

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**March 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 9:35 p.m.)  
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator  
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works  
Captain Patrick Timmons, Riverdale Park Police Department  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

**Call to Order**

Mayor Archer called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

CM Ebbeler made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson.  
Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

**Mayor's Report**

- The Constant Yield Tax Certification was received from the State.
- Mayor Archer and Town Administrator Imhulse will be testifying in Annapolis on Saturday, March 9 regarding the bond bill for the Youth and Community Wing. The Town is seeking an additional \$500,000 which is in addition to the \$585,000 in matching funds that the Town has received.
- The March 5 CKAR meeting will include discussion regarding a proposed centralized and regulated laborer site
- Discussion regarding a living history project for the Town
- Discussion regarding the creation of a body of champions/advocates for the public schools serving Riverdale Park students
- Will seek re-election in May

**Presentations**

Cafritz Project Update

Larry Taub and Mark Regulinsky updated the Council regarding the Cafritz project. The Preliminary Plan of Subdivision is expected to be filed at the end of the week and the Detailed Site Plan is expected to be filed at the end of March.

## **Correspondence Summary**

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

## **Treasurer's Report**

As of 2/28/13,

Revenue: \$5,580,297.63

Expenses: \$3,074,652.76

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

## **Town Administrator's Report**

- DPWT has agreed to review the streets in the Cafrtiz Project and a copy of the letter will be provided to the Council
- The Town contributed a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card to a basket for Riverdale Elementary students as an incentive for attending school during the MSA testing
- Mayor Archer spoke with Riverdale Elementary School fourth graders regarding the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest
- The Riverdale Park Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 30 from 1-3 p.m. at Riversdale Mansion for elementary school aged children
- Discussion regarding the status of the grant for the Riverdale Road Park playground

## **Police and Code Report**

- Discussion of the results of the multijurisdictional sobriety checkpoint
- The bi-annual NCIC audit went very well
- National Night Out will be August 6 at Town Center
- Mayor Archer requested that the Police Department's Annual report be placed on the Town's website.

## **Public Works Report**

- Preparation for a winter storm: 4-6 inches of snow possible
- Reminder to residents to not park on the odd side of the street so that crews are able to clear the roadways
- Saturday bulk drop-off will be on March 16
- The mosquito control program will begin in late March/April
- Several WSSC utility reconstruction projects will be taking place in the next 1 ½ years to address ongoing issues in the Town

Discussion:

- Bruce Warneck reported an issue with the sidewalk in front of 4504 Queensbury (Lou King's property).
- Discussion regarding sidewalk repairs near the Calvert House and options regarding brick sidewalk repairs

## **Fire Department**

A report will be forwarded to the Council when it is available.

## **Council Committee & Ward Reports**

### **CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1**

- Economic Development Committee will set a meeting date in the near future
- Preliminary talks with Riversdale Mansion regarding a town history display
- The Arts Fest will be held on May 5
- Jazz on the Lawn at Riversdale Mansion will be held twice a month this summer
- The Green Team is now on Facebook
- Douglas Development is continuing to make process with Town Center
- Discussion regarding the Town's vision statement

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

- Finance Committee Meeting will be held on March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at town hall
- There will be a dog park meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at town hall
- Discussion regarding when the soccer nets are put up by Public Works

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

- The next CKAR meeting will be held on March 5 at 7:00 p.m. at 6201 Riverdale Road
- The next ATHA meeting will be held on March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Greenbelt City Hall
- Encouraged residents to get involved with the Arts Council

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

- Kudos to the Police Department for the execution of the sobriety checkpoint
- Thank you to Town Administrator Imhulse for her representation
- Discussion regarding the Public Works Department's preparations for the potential weather event
- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on March 15 at 9:00 a.m.

### **CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6**

- CM Silva reported that are concerns from residents in Ward 6 regarding the placement of the day laborer employment center. Residents do not want the center to be located in Ward 6.

### **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

- Lenny Wertz updated the Council regarding recent CKAR meetings and discussion regarding a possible employment center for day laborers. Mr. Wertz invited CM Silva to attend the next meeting to discuss the concerns of residents in Ward 6.
- Bruce Warneck, 4606 Queensbury Road, discussed the Christmas in April Program and requested volunteers. The event will be held on April 27.
- Jennifer Prisman, attorney for Mr. Jey Edward, stated that Mr. Edward is trying to develop the property (5731 Baltimore Avenue), is not interested in selling the property and is opposed to any acquisition by eminent domain. Bruce Warneck stated that he supported Mr. Edward's development efforts.

### **Legislative Action Items:**

1. Motion to close Town Center from 2:00 a.m. on May 4, 2013 until 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 2013, to support the Arts Fest

CM Rivas made a motion to close Town Center from 2:00 a.m. on May 4, 2013 until 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 2013. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

2. Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign and send a letter of support for funding of the Purple Line

CM Thompson made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign and send a letter of support for funding of the Purple Line. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-09, supporting a public art initiative in Riverdale Park

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-09, supporting a public art initiative in Riverdale Park. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-10 to implement a consent agenda Town Council meetings

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-10 to implement a consent agenda for Town Council meetings. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

- Mayor Archer requested that the resolution be clarified by specifically including the mayor in the resolution.

5. Introduction of Ordinance 2013-OR-02, amending Chapter 23: Charges and Fees

CM Thompson read into record the changes to Chapter 23.

6. Introduction of Ordinance 2013-OR-03, to authorize the acquisition of 5731 Baltimore Avenue by eminent domain

CM Ebbeler read Ordinance 2013-OR-03 into the record.

7. Motion to approve minutes for regular legislative meeting on February 4, 2013

CM Ebbeler made a motion to approve minutes for regular legislative meeting on February 4, 2013. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

8. Motion to approve minutes for special legislative meeting on February 25, 2013

CM Ebbeler made a motion to approve minutes for special legislative meeting on February 25, 2013. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

## **New Business**

- CM Ebbeler stated that he would like the Council to consider revisiting the Town's vision statement.
- CM Ebbeler discussed working with other municipalities in the area to see whether there is interest in pursuing an update to the Master Plan for Area 68.
- CM Thompson discussed several pieces of legislation that were before the County Council.

CM Thompson made a motion to send a letter of support for CB-6-2013 and CR-11-2013 that are similar to the letters included in the meeting materials. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

CM Lingua made a motion to send a letter of general support for General Assembly bill PG 420-13, excluding the waiver of the school surcharge on studio apartments. CM Lingua withdrew the motion.

- Discussion regarding County legislation to allow Sunday sale of liquor in Prince George's County. Mayor Archer gave an overview of the issue and updated the Council regarding the status of the legislation.

## **Adjournment**

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

*Typed from notes by JEB.*