

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
June 3, 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 Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

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

Swearing In Ceremony

Mr. James Watson of the Office of Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County conducted the swearing in ceremony for the Mayor and Council.

Call to Order

Mayor Archer called the legislative 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 agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson.
Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

- Move Presentations to before the Mayor's Report.
- Add a Motion to Adopt Robert's Rules of Order.
- Remove Legislative Action Item #5.

Presentations

Mayor Archer presented certificates of appreciation, on behalf of MML, to Chief Morris and Town Administrator Imhulse for their service on the Legislative Committee and Convention Planning Committee.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- That he is looking forward to the next two years as Mayor and thanked the voters for their support and confidence.
- Thanked the Council, Staff, Town Attorney and Paul Mortensen for their hard work during the Cafritz Project PPS and DSP.

- Thanked the Riverdale Fire Department and Emergency Rescue for providing 24 hour coverage despite being completely staffed by volunteers since October.
- Lawsuit Case #CAL 1223121, a class action lawsuit regarding the use of speed cameras in Riverdale Park, was dismissed but is subject to appeal.
- Laws regarding speed cameras may change as a result of legislation from Annapolis in the future.

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, to the extent that it does not conflict with the Town Charter, State Law, or Federal Law. Furthermore, so that proceedings will be consistent with section 204 of the Town Charter, members of the public are recognized as honorary members of the body, so they will be allowed to provide input on all matters before the body. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 5/31/13 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$6,115,680.70

Expenses: \$4,426,114.60

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

Town Administrator Sara Imhulse reported:

- The month of May included: 6 council meetings, Cafritz PPS and DSP and the Budget.
- Thank you to Mayor and Council for their hard work and countless hours.
- Thank you to Town Attorney Fred Sussman and Architect Paul Mortensen.
- Thank you to Town Clerk Jessica Barnes.
- Thank you to Mike Lightfield for his handling of the Budget.
- Patience as we get back to the "new normal" and all of the projects that have been put on hold due to Cafritz.
- Special legislative meeting likely on June 17 to address an update to the business license ordinance, waiver of bid requirements and approval the garbage contract.

Police and Code Report

Police Chief David Morris reported:

- Accepted an invitation from the Prince George's County Police Department to speak at the Landover Hills Fire and EMS building. The public is invited to attend.
- Will be attending a summit at Johns Hopkins University on June 19 regarding Reduction of Law Enforcement Officer Deaths and Disability.
- Working to schedule Public Safety Community Walks as the weather gets warmer.
- National Night Out will be held on August 6 at Town Center.
- Highlights of outstanding police work.
- The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the case of *Maryland v. King* that DNA can be taken after arrest and prior to conviction.

- Code has been focusing on lawn/grass maintenance and will begin another Quality of Life Initiative (similar to the one done in the fall).

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- The next Saturday bulk drop-off will be on June 15.
- All of the trees have been installed but you can contact DPW if you would like to be included in the fall planting.
- Reminder to put the nets down after you are done using them at the Field of Dreams.
- DPW is currently planting flowers and removing weeds in the parks in Town.
- Residents that have issues with their green trash cans may contact Bates directly or call DPW and they will contact Bates for you.

Discussion:

- Mayor Archer stated that there were concerns from residents regarding the placement of trash cans after they had been emptied. CM Ebbeler stated that a resident had reported that trash cans were blocking driveways throughout Town. CM Henry reported that some trash cans had not been completely emptied. Mr. Addison stated that he would speak to Bates about the issues.
- CM Thompson reminded residents to not park on the streets when using the Field of Dreams but rather in the parking lots.
- CM Lingua asked whether the Field of Dreams should be closed in the winter for maintenance. Mr. Addison was hopeful that the recent maintenance would last until next year.

Fire Department

President Steve Lampier reported:

- Congratulations to the Mayor and Council on their reelection and Cafritz.
- Staffing remains at 100% volunteer and more stations within the County will be moving to that model.
- The aerial tower is currently being repaired and should be ready by August.
- The new ambulance should be delivered in August.
- The County released a report regarding the February 2012 fire at 57th Avenue and Riverdale Heights. The report included 46 recommendations, 12 of which need immediate attention. The report will be used as a learning tool.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

- Congratulations to the Mayor & Council on their reelection.
- Discussion regarding a zipcode for incorporated Riverdale Park.
- Jazz at the Mansion starts on June 12.
- Town Center Open House will be on Thursday, June 6 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Thank you to Ward 2 residents for their vote.

