

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**July 1, 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

Frederick Sussman, Town Attorney

**Call to Order**

Mayor Archer called the legislative meeting to order at 8:08 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 agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler.  
Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

- CM Lingua requested that the Fire Department's report and election results be moved to item #1.
- CM Ebbeler requested that Legislative Action Item #1 and #2 be moved to the Consent Agenda.

**Presentations**

Mayor Archer recognized Officer Joseph Walch for his recent promotion to Private First Class.

Mayor Archer also recognized Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Timmons for his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and Assistant Chief of Police.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- There will be a lot of utility work taking place in Town over the next year to year and a half. The Administration is committed to ensuring the quality of the Town's infrastructure.

- The University of Maryland Board of Regents voted to move forward with the sale of property for the Cafritz bridge crossing.
- Waiting for the ruling from the Circuit Court of Prince George's County regarding the hearing to overturn the rezoning of the Cafritz property.
- Thank you to the Police Department, Fire Department, CM Silva and CM Lingua for the Ward 6 Community Walk.
- National Night Out will be held on August 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Correspondence Summary**

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Thompson requested a copy of items #2, #4 and #12.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of 6/30/13 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$6,416,274.74

Expenses: \$4,825,971.29

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:

- Thank you to the Fire Department and Police Department for their contributions to the Town.
- Defined Benefit Board met on June 27, 2013. The next meeting will be December 5, 2013.
- The Town Code is updated and available on the website.
- Engineering bid for the Youth and Community Wing Project will go out around July 12.
- The engineering bid for the Maryland Avenue Project will go out sometime in August.
- The Riverdale Road Park Project was awarded \$400,000 by the County. The County School System included funds for the parking lot improvement in their FY 15 CIP.
- Health insurance renewal will take place in August.
- Town offices will be closed on July 4.
- Will be on vacation July 15-26. Mr. Addison will be Acting Town Administrator during that time.
- Thank you to Town Attorney Fred Sussman for all of his hard work.

### **Police and Code Report**

Police Chief David Morris reported:

- Ward 6 Community Walk was a success. Thank you to the Fire Department for their participation.
- National Night Out will be held on August 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Center.
- The 2013 Safe, Clean and Beautiful Initiative starts next week.
- Overview of replacement of service rifles.
- Renovations of the Communications Center moving forward.
- Code has been focusing on weed control.
- Thank you to the Mayor & Council, Town Administrator and Public Works for support of the Police Department.

## **Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- The next Saturday drop-off is July 20, 2013
- No trash collection on July 4; the next collection will be July 8, 2013
- In preparation for snow an additional Public Works truck has been equipped with a plow and spreader.
- Trash totes can be replaced or repaired by contacting Bates of the Public Works Department.
- Public Works is in constant contact with WSSC and other utility companies to ensure that the streets are left in the same (or better) condition as before the utility work was started. The utility work is necessary to fix existing problems.

### *Discussion:*

CM Lingua discussed various issues with trees in Ward 3. Mr. Addison stated that he would contact the PEPCO arborist regarding the issues.

## **Fire Department**

President Steve Lampier reported:

- Thank you to the Mayor and Council for the additional monetary support in the coming fiscal year.
- Fire Department participated in the Ward 6 Community Walk and will participate in National Night Out.
- Introduced the newly elected Fire Chief Brian Carpio.

Fire Chief Carpio introduced himself and discussed some of his future goals for the Department.

## **Council Committee & Ward Reports**

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

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

- Cautiously optimistic about rezoning appeal
- Cafritz DSP will be reviewed by the District Council in September.
- University of Maryland grad students will revision properties between Town Center and Cafritz as part of their Master's Program. A survey will be posted to Town Talk and Town Announce.
- Trolley Trail construction begins this summer.
- Douglas Development will present plans to MUTC next week for a book store.
- Defined Beauty Salon will come before MUTC in the near future.
- Rinaldi Lanes plans to re-open in August.
- Dumm's Pizza expansion will come before MUTC in the near future.
- There has been some interest in signage assistance program for businesses in Town.
- Discussion of possible results from the Town Center Open House.

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

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Thank you to summer intern Carl Marcus Olson

- MUTC meeting on July 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- Working on several projects: dog park MOU and the Cafritz bridge landing and impact on Field of Dreams.
- Attending reception with Congressman Hoyer and plans to discuss the funding of the Purple Line, zip code expansion and bridge funding.
- Happy new fiscal year!
- Finance Committee meeting on August 5 at 7:30 p.m.

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

CM David Lingua reported:

- The next CKAR meeting will be held on July 9 at 7 p.m. at 6200 Riverdale Road
- Stop lines, curb painting and rumble strips throughout Town need attention.
- Discussion of MML Convention and presentation of plaques and flag received at the event.
- Presentation of birthday gift to Mayor Archer.

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

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Thoughts and prayers to the families of the 19 fire fighters killed in Arizona yesterday
- Reminder to be safe with fireworks
- National Night Out in Madison Hill will be August 6, 2013
- Dollar Tree will be opening on Kenilworth Avenue. CM Henry requested that Town Administrator Imhulse verify that they have the proper licenses.
- Congratulations to Lieutenant Colonel Timmons.
- Welcome to the new Fire Department Chief.
- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on August 19 at 8:30 a.m.

