

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2013
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4
CM Raymond Rivas, Ward 5 (arrived at 8:40 p.m.)
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

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 Thompson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. CM Ebbeler seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

- The first new business item was moved to legislative action item number 5 on the agenda.

Mayors Report

- Mayor Archer wished Town Administrator Imhulse a happy birthday.
- Mayor Archer reported on the Cafritz/Calvert Tract Project and introduced the “new” team that will be working with the Town.

Presentations

Recognition of Officer Swann

Mayor Archer and Chief of Police Morris recognized Officer Adam Swann’s promotion and administered the oath of office.

Police Department Annual Report

Chief of Police Morris and Captain Patrick Timmons presented the Riverdale Park Police Department 2012 Annual Summary which provided an overview of the Department’s activities.

The Council and public had the opportunity to ask questions.

Correspondence Summary

CM Ebbeler requested clarification on item 7 on the correspondence summary list. Mayor Archer updated the Council on the status of the property known as Jey's Auto. CM Thompson requested a copy of item 7 on the correspondence summary list.

Treasurer's Report

As of 1/31/13,

Expenses: \$2,734,079.74

Revenue: \$5,403,117.10

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the treasurer's report pending audit. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Town Administrator's Report

- The Cafritz project has submitted their notice to file which is the first step in the preliminary plan of subdivision process. They can file 30 days after they have submitted their notice to file.
- MUTC will meet on February 6 to address a request for a change of use for the property known as Jey's Auto and a new Pepco substation on Madison Street.
- The Ethics Commission met and approved financial disclosure and lobbying forms which will be included in the election candidate packets.
- Town Hall and Public Works will be closed on February 18 for President's Day.
- The submission deadline for the Town Crier is Friday, February 15.
- The Community Parks and Playground Grant for Riverdale Road Park (\$195,000) was included in the Governor's budget.
- Town Administrator Imhulse reported that she will be out of town February 11-22.
- Town Administrator Imhulse recognized the Public Works Department and Police Department for their service to the Town during inclement weather.

Police and Code Report

A written report was included in the meeting materials.

Public Works Report

- The next Saturday bulk trash drop-off will be on February 16.
- DPW will be closed on February 18 for President's Day but there will be trash collection.
- Residents were reminded to please move cars off of street for snow removal.
- Thanked the residents for their support and assistance.

Fire Department

President Steve Lamphier gave an overview of his written report which was included in the meeting materials. The Council and public had the opportunity to ask questions.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1

- A new salon is being built near Town Center.

- Jazz at the Mansion will be twice a month during June, July and August. Working towards weekly events in 2014.
- The Lions Club is in the process of finalizing the details of their scholarship and hope to award the scholarships in May.
- The Green Team has been assembled and has registered with Sustainable Maryland.
- The Open House for Town Center will be scheduled after the utility work is completed.
- Happy birthday to Town Administrator Imhulse.

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

- CM Thompson reminded residents that in the case of snow, you can park on the even side of the street (North or West side) if you are unable to remove your car from the streets completely.
- Happy birthday to Town Administrator Imhulse.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

- Happy birthday to Town Administrator Imhulse.
- The monthly CKAR meeting will be held on February 5 at 6201 Riverdale Road at 7 p.m.
- Thank you to staff for their work on the Riverdale Park Subdivision project.

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on March 15 at 9:00 a.m.
- Riverdale Park Business Association will be meeting on February 13 at 5:30 p.m. regarding Christmas in April
- CM Henry congratulated the Baltimore Ravens on their Super Bowl win.
- CM Henry also congratulated Town Administrator Imhulse on the funding for the new playground.
- Thank you to PW Director Addison and his crew for keeping the roads clear and safe.
- Thank you to Chief of Police Morris and his outstanding team for their dedication.

CM Raymond Rivas, Ward 5

- CM Rivas apologized for being absent due to illness.
- CM Rivas thanked the volunteers that made the holiday events (children's party and toys for tots) successful.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

- CM Silva reported that there were several issues in his Ward and he needed assistance from staff.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

Legislative Action Items:

1. **Motion to send to Planning Board a letter of approval with conditions for 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 made a motion to send to the Planning Board a letter of approval with conditions for the Riverdale Park Subdivision project 4-11010, preliminary plan of subdivision, property address 5601 47th Avenue, applicant Danner Development, represented by Mr. Nagy. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

- CM Lingua outlined items included in the draft letter.
- Resident John Kullen of 5408 Riverdale Road asked if the Riverdale Park Subdivision would impact the current residents and what the lot sizes would be.

