

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

**10:00 a.m.
June 27, 2020
SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES**



1. CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Carey* at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Mr. Biermann, Mr. Schultz, Ms. Morrissey, Ms. Verrill, Mr. Caskey, Ms. Wells, Mr. Stephen
Absent: None
Excused: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Carey

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Ms. Verrill

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for calling this Special Session to take up the very important Resolution on racial justice.
- A resident said she was grateful that this Special Session was taken up so quickly to talk about racial justice and hopes it is passed.
- A resident thanked the Mayor, Councilmembers and the Police Chief for working together on these very important issues. She is looking forward to seeing what is next and would like to know what citizens can do to support these efforts.
- A resident asked the Council to give this Resolution careful consideration and move it forward.
- The Town Clerk read a public comment opposing the Resolution that came in via email. “If Town Officials feel compelled to address national issues, I encourage them to do serious research into the issue before making proclamations about them and not to be seduced by poignant titles organizations adopt and instead look deeper into its agenda and actions.”
- A former Councilmember supports the Resolution and is glad it is handled in a timely manner.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2020-R-05: UNIVERSITY PARK RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2020-R-05 adopting a Statement on Racial Justice, as amended.

Moved by: Ms. Verrill

Seconded by: Mr. Caskey

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Biermann	Yea
	Mr. Schultz	Yea
	Ms. Morrissey	Yea
	Ms. Verrill	Yea
	Mr. Caskey	Yea
	Ms. Wells	Yea
	Mr. Stephen	Yea

Discussion:

- The Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee drafted the Racial Justice Statement for Council to review.
- In reference to the draft Resolution on Racial Justice, “Whereas” #1 and #2 were replaced with Mr. Caskey’s edits.
- No change made to “Whereas” #3 and #4.
- Change the word “declare” to “affirm” in “Whereas” #5.
- New paragraph replacing (...and we stand in solidarity...to address this systemic racism and violence) with “Be it further resolved that we stand in solidarity with those expressing their outrage, pain, and grief and who insist on immediate meaningful reforms nationwide to address this systemic racism and violence”.
- Add: and we support those who are doing so; after...government for a redress of grievances,
- Add the word “ongoing” after “dedicate ourselves to the critical”.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident thanked everyone for the thoughtful discussion and suggested that University Park could look into removing restrictive covenants.
- A Councilmember said that the community should write a letter about changing the Maryland song.
- A Councilmember suggested having a permanent link on the Town’s website with this important statement.

6. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by: _____
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor

