

**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
VIA VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCE
7:30 p.m.
March 20, 2023
MINUTES**



1. CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Biermann at 7:32PM*

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. McGaughey

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *March 6, 2023*

Moved by: Mr. McGaughey

Seconded by: Ms. Gathercole

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain:

4. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: *March 6, 2023*

Moved by: Ms. Wells

Seconded by: Mr. Sweet

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain:

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A resident suggested that Mayor and Council remember the ongoing needs of feeding the homeless by nonprofits and use some of the ARPA funds. The resident also spoke about the Tot Lot opening that has been rescheduled to April 16 from March 26.
- Mayor Biermann stated that County Council Member Eric Olson plans to attend the Tot Lot ribbon cutting ceremony.

6. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

The Transit Task Force Committee - Mr. McGaughey

- The Committee met March 14, 2023.
- They approved the white paper (report), which will be forwarded to the Council.

- The Task Force is done, unless otherwise advised.

The Sustainability Committee - Mr. Dubayah

- Had a great meeting with Mike Hunninghake of Sustainable Maryland and learned about requirements and the scoring process.
- MarySue arranged a fantastic Meadow Day, there were a lot of people in attendance, and people are encouraged to attend the next event.

Public Facilities and Services Committee – Mr. Morgan

- They were scheduled to meet last Thursday, but it was postponed until tomorrow.
- We will be reviewing the action items on the RK&K Report and will also discuss Town Hall.

Mayor Biermann

- Extended an open invitation to the Tot Lot ribbon cutting ceremony in April.
- Hopeful that the Town will get some funds this budget cycle from the County for storm water management and possibly some additional funds in the upcoming budget cycle.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- No report.

B. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK ~ *TC Hegeman*

- The paperwork for the approved building permits approved administratively are in the packet.
- 1 Dumpster permit and 0 POD permits.

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

Crime Report for March: 2 incidents

- April 22 – DEA Drug Task Force from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Town Hall
- April 22 – Community Policing Forum from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Word of God Baptist Church
- May 19 – Movie Night in the Park from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. featuring the movie Lightyear.
- On March 7 and 14, we participated in the Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Enforcement initiative on Route 1 with the Maryland State Police and other municipal and county police departments.

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

- The Fiscal Year 24 budget will be presented to the Council on April 1.
- February 2023 Treasurer’s Report was distributed and discussed.

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

**** A Closed Session may be called ****