2. Motion to send to Planning Board a letter of approval with conditions for Litton Technology Center, 4-12014, preliminary plan of subdivision, location: north side of River Rd, south Paint Branch Parkway, 51st St and 52nd Ave (Ward 2)

CM Thompson made a motion to send a letter substantially similar to item #2 contained in the council meeting packets to the Planning Board expressing the opinions of the Town of Riverdale Park. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

- CM Thompson outlined the concerns addressed in the draft letter to the Planning Board.
- Mr. Tom Haller, representing the applicant, stated that they were frustrated by the change in the Town's position as their concept/vision had not changed since it was originally presented in 2009.

3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-OR-01, concerning redistricting

CM Thompson made a motion to substitute the ordinance and map that was introduced at the January legislative meeting with the ordinance that is marked with "Amended" and the map that is marked "Revision 2". The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-OR-01. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

- CM Thompson outlined the revisions to the map and the amendment to the ordinance.
- CM Thompson discussed the redistricting process.
- CM Thompson requested that the data used for redistricting be stored with the Town's official records.

4. Motion to send a letter to Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development Director Brown regarding CDBG Project Years 35, 36 and 37

CM Ebbeler made a motion to send a letter to Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development Director Brown regarding CDBG Project Years 35, 36 and 37. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson.

CM Lingua amended the original motion to state that a letter be sent to Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development Director Brown regarding the withdraw of CDBG Project Year 35 and the restructuring of Project Years 36 and 37. The amendment was accepted by CM Ebbeler and CM Thompson. Vote 6-0 (favorable).

Discussion:

- CM Lingua requested that the meeting date in the draft letter be amended.

5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-01 regarding the time and place for the Town election

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-01 regarding the time and place for the Town election. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

- CM Lingua requested that the resolution be amended to include the address of Town Hall. The amendment was accepted by CM Ebbeler and CM Thompson.

6. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-02 to authorize paper ballots for the Town election

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-02 to authorize paper ballots for the Town election. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

7. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-03 to establish a filing fee for the Town election

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-03 to establish a filing fee for the Town election. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

8. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-04 to establish a candidate filing deadline for the Town election

CM Ebbeler made a motion adopt Resolution 2013-R-04 to establish a candidate filing deadline for the Town election. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

9. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-06 to appoint and establish compensation for election officials for the Town election

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-06 to appoint and establish compensation for election officials for the Town election. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

10. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-05 regarding speed hump policy

CM Henry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-05 regarding speed hump policy. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

- The previous resolution 2012-R-20 was repealed due to a technical error.

11. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-07 to confirm and clarify appointment and terms of ethics commission members

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-07. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

12. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-08 to support the preferred alternative design for the Youth and Community Wing project (2 Story Design)

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-08. The motion was seconded by CM Rivas. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

13. Motion to approve minutes for regular legislative meeting on January 7, 2013

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular legislative meeting on January 7, 2013. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

14. Motion to approve minutes for special legislative meeting on January 15, 2013

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the special legislative meeting on January 15, 2013. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

New Business

- Request for a temporary license for Teresa's Garden Center to sell flowers at 6111 Kenilworth Avenue (Ward 4)

Town Administrator Imhulse outlined the request made by the applicant and the waivers that would be needed for the request.

CM Henry made a motion to grant the applicant's temporary business license for February 12-14, 2013 and waive 42-14(B)(1) and 42-14(B)(5). The motion was seconded by CM Rivas. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

- Discussion of CKAR grant application to the County Redevelopment Authority for fabrication and installation of banners

CM Ebbeler discussed the grant opportunity and the request for a letter of support from the Town. CKAR will meet on February 5 to formally make a decision on applying for the grant. CKAR will follow-up with the Town regarding their decision.

- CM Ebbeler requested that the Green Team presentation be added to the February worksession agenda.
- CM Lingua requested that the Mr. Greg Smith of the Zero Waste Group be invited to a future council worksession, possibly March.

Adjournment

CM Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.