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

CM Alejandro Silva thanked staff for attending the Ward 6 Community Walk. CM Silva also asked residents in Ward 6 to work together with him to improve the community.

### **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. Minutes from special legislative meeting on May 28, 2013
2. Minutes from legislative meeting on June 3, 2013
3. Minutes from special legislative meeting on June 17, 2013
4. Fence Permit Application: 4609 Oliver Street; 6 foot fence (Ward 1)
5. Fence Permit Application: 4909 Tuckerman Street; 6 foot wood fence (Ward 2)

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

### **Legislative Action Items:**

1. Motion to accept the election results from the Riverdale Fire Department (Company 7) on the election of Volunteer Fire Chief Brian Carpio.

CM Lingua made a motion to accept the election results from the Riverdale Fire Department (Company 7) on the election of Volunteer Fire Chief Brian Carpio. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable).

2. Motion to waive bid requirements for refuse collection

CM Thompson made a motion to waive the bid requirements for refuse collection. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4 in favor and 1 opposed (CM Henry).

*Discussion:*

CM Henry discussed his concerns regarding the quality of services provided by Bates.

3. Motion to award extension of refuse contract to Bates

CM Thompson made a motion to award an extension of refuse contract to Bates for one year. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4 in favor and 1 opposed (CM Henry).

CM Thompson made a motion to amend the motion to clarify that the contract extension will be for one year. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

There was significant discussion regarding concerns/complaints about Bates and the quality of service that they provide. Public Works Director Addison updated the Council on discussions with Bates regarding their service.

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-16 regarding the intent to reimburse for expenses related to the issuance of a bond

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-16 regarding the intent to reimburse for expenses related to the issuance of a bond. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Town Attorney Frederick Sussman stated that a public hearing was held at 7:30 p.m. and no members of the public were in attendance.

5. Introduction of Ordinance 2013-OR-07 regarding bond issuance

CM Thompson introduced Ordinance 2013-OR-07 regarding bond issuance.

*Discussion:*

Town Administrator Imhulse stated that a fair summary would be included in a newspaper of general circulation and a notice would be included in the next Crier. Mayor Archer requested that the fair summary also be sent out via e-mail through Town Talk

and Town Announce. Town Administrator Imhulse also stated that a public hearing was held at 7:30 p.m. and no members of the public were in attendance.

6. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-OR-05 regarding personnel policy

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-OR-05 regarding personnel policy. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

CM Thompson outlined two technical amendments to the ordinance. Town Attorney Frederick Sussman stated that an amendment would be needed in the next month or so as a result of a law recently enacted by the General Assembly.

7. Introduction of Ordinance 2013-OR-06 regarding business licenses

CM Ebbeler introduced Ordinance 2013-OR-06 regarding business licenses.

*Discussion:*

CM Ebbeler discussed the need for Ordinance 2013-OR-06. Mayor Archer requested that the fair summary be sent out via e-mail through Town Talk and Town Announce.

8. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-17 regarding I-Net

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-17 regarding I-Net. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

Town Administrator Imhulse gave an overview of I-Net. The Council had the opportunity to ask questions.

9. Motion to waive bid requirements for Public Works Vacuum Unit: Tennant Litter Vacuum Model ATLV4300 (to ride a bid from Community College of Philadelphia)

CM Henry made a motion to waive bid requirements for Public Works Vacuum Unit: Tennant Litter Vacuum Model ATLV4300 (to ride a bid from Community College of Philadelphia). The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

10. Motion to waive bid requirements for Public Works Dump Truck: Ford F450 snow ready Dump Truck (to ride a bid from State of Maryland)

CM Henry made a motion to waive bid requirements for Public Works Dump Truck: Ford F450 snow ready Dump Truck (to ride a bid from State of Maryland). The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

11. Motion to waive bid requirements for Public Works Vehicle: Ford Explorer SUV 4X4 (to ride a bid from State of Maryland)

CM Henry made a motion to waive bid requirements for Public Works Vehicle: Ford Explorer SUV 4X4 (to ride a bid from State of Maryland). The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

12. Motion to waive bid requirements for Public Works Leaf Vac: Self-Contained Leaf Collector Model SCL800TM (to ride a bid from Borough of North Haledon, NJ)

CM Ebbeler made a motion to waive bid requirements for Public Works Leaf Vac: Self-Contained Leaf Collector Model SCL800TM (to ride a bid from Borough of North Haledon, NJ). The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

13. Waiver of bid requirements for Police Department Vehicles: 3 Dodge Chargers, 2 Chevrolet Tahoes, and one Chevrolet Equinox (to ride a bid from State of Maryland)

CM Lingua made a motion to waive bid requirements for Police Department Vehicles: 3 Dodge Chargers, 2 Chevrolet Tahoes, and one Chevrolet Equinox (to ride a bid from State of Maryland). The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

### **Unfinished Business**

CM Lingua reminded the Council that selections for the Citizen Advisory Committee should be submitted to Chief Morris by August 6, 2013.

### **New Business**

CM Thompson read a proclamation reaffirming Riverdale Park's commitment to its Sister City Ipala, Guatemala. CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the proclamation reaffirming Riverdale Park's commitment to its Sister City Ipala, Guatemala. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

### **Adjournment**

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Typed from notes by JEB.*