

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**January 7, 2013**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor  
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2  
CM David Lingua, Ward 3  
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator  
David Morris, Chief of Police  
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

**Call to Order**

Mayor Archer called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of reflection.

**Approval of Agenda**

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the amended agenda. CM Henry seconded the motion.  
Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

- Legislative action item 2 was removed from the agenda.
- The first unfinished business item was moved to the first item of business immediately following the approval of the agenda.

**Mayors Report**

- Mayor Archer stated that he appreciated the effort of senior staff and the town attorney in creating the draft personnel manual. The document will go to the finance committee for review as the committee with general government oversight.
- Preparations have begun for the FY 14 budget. Mayor Archer reminded councilmembers and residents to submit requests or suggestions.
- Youth and Community Wing (expansion to town hall) public meeting will be held on January 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at town hall. Spanish translation and interpretation will be provided. Another public meeting regarding the Youth and Community Wing project will be held on January 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Council Worksession.
- Mayor Archer thanked residents for attending the Town's holiday events.
- Mayor Archer announced that the Town had made an offer to purchase 5731 Baltimore Avenue (Jey's Auto). After a property appraisal the offer was made at fair market value which was \$500,000.

## **Correspondence Summary**

CM Thompson requested a copy of item 3 on the correspondence summary list.

## **Treasurer's Report**

As of 12/31/12,

Revenue: \$4,623,426.95

Expenses: \$2,343,405.11

CM Thompson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report pending audit. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

## **Town Administrator Report**

- Thanked CM Thompson for devoting so much time to the redistricting project.
- Ms. Imhulse announced that the website had been updated with more Cafritz project documents.
- Riverdale Park is on track to receive the MML Banner City/Town designation. Representation will be needed at upcoming PGCMA meetings. The next PGCMA meeting will be held on January 17 in College Park.
- Riverdale Park Subdivision Project has a Planning Board hearing on January 24, 2013.
- The Litton Project (M Square) also has a Planning Board hearing on January 24, 2013.
- Town Hall will be closed on January 21, 2013.

## **Police and Code Report**

- Chief Morris attended the first Maryland Chiefs and Sheriffs legislative committee meeting and reported to the Council on legislation of interest.
- The MML legislative reception will be held on January 9, 2013 at 5 p.m. at the Maryland Inn.
- Lieutenant Turner will begin the FBI National Academy on January 13, 2013. He will be in training for 10 weeks.

## **Public Works Report**

- The next Saturday bulk trash drop-off will be on January 19, 2013.
- DPW put out 2 tons of salt during a recent snow/rain weather event.
- The last leaf collection by DPW for the year will be January 15, 2013. Over 100 tons of leaves were collected this season. Bates will continue to pick-up bagged leaves on Wednesdays. Thank you to the residents for their assistance with leaf collection.
- There will be garbage collection on the Martin Luther King holiday, January 21, 2013.

## **Fire Department**

A written report was included in the meeting materials.

## **Council Committee & Ward Reports**

### **CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2**

- Happy New Year!
- The Town's holiday events were fabulous and Ward 2 holiday lights were beautiful.
- The Finance Committee received and discussed the audit report which was a "clean bill of health". Thank you to the Council and staff.

- Thank you to town administrator, staff and attorney for the draft personnel manual.

### **CM David Lingua, Ward 3**

- The monthly CKAR meeting will be held on January 8, 2013 at 6201 Riverdale Road at 7 p.m. Residents interested in redevelopment along Kenilworth Avenue are encouraged to attend.
- CM Lingua discussed a potential pilot program with the County Redevelopment Authority for façade improvement along the Kenilworth Avenue corridor.
- Thank you to staff and town attorney Mr. Sussman for the work on the draft personnel manual.
- CM Lingua highlighted items from the fire department’s written report.

### **CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4**

- CM Henry wished residents a safe and prosperous new year.
- Thank you to Code Enforcement Manager Colleen Ferguson for coordinating the annual holiday food baskets and Toys for Tots.
- Thank you to PW Director Addison for his support. Ward 4 appreciates the new trees and trash can.
- Thank you to Chief of Police Morris for the police presence in Ward 4 and communication regarding issues in the community.
- Thank you to Town Administrator Imhulse for her hard work and response to the parking district.
- Thank you to colleagues on Council and Mayor Archer.
- The Public Works meeting on January 18, 2013 is cancelled and will be rescheduled for February 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Legislative Action Items:**

#### **1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-R- 20, concerning speed hump policy**

CM Henry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-R- 20. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

- Town Administrator Imhulse discussed changes that had been made after consultation with the town attorney to clarify the language.

#### **~~2. Motion to approve charter amendment 2012-CR-03, amending chapter 619 to clarify what is included in the limit of indebtedness~~**

#### **3. Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter to District 22 Delegation requesting additional funding for Youth and Community Wing project**

CM Thompson made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter to District 22 Delegation requesting \$500,000 for Youth and Community Wing project. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

#### **4. Introduction of Ordinance 2013-OR-01, concerning redistricting**

CM Thompson introduced Ordinance 2013-OR-01 concerning redistricting. Council feedback after the December 17 worksession was included in the map shown. It was noted that the map scale would need to be amended into the legislation.

#### **5. Minutes for regular legislative meeting on December 3, 2012**

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the December 3, 2012 regular legislative meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

#### **6. Minutes for special legislative meeting on December 17, 2012**

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the December 17, 2012 special legislative meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote 3-0 (favorable)

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Continued discussion on Cafritz project, 4-12004, preliminary plan of subdivision (Ward 1)

Architect Paul Mortensen discussed his analysis of the MUTC committee recommendations from the January 2, 2013 meeting. Mr. Mortensen also discussed his response to the County Draft Design for the Hiker/Biker Trail. Mr. Chris Hatcher addressed both topics on behalf of the applicant.

- Continued discussion on Riverdale Park Subdivision project, 4-11010, preliminary plan of subdivision, Property Address 5601 47th Avenue, Applicant Danner Development, represented by Nagy (Ward 3)

CM Lingua confirmed that Public Works Director Addison had not been contacted by Mr. Nagy regarding the review of stormwater management plans for the Riverdale Park Subdivision project. CM Lingua noted that the project has a Planning Board hearing on January 24, 2013.

#### **New Business**

CM Lingua announced that the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area has release their 2013 calendar and they are available at town hall.

#### **Adjournment**

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

*Typed from notes by JEB.*