

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

**7:30 p.m.**

**October 4, 2021**

**MINUTES**



**1. CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Pro Tempore Biermann* at 7:31 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr. Biermann, Ms. Gathercole, Ms. Morrissey, Mr. Morgan, Mr. McGaughey, Mr. Stephen

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Ms. Wells, Mayor Carey

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was led by Mayor Pro Tempore Biermann.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Mr. Stephen

**Seconded by:** Ms. Gathercole

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *September 20, 2021***

**Moved by:** Mr. McGaughey

**Seconded by:** Mr. Stephen

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**5. PRESENTATION**

**A. PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

District 3 School Board Representative Pamela Boozer-Strother gave an update.

- Prince George’s County Public schools were able to move from hybrid to in-person and it is going remarkably well.
- Random COVID-19 testing (nasal swabs) for students are helping catch cases quickly.
- The County is short 200 bus drivers.
- Progress is being made with the package of six new middle schools being built under the Alternative School Construction Financing Program.
- Projects of concern at the University Park Elementary School are the gazebo, condition of the exterior temporary classrooms, and the before and after care program.

Ms. Boozer-Strother encouraged residents to email her with any questions or concerns.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion:** To approve the following consent agenda item.

**Moved by:** Ms. Gathercole

**Seconded by:** Mr. Stephen

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

### A. BLOCK PARTY/STREET CLOSURE FOR 40<sup>th</sup> AVENUE (FROM 6520 40<sup>th</sup> AVENUE TO END OF CUL-DE-SAC)

**(Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 2-8 p.m.) Ward 2**

*The police department has been notified and supports this request.*

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident expressed strong support for the proposed ban on gas-powered leaf blowers and would like the ban to take effect as soon as possible.
- A resident supported the ban on gas-powered leaf blowers and would like it to go into effect earlier than 2024. This resident would like to look at banning all gas-powered lawn equipment.
- A resident supported the ban on gas-powered leaf blowers and suggested the Town financially help people replace their existing gas-powered blowers with electric blowers before the ban comes into effect.

## 8. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

### A. MAYOR'S REPORT – *Mayor Pro Tempore Biermann*

- The Special Session Work Session on September 30 to evaluate Chapter 1-4 of the Town Code was a productive meeting.

### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

#### **Sustainability Committee - Mr. Biermann**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6.

- On Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., there will be a “Seeding and De-Weeding” event at the Town Meadow on Adelphi Road.
- On Saturday, October 23 there will be a “Paint and Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding” event at the University Park Elementary School from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### **Mr. Joel Biermann - Ward 1**

- The Veterans Day Observance is scheduled for November 11 at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park (at the intersections of Wells Parkway, Clagett Road and Eversfield Drive).
- The “DEA Drug Take Back Day” event is scheduled for October 23 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### **Trees, Parks and Environment Committee - Ms. Morrissey**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13.

**Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee - Ms. Morrissey**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7.

**9. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**A. FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (*Second Reading*)**

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

*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.*

**Moved by:** Mr. Stephen

**Seconded by:** Mr. Morgan

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**B. ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 21-O-04: AMENDING CHAPTER 7 “PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION”, BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING §7-104, “NOISE” TO PROHIBIT USE OF GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS (*Second Reading*)**

**Motion:** To adopt Legislative Resolution 21-O-04 to amend chapter 7 by repealing and reenacting §7-104 “Noise” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to prohibit use of gas-powered leaf blowers by January 1, 2024 as amended.

*The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is October 4, 2021.*

**Moved by:** Mr. McGaughey

**Seconded by:** Ms. Morrissey

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A resident suggested opening up the incentive program to small firms that use two-stroke power equipment who might face financial challenges with transitioning over to electric equipment.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 21-O-07: AMENDING CHAPTER 9 “TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES”, ARTICLE 1 “TRAFFIC” BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING §9-109 “SPEED-MONITORING SYSTEM” (*First Reading*)**

**Motion:** To introduce Legislative Resolution 21-O-07 to amend chapter 9 “Traffic and Vehicles”, Article 1, “Traffic” by repealing and re-enacting §9-109 “Speed-monitoring system” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to authorize the placement of speed cameras on highways in residential districts with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

*The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is November 1, 2021.*

**Moved by:** Ms. Gathercole

**Seconded by:** Mr. McGaughey

**Yea:** 6

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## **11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- At the October 18 Council Meeting, Mr. Deutsch will present a report with recommendations for allocations and uses of the American Rescue Plan funds.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** by consent at 8:51 p.m.

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