



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**6:30 p.m.**

**May 29, 2019**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Carey* at 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr. Brosch, Mr. Schultz, Ms. Morrissey, Ms. Wells, Mr. Stephen

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Ms. Verrill, Mr. Caskey

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mr. Brosch

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Ms. Wells

**Seconded by:** Mr. Schultz

**Yea:** 5

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A resident sent the Council a memo with some concerns and recommendations: 1) reduce the overall cost of the infrastructure project; 2) until a decision is made on the role of the town manager and the scope of the town hall expansion, do not fund a town manager; and 3) leave the rate increase intact.
- A Councilmember informed the public that despite what was being discussed on the listserv, no one sitting on the Council wants to waste the Town's money.
- A resident suggested the Town consider a commercial product that is programmed to dial every Town resident and this would be one way of informing residents with important information. This resident asked that Mr. Brosch continue his explanation of the budget from the last Council meeting.
- Can hiring a Town Manager wait until a serious case has been made and especially not this year when both the State and Federal taxes have gone up. Some streets in Town do need repair, yet there has not been sufficient analysis and prioritization of what needs to be done for the sidewalks. Can the Town compromise on a halfway point and do the necessary items first and prioritize all of the infrastructure and put those off for over the next three years?
- Why would the Town go ahead with a massive infrastructure project without taking environmental concerns into consideration? This resident was pleased with the alternative plan that Mr. Brosch has proposed, particularly the principles on which the discussion should proceed.
- This resident agrees with Mr. Brosch's alternate plan. The financial aspect needs to be delayed in order for more residents to get involved.
- The small traffic circles that are being proposed to slow traffic does not work. Consider white lines, more stop signs, etc. This resident supports Mr. Brosch's proposal. Councilmembers should take a deep

breath before spending all this money within one year.

- It would be helpful if the residents could see more information (transparency) with upcoming projects so that everyone can understand what is going on.
- A resident went to the Town website for information on the Veterans Memorial and the information was not entirely clear, he suggests more detail. It would be helpful for residents to get together and set priorities.
- University Park is a wonderful Town but this resident encouraged taking more time since many people did not get the chance to be informed of the proposed projects. She encouraged Councilmembers not to vote on passing the budget tonight.
- A resident pointed out that the infrastructure project has been researched for over a year and there is no mention of this in the recently distributed leaflet by Mr. Brosch and this is a disservice to the community. A budget is not the only commitment to do something. Each individual project comes up for further approval more than one time during the course of the year.
- The community does not need any of what is being proposed, and she hopes that this process goes no further.
- A resident from Ward 1 said that some projects can be done now and she encourages that some be done later. She thanked her representative in Ward 1 and the amount of outreach that has been done on this.
- Mayor Carey pointed out that the Councilmembers are in the process of adopting a budget, they are not yet approving a bond. The bond process will follow in July or August and there will be lots of opportunity to decide the detail of what is included in the infrastructure. Mayor Carey will ask the Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety to prioritize their recommendations (3 or 4) and to submit these to the full Council for approval and at that point the Council can determine the amount of the bond and what direction to take.
- A Councilmember reminded the public that the Town is legally obligated to pass a budget by the end of May and if not passed the infrastructure projects will have to wait another year.
- A Councilmember said that a large portion of the bond will be used to repair the streets.
- Mayor Carey said that going to bond requires an Ordinance and he encouraged those who want to become involved to come to Council meetings and to check the website for information.
- Mayor Carey said that the exact amount that will be reimbursed from WSSC for street repair will be available when the project is completed and WSSC is able to measure the disturbance and calculate the final amount. In the meantime, applying the Town Engineers measurements to the WSSC contract indicates this amount will be more than \$516,000.
- A Councilmember said that Queens Chapel Road will cost approximately 1 million dollars to repair and one reason why it will cost that much is because half of the road repair was deferred seven years ago.
- A Councilmember expressed his concern about why the infrastructure line item is in the budget when the Council has not had a discussion on it. He recommends that stormwater retention be part of the street repair plan.
- There may be a benefit of doing the infrastructure project in phases, doing it all at once may create traffic problems.
- A Councilmember encouraged the residents to review the February report from the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee dated February 2019 to look at the projects that have been eliminated.
- It appears there is a serious communication problem between Councilmember to Councilmember and between Councilmembers and the residents and this resident does not know what the solution is, but this needs to be addressed.
- A Councilmember suggested getting a bid for the infrastructure first and then go out for the bond.
- A Councilmember confirmed with the Town Attorney that if the Town contemplates doing a bond this year, provisions should be made in this budget and details on how the bond will be spent, if at all, can be made at a later time.
- The Treasurer said that the Town Reserves are at 28.5% and at that level he does not recommend

expending more of the Reserves than is being proposed in the budget update which is before the Council. The rates and the figures for street/sidewalk repairs that are in the budget are very good estimates and to spend the money to put out the project to bid is putting the cart before the horse.

**5. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**Motion:** To approve Public Works line item W21 Street and Infrastructure Project FY2020 Budget of \$2,507,106.

**Moved by:** Mr. Schultz

**Seconded by:** Ms. Wells

**Yea:** 4

**Nay:** 1 (Brosch)

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion:** To approve the amount budgeted for FY2020 Revenue line item R25 Street and Infrastructure General Obligation Bond for \$ 1.8 million.

**Moved by:** Mr. Schultz

**Seconded by:** Mr. Stephen

**Yea:** 4

**Nay:** 1 (Brosch)

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion:** To reduce line item G26 Bus Transit from \$88,500 to \$78,500.

**Moved by:** Mr. Stephen

**Seconded by:** Ms. Morrissey

**Yea:** 2

**Nay:** 3 (Brosch, Schultz, Wells)

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion denied**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A volunteer from Helping Hands University Park asked that the Council analyze the decision to pull \$10,000 from the Bus line item and to consider the elderly in Town who depend on this service.

**Motion:** To increase line item G22 Publications from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

**Moved by:** Mr. Brosch

**Seconded by:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Abstain:**

**Motion dies for lack of a second.**

**Motion:** To increase line item G22 Publications from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

**Moved by:** Ms. Morrissey

**Seconded by:** Ms. Wells

**Yea:** 5

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**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.

*This Legislative Resolution will be considered for adoption on May 29, 2019.*

**Moved by:** Mr. Schultz

**Seconded by:** Ms. Wells

**Yea:** 4

**Nay:** 1 (Brosch)

**Abstain:**

**6. ADJOURNMENT** by consent at 8:50 p.m.

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