



**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
VIA VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCE
7:30 p.m.
September 20, 2021
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Carey* at 7:31 p.m.

Present: Mr. Biermann, Ms. Gathercole, Ms. Morrissey, Mr. Morgan (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Mr. McGaughey, Mr. Stephen

Absent: None

Excused: Ms. Wells

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA as amended – move agenda item 4A to 4B and add agenda items 4A titled “Presentation by County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros” and 9B titled “VeoRide Contract Extension.”

Moved by: Mr. McGaughey

Seconded by: Mr. Biermann

Yea: 5

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER DANNIELLE GLAROS

- The County is offering awards called “Community Champions” for those who have demonstrated outstanding service in their community. Residents should contact the County if they would like to nominate someone who would qualify.
- Councilmember Glaros read a Proclamation to award recipient Mr. John Tabori on behalf of the Prince George’s County Council.

B. ORIGINS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Former Mayor John Tabori gave a presentation on the origins of the Development Overview Committee (DOC). Residents with any questions should contact Mr. Tabori.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *September 7, 2021*

Moved by: Mr. Stephen

Seconded by: Mr. McGaughey

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda items.

Moved by: Ms. Gathercole

Seconded by: Mr. Morgan

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL DRIVEWAY

(Alexander and Amber Stewart, 6609 Wells Parkway) Ward 4

To install a 10.6'x 25' driveway on Lot 19, Block 22 and Section 7 at 6609 Wells Parkway.

B. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL DECK

(Ari BenAissa, 4441 Wells Parkway) Ward 3

To install a 10'x 12' deck with no steps on Lot 6 and Block 3 at 4441 Wells Parkway.

C. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REPLACE PORCH TILE, CONCRETE EDGE AND RAILING

(Thomas and Isabel Ahmann, 4408 Beechwood Road) Ward 5

To replace open porch tile surface with new tile, repair concrete edge, and replace metal railing in kind on Lot 45 and Block A at 4408 Beechwood Road.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident reminded everyone of the upcoming “Arts in the Park” event scheduled for Saturday, September 25 from 1-4 p.m. along the path near the soccer field.
- A resident said that the recent Development Overview Committee meeting was very productive and informative.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. MAYOR’S REPORT – *Mayor Carey*

- District 3 School Board Member Pamala Boozer-Strother will be at the October 4 Council meeting to give an update on the re-opening of schools along with discussing other issues in the County.
- The 9/11 “Community Moment of Reflection” ceremony was very successful with approximately 60 people in attendance.
- A Special Session for the Council has been scheduled for September 30 at 7 p.m. via Zoom to go through the proposed changes of Chapters 1-4 of the Town Code.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Public Facilities and Services Committee - Mr. Stephen

- Topics of discussion at the recent meeting included plans for the American Rescue Plan funds.

Development Overview Committee - Mr. Biermann

- The last DOC meeting approximately seventy-five people participated which included the developers of the Guilford Woods project, members of the University of Maryland, and the Save Guilford Woods group. The meeting was successful, and the plan is to have another meeting in the near future. The minutes of the meeting will be available soon.

Sustainability Committee - Mr. Biermann

- Discussion included the successful Meadow Day event, rain gardens, park plan and polystyrene recycling.
- A seeding and de-weeding event is scheduled for October 16. All are welcome to participate.
- Public Works Director Mickey Beall reported that the Electronics and Paint Recycling and Paper Shredding Event will take place on October 23. Information on this event will be in the October newsletter. This event will take place every April and October.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Motion: To introduce the transfers for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget as outlined in the 9/13/2021 Memo from the Town Treasurer Daniel Baden.

Moved by: Mr. Biermann

Seconded by: Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Transfer requires two meetings, as the total exceeds \$2,500.00. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is October 4, 2021.

Note: Mr. Stephen asked Mr. Beall for detailed information on the “Vehicle Maintenance” line item.

B. VEORIDE CONTRACT EXTENSION

Motion: To authorize the Mayor to extend the current mobility share agreement between College Park, University Park and VeoRide, Inc. until the end of October.

Moved by: Mr. Morgan

Seconded by: Mr. McGaughey

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

10. ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- Currently working on the following issues: recommendations for the American Rescue Plan; follow-up on the Town Hall property; park plan; a traffic issue; and the recruitment of Town Clerk.
- The Town Clerk position has been advertised and approximately 30 applications were received and this has been narrowed down to six. Mr. Deutsch hopes that a selection will be made with the next month.

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

No report.

C. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK ~ *Andrea Marcavitch*

- Summary of permits issued in the month of September: 7 building; 2 POD/dumpster and 0 vendor.
- The Town will start the redesigning process of the website in January of 2022. We'll need more photographs of town for the redesign. We plan to ask residents to submit photos to use. Residents can submit high quality photos via email to the Town Clerk's Office.
- Ms. Marcavitch shared website statistics over the last year on how often the website was visited, most visited pages and top searches. If anyone is interested in learning more about the website or to see the full statistics report, contact Ms. Marcavitch.

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

The September crime report was reviewed with Council and 4 incidents were reported.

- A campaign in town called "Nine PM" reminds residents to lock their car doors and to remove valuable items from their vehicles every night at 9 p.m.
- The enforcement stage for the two speed cameras on East West Highway and Adelphi Road began on September 13. There were 122 citations on September 13 and the next day there were 130 citations.
- Training:
 - September 29 - CPR, First Aid and AED.
 - October 5-6 - ABLE.
- Community Engagement:
 - October 23 - DEA Drug Take-Back Day
- The one vacancy in the Police Department will be filled sometime in November.
- Mr. Biermann asked for data on the speed ranges from the speed camera.

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

September 2021 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

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

- The Pepco pruning project in Ward 7 is expected to be delayed until October.
- The WMATA work in the two fan shafts has been completed.
- The basement restroom project in the Town Hall is complete.
- Mr. Beall is working on getting the remaining three electric vehicle charging stations into operational condition.
- Construction has not yet begun on Phase 2B of the infrastructure project, along Underwood, College Heights Drive, and Clagett-Pineway.

11. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Lenford C. Carey, Mayor