



**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
VIA VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCE
6:30 p.m.
May 31, 2023
Special Meeting
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Biermann at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Mayor Biermann, Mr. Dubayah, Ms. Gathercole, Ms. Morrissey, Mr. Morgan,
Mr. McGaughey, Ms. Wells and Mr. Sweet

Absent: None

Motion: To adopt the agenda.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Mr. McGaughey

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain:

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Sweet apologized to Mayor and Council and specifically Councilmember Morrissey and the residents from the last meeting for his outburst. He also thanked members of the Council and residents who reached out to check on him.
- Ms. Gathercole and Ms. Morrissey thanked Councilmember Sweet for his apology.

3. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONTRACT

Motion: To approve the 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: Mr. Sweet

Seconded by: Mr. Morgan

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain:

Public Works Director, Mickey Beall elaborated on the project and explained why he recommended Franco’s Liberty Bridge as the contractor.

- Ms. Wells pointed out that the completion and start date on the contract was incorrect.
- Mr. McGaughey stated that the copy of the contract the Council received refers to Mayor Len Carey.
- The Town Attorney apologized for sending an old contract and will resend the correct version.
- Mr. McGaughey inquired about the railing fabrication, installation and the bridge material.

Mr. Beall described the installation process and the building materials.

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 the installation of the two pedestrian bridges.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Ms. Morrissey

Yea: 7

Nay:

Abstain:

The Town Attorney explained that this ordinance cannot be adopted until July as it must be advertised in the newsletter first. The \$20,000 is going to be contingent for the contractor and you can switch to ARPA funds at that time.

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: Ms. Morrissey

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

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: Ms. Morrissey

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion: To adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing 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.

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Mr. Morgan

Yea: 7

Nay:

Abstain: