



**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
VIA VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCE
7:30 p.m.
February 6, 2023
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Biermann at 7:30PM

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

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Ms. Wells **Seconded by:** Mr. Sweet

Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:**

3. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: January 17, 2022

Approved with date amended from 2022 to 2023.

Moved by: Ms. Gathercole **Seconded by:** Ms. Wells

Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 17, 2022

Approved with date amended from 2022 to 2023.

Moved by: Mr. Sweet **Seconded by:** Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:**

5. PRESENTATION FROM VEO

- Mr. Jeff Hoover, Director of Government Partnerships, explained geofencing, the charge associate with scooters parked outside of the designated areas, and how to contact the company should a resident need to report a scooter.
- VeoRide was able to implement town-wide forced parking so a rider cannot end their trip unless they are at an approved location.
- You may email hello@veoride.com if you see an abandoned scooter. Every scooter has a sticker with the customer service phone number and email.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident stated that he is glad to see that the Council is considering a pending policy on traffic calming devices and wished for the policy to be implemented immediately. He also spoke against the installation of the temporary speed humps on Van Buren Street.
- Two residents discussed the storm management problem that they have experienced for several years. They asked Council to set aside resources and funds needed for the placement of infiltration trenches that will, hopefully, mitigate the situation.
- A resident spoke in favor of the Bee City USA Resolution. There is more information at beecityusa.org.

7. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

PFSC Committee – Mr. Morgan

- The Committee met on January 19, and discussed storm water issues. The County will send a recommendation requesting that this be done with money left in this year’s budget or from next year’s budget. They estimate the cost to be \$28,000.
- The possible use of dry wells as flash storage and gradual release mechanisms in various parts of the town.
- The next meeting is February 16.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee - Ms. Gathercole

- The Committee met on January 11 and the Chief reported on crime in Hyattsville. He also reported on the automated speed enforcement program in 2022.
- A discussion on a policy for traffic calming devices as drafted resulted in a motion and approval by all attendees.
- The next meeting is February 8, 2023.

Development Overview Committee – Ms. Wells

- The Committee met on January 12, and had a presentation from the developer who is planning to reconfigure the library side on Toledo Road. There are a lot of storm water concerns with regard to this project.
- The next meeting is February 9.

Policy Rules of Municipal Structure Committee – Ms. Morrissey

- The February meeting is rescheduled to March.
- The Ad Hoc Committee is continuing its work on hiring a new Town Administrator and they met with the Mayor. They will submit any edits to him and the rest of the Council shortly, along with a progress report to hire an interim while they continue their search for a permanent person.

The Transit Task Force Committee - Mr. McGaughey

- The Committee will meet on February 15.
- Met with an electric manufacturer received the cost for a 12-person electric shuttle with an ADA lift is in the range of \$170,000. They are looking into some grants that may fund up to 85% of the cost.

Mayor Biermann

- Contacted CivicPlus regarding a feature that can be implemented on our Town website that will

improve the way the community engages with staff and elected officials. People are able to inform us of issues which need immediate attention and there is an app residents can use. You can view more information at SeeClickFix.com

- Spoke to the Van Buren Street residents, along with Council Member Sweet, Chief of Police and our Captain and plans to help residents as he promised while running for office.

8. CONTINUING BUSINESS

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TRANSFER FUND SECOND READING.

Motion: To approve the budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2023 in the total amount of \$78,500 as recommended by the Town Treasurer in the December 22, 2022 memo to the Mayor and Council.

Moved by: Ms. Gathercole **Seconded by:** Ms. Wells

Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:**

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. PEPCO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PERMITS

Motion: To approve the PEPCO Vegetation Management Permits to prune and remove trees in the Town right-of-way subject to the conditions of the permit.

Moved by: Ms. Wells **Seconded by:** Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:**

B. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2023-R-01 adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in University Park.

Moved by: Ms. Gathercole **Seconded by:** Ms. Morrissey

Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:**

C. B CITY RESOLUTION

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2023-R-02 designating University Park as a Bee City USA affiliate.

Moved by: Mr. Morgan **Seconded by:** Ms. Morrissey

Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:**

D. NO MO MONTH RESOLUTION

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2023-R-03 designating the month of April as “No Mo Month” to support

a pollinator-friendly habitat.

Moved by: Mr. Morgan
Yea: 7

Seconded by: Mr. Sweet
Nay: 0 **Abstain:**

E. POLICY FOR TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES

Motion: To consider a procedure for placing traffic calming devices and authorize the Town Attorney to adopt the procedure if approved.

Moved by: Ms. Gathercole

Seconded by: Mr. Morgan

Yea: 6

Nay: 1

Abstain:

10. ADJOURNMENT at 9:24PM

Moved by: Ms. Morrissey

Seconded by: Ms. Wells

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: