



**MEETING OF  
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD  
VIA VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCE  
6:30 p.m.  
May 31, 2023**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**The Council meeting will be conducted entirely remotely with no in-person meeting attendance.  
To join the Council meeting through a video conference, please use the link below.**

**Join Meeting:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82243891939?pwd=UDRkeWR5NU5WVzNGOTQzT1ZYN2VWUT09>**

**To join with audio only, dial: (301) 715-8592**

**Meeting ID: 822 4389 1939**

**Passcode: 365482**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Biermann***

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| <b>Present:</b> | Dubayah    | <b>Absent:</b> | Dubayah    |
|                 | Gathercole |                | Gathercole |
|                 | Morrissey  |                | Morrissey  |
|                 | Morgan     |                | Morgan     |
|                 | McGaughey  |                | McGaughey  |
|                 | Wells      |                | Wells      |
|                 | Sweet      |                | Sweet      |

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONTRACT**

**Motion:** To approve a contract, in substantially the form attached, in the amount of up to \$320,000, to Franco's Liberty Bridge, to demolish and dispose of one pedestrian bridge over Wells Parkway near Beechwood Road, to construct two pedestrian bridges over Wells Parkway near Beechwood Road and Van Buren Street, and to provide for soil, sediment, and erosion control at the construction site, subject to review by the Town Attorney.

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Abstain:**

#### **4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 23-O-04 - AMENDMENT TO 23-O-03, FY24 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

**Motion:** To introduce Ordinance 23-O-04, an amendment of the FY24 Budget to allow for transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund - Unreserved/Undesignated Fund to the following accounts in the Capital Improvement Projects Fund:

**A/C 7050-00 - Reserves - Bridges - Revenue**

**A/C 7133-00 - Park Bridge Replace - Beechwood & Van Buren - Expenditure**

to fully fund a contract for installation of the two pedestrian bridges.

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Abstain:**

#### **5. PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**Motion:** To proclaim June as Pride Month in recognition of the many LGBTQ citizens who have worked tirelessly for the cause of equality for all people.

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Abstain:**

#### **6. JUNETEENTH PROCLAMATION**

**Motion:** To recognize Juneteenth in honor of the African American community and to formally acknowledge and celebrate the African American community and their many ancestors who endured centuries of strife in the pursuit of freedom.

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Abstain:**

Pursuant to the statutory authority of the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b), the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park are providing notice that they will meet in a Closed Session after this meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction, any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. They will not return to Open Session after the Closed Session ends.

**No matters other than those for which the meeting has been called may be considered.**

**Agenda Item 3**  
**Pedestrian Bridge Contract**

**Agenda Item 4**  
**Budget Amendment**

Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget  
Sponsored by: Councilmember

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 23-O-04**

Resolution and Ordinance of the Town of University Park, to amend the FY 2024 Budget Ordinance, Legislative Resolution 23-O-03, to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund - Unreserved/Undesignated Fund to the A/C 7050-00 - Reserves - Bridges - Revenue line item and to increase the A/C 7133-00 - Park Bridge Replace - Beechwood & Van Buren - Expenditure line item by \$20,000.00 in order to fully fund the contract for installation of the Beechwood and Van Buren pedestrian bridges.

Section 1: Be it resolved and ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park that Legislative Resolution 23-O-03, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Ordinance, be and is hereby amended to:

Transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund - Unreserved/Undesignated Fund to the A/C 7050-00 - Reserves - Bridges - Revenue line item and to increase the A/C 7133-00 - Park Bridge Replace - Beechwood & Van Buren - Expenditure line item by \$20,000.00.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this resolution shall become effective twenty (20) days after enactment by the Mayor and Common Council of University Park, Maryland.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be illegal or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall be severable, and shall not affect or impair any remaining section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word included within

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW

[~~Brackets~~] indicate matter deleted from existing law

\* \* Asterisks\* \* indicate existing law which are unchanged but not set forth in the ordinance

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED BY AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

~~[Brackets]~~ indicate matter deleted by amendment to the proposed ordinance

this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Town that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect, valid and enforceable.

Section 4: Be it further resolved that a complete and exact copy of this adopted Ordinance shall be posted on the entrance door of the Town Building of University Park, Maryland, for a period of not less than ten (10) days, and a fair summary of this Ordinance shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the community.

**ADOPTED** the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL  
TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

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T'Alicandra Hegeman, Town Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joel T. Biermann, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suellen M. Ferguson, Town Attorney

**Agenda Item 5**  
**Pride Month Proclamation**

**TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK  
PRIDE MONTH JUNE 2023 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, this nation was founded upon the principles that every person is created equal, that each has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; and

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton, on June 2, 2000, declared June "Gay & Lesbian Pride Month" to commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2009, President Barack Obama further expanded the commemoration by declaring June to be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the impact of LGBT individuals locally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, our community is strengthened by the rich diversity of our residents, and LGBT residents and visitors should feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that our LGBT youth be accorded the freedom to be themselves without fear, and live free from reprisal, discrimination or bullying; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park hereby proclaim June as Pride Month in University Park and encourage our community to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists, to celebrate our great diversity, and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice for all.

SO PROCLAIMED THIS 31st DAY OF MAY 2023.

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Joel T. Biermann, Mayor



**Agenda Item 6**  
**Juneteenth Proclamation**

**TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK PROCLAMATION  
JUNETEENTH 2023**

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, also known as Freedom's Eve, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passage of the 13th Amendment, which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the news about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed by two and a half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African American slaves in Texas, when Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the end of both the Civil War and slavery, with these words: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor;" and

WHEREAS, the date June 19<sup>th</sup> is called "JUNETEENTH," as it combines the words June and Nineteenth, has long been celebrated in the African American community, but is largely unknown and under-recognized by most Americans;

WHEREAS, Juneteenth marks this nation's second Independence Day and should be recognized with pride as a significant milestone in this country's history.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park that the Town recognizes the importance of Juneteenth and takes this occasion to celebrate the emancipation of African Americans from slavery in the United States; and

SO PROCLAIMED THIS 31st DAY OF May 2023.

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Joel T. Biermann, Mayor