

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

7:30 p.m.

September 14, 2020

MINUTES



1. CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Carey* at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Biermann, Mr. Schultz, Ms. Morrissey, Ms. Verrill, Mr. Caskey, Ms. Wells,
Mr. Stephen

Absent: None

Excused: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was led by Mayor Carey.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mr. Caskey

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *August 17, 2020*

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Mr. Stephen

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda items (A&B).

Moved by: Ms. Morrissey

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

**A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL A NEW WALKWAY
(Carsten Hesse, 4429 Underwood Street) Ward 3**

*To install a 72' x 3' walkway from the sidewalk connecting to new patio in the backyard on Lot 12,
Block 11 and Section 3 at 4428 Underwood Street.*

B. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL A DRYWELL

(Andrea and Ernesto Corrales, 6704 40th Avenue) Ward 3

To install a 4" PVC drainage pipe 6" below ground level to direct water flow away from the house to deposit into a 50-gallon dry well and to install a 4" PVC overflow drainage pipe 6" below ground level from the drywell to the sidewalk on Lot 33, Block 39 and Section 7 at 6704 40th Avenue. Note: When the Town replaces the sidewalk, the Town will connect the drainage pipe under the new sidewalk allowing the water to outfall through the curb and into the gutter of the street.

**Town Engineer has reviewed, and application reflects recommendations.*

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident expressed concerns about the installation of speed cameras. They would like to see data on the number of fatal, major and minor accidents in University Park in the past decade. They asked if the other traffic calming measures that have been installed (speed humps, flashing stop signs) failed to address the speeding problem. They asked what are the projected revenues and how much will be paid to the contractor for the service and maintenance of the camera? They believe that the traditional enforcement would be more flexible and less costly.
- A resident who lives on Adelphi Road thanked the University Park police department, Mickey Beall and Mayor Carey for installing the flashing stop signs, handing out citations, installing police speed monitoring on Adelphi Road and the request for hand-held and stationary speed cameras.
- A resident and members of his group submitted a letter to the Councilmembers requesting \$10,000 to support the Route 1 Community Cares Operation which will provide approximately 500 meals a week to those in need during the pandemic. They would like this topic to be added to the agenda for further discussion.
- A resident thanked those involved in all of the efforts to slow traffic in and around University Park.

7. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

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

- On Monday, September 21 there will be a virtual Town Hall meeting regarding the September 10 rainfall and flooding. Details can be found on the Town website (upmd.org).
- Town Administrator Mr. Deutsch said that staff is preparing a report regarding flooding and various drainage issues to be presented at the next Council meeting on Monday, September 28.
- Mayor Carey will write a letter to the County Administrator expressing University Park's interest in joining in with the city of College Park and Prince George's County regarding the Calvert Hills Drainage Improvement project.
- As streets and sidewalks are being repaired, private drainage issues are also being addressed where water is deposited onto sidewalks. This creates a hazard especially during the winter months.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Development Overview Committee - Mr. Biermann

- The Committee met on September 10 and discussion included an ATM machine that will be installed on the back lot of the Riverdale Park Station and a presentation from a representative from the HUB Development in College Park on a nine-story student housing facility.
- In response to a question about the hotel plans at Riverdale Park Station, Mayor Carey said that the hotel is still in the plans, but it will be a while.

Mr. Biermann - Ward 1

- In reference to the flooding on September 10, Mr. Biermann walked around to see where there were flooding issues. Flooding was bad on Sheridan Street and Tuckerman Street but Wells Parkway was extremely bad with water up to his thighs when standing on the sidewalk. Mr. Biermann suggested that a committee be formed on flooding and the impact of climate change.

Public Facilities and Services Committee - Mr. Caskey

No September meeting.

Ms. Wells - Ward 6

- In reference to flooding on September 10, Ms. Wells reported that 40th Avenue and Underwood had water over the curbs.

Mr. Stephen - Ward 7

- The Anacostia Bike Trail has flooded out and has sink holes. Fixing this is very important and he does not want this to slip down the priority list. He asked that Mayor Carey keep an eye on this issue.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee - Mr. Schultz

No September meeting.

8. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20-O-07: EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY LEGISLATION (*Second Reading*)

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 20-O-07 to amend Chapter 1 “General Provisions”, by enacting §1-109, “Exemption from County legislation” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to exempt the Town of University Park, a municipal corporation, from all legislation heretofore or hereafter enacted by Prince George’s County, Maryland, relating to any subject upon which the Mayor and Common Council of the Town have heretofore been or are hereafter granted legislative authority either by public general law or by the Town Charter.

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is September 14, 2020.

Moved by: Ms. Verrill

Seconded by: Mr. Stephen

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

B. ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20-O-08: AMENDING CHAPTER 1 TO ALLOW SPEED MONITORING ZONES

Motion: To adopt emergency Legislative Resolution 20-O-08 to amend Chapter 1 “General Provisions”, by enacting §9-109, “Speed monitoring system” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to conform the Town code language with that of amended §21-809 of the Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, to include mobile in addition to stationary cameras, and to include zones within ½ mile of an institute of higher education.

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is September 14, 2020. If adopted, it will take effect immediately.

Moved by: Mr. Biermann

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO UPPD GENERAL ORDER SECTION 400.4, *ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES (ECD) OR TASERS*

Motion: To approve amendment of the General Order Manual revising section 400.4, *Electronic Control Devices* to establish guidelines for the deployment of the Electronic Control Device (ECD) or Taser.

Moved by: Mr. Caskey

Seconded by: Ms. Verrill

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

B. RESOLUTION 2020-R-06: TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL ZONES AND OPERATION OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2020-R-06 authorizing establishment of school zones and the authority to proceed with operation of fixed and mobile speed monitoring systems.

Moved by: Ms. Verrill

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

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

Note: Mayor Carey stated that State approvals are still needed, so it will be a while before the zones are enforceable and cameras can be deployed.

C. POLICE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS VEHICLES

Motion: To declare as surplus a 2012 Chevy Sedan Impala (VIN # 2G1WD5E31C1325787), a 2013 Chevy Sedan Impala (VIN # 2G1WD5E37D1188680) and a 2012 Chevy Sedan Impala (VIN # 2G1WD5E31C1186387) and to authorize the Chief of Police to sell the vehicles.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Mr. Stephen

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

D. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Public Works Director Mickey Beall gave an update on the infrastructure project.

- The construction project began on July 6.
- Mr. Beall listed all the streets and sidewalks that have been paved. This information will be available on the Town website.
- Preliminary drawings for Queens Chapel Road have been received. Full length design plans will be available by October 1.
- The Adelphi Field path will be the next project and it is expected to be completed by the end of the month.
- The path from Adelphi Road to 41st Avenue has been replaced. Direct connections have been added from the sidewalks on 40th and 41st to the park path.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- At the next Council meeting scheduled for September 28, the discussion will continue from the July 6 meeting on the Town Administrator’s position.
- Ms. Verrill acknowledged the “unfinished business” list that has been provided to Councilmembers. She would like to address this list at future meetings. For easy reference, she suggested adding a column for “documentation” that would provide a link for each item.

11. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor