

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
December 2, 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 (arrived at 8:07 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 legislative meeting to order at 8:01 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 Lingua.
Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Town Administrator Imhulse stated that Legislative Action Item #3 could be removed from the agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- The Council met in Executive Session on November 25, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the acquisition or sale of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to such acquisition or sale, to consult with staff, consultants and other individuals about pending or potential litigation, and to consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice, for the property known as Jey's Auto, located at 5731 Baltimore Avenue.
- Working with representatives of Cafritz Enterprises, Prince George's County and advisors to finalize the financial plan to build the bridge across the CSX tracks. Part of that will be addressed by Legislative Action Item #1 (introduction of TIF legislation).
- Also continuing to collaborate with CM Thompson, per Council instructions, to ensure that the best roundabout possible is designed for the intersection of Lafayette Avenue, extension of Van Buren and extension of Rivertech Court.
- Will be meeting with Councilmembers to discuss priorities and how best to work through the backlog of projects.
- The Children's Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 1 p.m. to 3p.m. at Town Hall.

- The Holiday Market will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Town Center.
- Update on CDBG projects.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Thompson requested a copy of items 3 and 4.

Treasurer's Report

As of 11/30/13 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 4,004,892.63

Expenditures: \$ 2,006,244.22

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Sara Imhulse reported:

- The contract with Severn Trent Services has been finalized and staffing will begin on December 3, 2013.
- The Children's Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Town Hall.
- The Seniors Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 17 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Crescent Cities Center.
- Council Worksession will be held on December 16, 2013.
- Thank you to Mr. Addison.
- Happy holidays!

Police and Code Report

Police Chief David Morris reported:

- 'Five-O in the Community' initiative is underway.
- Renovations to the PD Communications Room will begin on December 7 and are expected to be completed by December 21.
- No stick gloves have been ordered for officers due to recent contact with subjects carrying hypodermic needles.
- Lieutenant Powell has been selected to attend the PERF Senior Management Institute for Police this summer.
- Vanessa Bustamante has temporarily been reassigned to the Code Department to assist with the staffing of the Department.
- PD will be participating in the upcoming holiday events: Seniors Luncheon at Crescent Cities, food basket deliveries and Toys for Tots.

Discussion:

- Discussion regarding "Shop with a Cop" program.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- The next Saturday drop-off will be held on December 21, 2013.

- Trash will be collected on Thursday, December 26, 2013
- There will be no yard waste pick-up on New Year's Day (Wednesday, January 1, 2014). Yard waste will be picked-up the following week.
- Leaf collection continues: approximately 60 tons have been collected so far.
- Curbside leaf collection (vacuum service) ends on January 15, 2014. After that date, bagged leaves can be picked-up with yard waste collection on Wednesdays.
- Reminder to resident to avoid parking in front of curbside leaf piles.
- Thank you to the residents for their assistance.

Discussion:

- Status of water main work in Ward 2.
- Clarification regarding leaf collection.

Fire Department Report

Mayor Archer, on behalf of President Lampier, reported:

- Staffing continues to be an issue, especially during the workday.
- Company 7 Officer Elections will be held on December 10, 2013.
- The Fire Department will participate in distribution of food baskets and Toys for Tots with the Town.
- Aerial tower project continues to move forward.
- New ambulance will delivered in February.
- Department will be posting holiday safety tips.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Thankful for the Town staff that keep the Town safe, clean and beautiful.
- The Holiday Market will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Town Center.
- The Dog Park MOU is still being reviewed and will most likely be back on the agenda in January.
- Progress is being made with regard to the roundabout. Waiting for additional information from County Engineering.
- Glad to hear that the contractor will start at Town Hall tomorrow.
- Happy holidays! See you in January!

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Will be working with Mayor Archer and staff regarding parking issues in the 4700 block of Nicholson Street.
- iPads will replace the binders at future Council meetings.
- Happy holidays! See you next year!

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Hopes that everyone had a great and safe Thanksgiving.
- Thank you to the Public Works Committee for their hard work and dedication.
- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on January 17, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva reported that an outstanding job was done in restoring the roads in Ward 6.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Mayor Archer reminded the public that they may comment on Ordinance 2013-OR-09 and Ordinance 2013-OR-10 at the December 16, 2013 worksession. There were no additional public comments.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Minutes from the November 4, 2013 Legislative Meeting
2. Minutes from the November 25, 2013 Special Legislative Meeting

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

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to introduce Ordinance 2013-OR-09 to authorize TIF bonds for the Cafritz CSX Crossing (bridge)

CM Thompson introduced Ordinance 2013-OR-09 and gave an overview of the legislation. The fair summary will be published in a newspaper with general circulation and posted on Town Talk and Town Announce. The Council will vote on Ordinance 2013-OR-09 at the January 6, 2014 legislative meeting.

2. Motion to introduce Ordinance 2013-OR-10 regarding temporary parking permits

CM Henry introduced Ordinance 2013-OR-10 and read it into the record. The fair summary will be published in a newspaper with general circulation and posted on Town Talk and Town Announce.

- ~~3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-25 regarding the purchase of public works vehicle~~

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment

CM Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.