- Thank you to the Council, Town Administrator Imhulse and staff, Town Attorney Fred Sussman and Architect Paul Mortensen.
- Resident concerns have been reported regarding the spin farm. Attempts to contact the owner via e-mail have been unsuccessful.
- There will be a lot of changes due to the Cafritz bridge landing. Thank you to the residents for coming out to discuss their concerns.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- The next CKAR meeting will be June 4 at 7 p.m. at 6200 Riverdale Road.
- Thank you to the residents for coming out to vote.
- Build out and development of projects will change the characteristics of the Town over the next 5 years.

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Thank you to constituents for their vote of confidence.
- Madison Hill movie night was a huge success. Thank you for the support.
- The next Public Works Committee meeting is June 7 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thank you to Mayor Archer and the Finance Chair for not raising taxes.
- Thank you to Town Administrator Imhulse, Public Works Director Addison and Chief of Police Morris.
- Agenda Items to be added to the next Public Works Committee meeting: quality of life initiative and parking restriction sign on 46th Avenue

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva discussed Ward 6 resident complaints. Mayor Archer suggested that a Ward 6 Public Safety Walk be scheduled on June 18 or 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Public Works Director Addison will contact WSSC regarding their project schedule.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items or consent agenda items.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Fence Permit Application: 5008 Somerset Road; 6 foot side yard fence (Ward 2)
2. Fence Permit Application: 5510 Taylor Road; 5 foot split-rail wood fence (Ward 3)
3. Resolution 2013-R-15 regarding Retail/Commercial Tenant Improvement Grant Program
4. Minutes from regular legislative meeting on May 6, 2013
5. Minutes from special legislative meeting on May 7, 2013
6. Minutes from special legislative meeting on May 11, 2013
7. Minutes from special legislative meeting on May 16, 2013
8. Minutes from special legislative meeting on May 19, 2013

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

Legislative Action Items:

1. Fence Permit Application: 5904 Taylor Road; 6 foot chain link rear/side yard fence (Ward 3)

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the Fence Permit Application for 5904 Taylor Road, up to 5 foot chain link rear/side yard fence. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 3-1 (favorable)

Discussion:

The applicant clarified that they were seeking to install a 5 foot chain link fence. Mayor Archer asked if the applicant would object to using another material for the fencing that will be facing the street. The applicant stated that the materials had been purchased. The Council discussed the intent of the Code regarding chain link fences.

2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-OR-04, regarding the FY 14 budget

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-OR-04, regarding the FY 14 budget as introduced. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

CM Thompson made a motion to substitute Ordinance 2013-OR-04 as introduced with Ordinance 2013-OR-04 as amended. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Thompson gave an overview of the changes to Ordinance 2013-OR-04.

3. Motion to adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 2013-CR-01 concerning debt limitation

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 2013-CR-01 concerning debt limitation. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote 4-0 (favorable)

4. Introduction of Ordinance 2013-OR-05 regarding personnel policy

CM Thompson introduced Ordinance 2013-OR-05 regarding personnel policy and gave a general overview.

- ~~5. Motion to waive bid requirements for refuse collection~~

Unfinished Business

Mayor Archer made the following nominations for the 2013 Committees:

Economic Development Committee - Chair - Jonathan Ebbeler
Alan Thompson
David Lingua

Finance Committee - Chair - Alan Thompson
David Lingua

Jonathan Ebbeler

Public Safety Committee - Chair - David Lingua
Alejandro Silva
Raymond Rivas

Public Works Committee - Chair - Christopher Henry
Alan Thompson
Jonathan Ebbeler

Community Affairs Committee - Chair - Raymond Rivas
Alejandro Silva
Christopher Henry

Legislative Committee - Chair - Alejandro Silva
Christopher Henry
Raymond Rivas

CM Thompson made a motion to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Mayor Archer nominated CM Ebbeler as the Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of the Council. CM Thompson made a motion to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Ms. Imhulse stated that revised/updated sections of the budget books are available for Council.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.