan consistent with guidelines from the County.

Moved by: Ms. Verrill

Seconded by: Mr. Schultz

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *May 4, 2020*

Moved by: Mr. Stephen

Seconded by: Mr. Caskey

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

9. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT~ *Mayor Len Carey*

- The Governor has begun to slowly open up the State although Prince George's County will proceed more slowly. At present, it appears most likely that Prince George's County will begin phase 1 of the opening process on June 1.

B. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee - Ms. Verrill

- The Committee met via Zoom on May 7.
- Discussion included Municipal Authority Legislation, incentives to discourage residents from using gas-powered leaf blowers, and a way of keeping track of items that the Council discusses at meetings but are put-off for a later time. *The Town Clerk will do some research on ways that this can be done.*

Sustainability Committee - Mr. Schultz

- The Committee met on May 6. The minutes are available on the Town website.
- Discussion included Sustainable Maryland recertification, carbon cured concrete products, park concept plan and Wells Run clean-up.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee - Mr. Schultz

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 via Zoom.

Development Overview Committee - Ms. Wells

The May Committee meeting was cancelled.

- Topics of discussion for the next Committee meeting are: Detailed Site Plan for the Dewey Project; and a minor amendment at Riverdale Park Station.

C. REPORT FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR~ *David Deutsch*

- Plans to participate in the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 20.

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

No Report.

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

- The Maryland Municipal League Summer Virtual Conference will take place June 29-30. Councilmembers should contact Ms. Marcavitch if interested in participating in the Conference.
- The Town vote-by-mail election is on schedule. Approximately 250 ballots have been received.
- Currently working with a graphic designer on infographic fact sheets for residents on permitting and the compost program.

F. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE ~ *Chief Harvey Baker*

- No reported crime for April 2020.
- The winners of the kids drawing contest can be found on the Town website.
- Received a grant of hand-sanitizer and masks from our body-worn camera vendor Axon.
- Participated in the #Giving Tuesday by distributing 1,000 boxes of food.
- The officers delivered donated boxes of food to four families of University Park Elementary School

students that had a need.

- Recently received the new 2020 Ford Hybrid SUV.
- The officers will be addressing the aggressive drivers throughout town and along Adelphi Road via active enforcement.

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

May 2020 Treasurer’s Report was distributed.

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

- Will begin on May 19 to discuss designing and engineering of Queens Chapel Road improvements with possible design and engineering contractors.
- The security lighting at Town Hall is complete.
- NZI construction is expected to begin mid-June.
- The Pepco Vegetation Management permit will be on the June 1 agenda. The project will begin as soon as the permit is approved.
- A memo on infrastructure funding and contracting was distributed, which included discussion of funding for Safe Route to School construction grants and the engineering design grant. The goal is to ask the Council to approve awarding a contract as early as July 6.

10. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 9:23 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor