

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2014
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1 (arrived at 8:20 p.m.)
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
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 8:06 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 Silva.
Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Two Items of new business will be discussed: County Council Resolution to establish a Prince George's County Science and Technology District and a request for a letter of opposition for House Bill 492.
- A special legislative meeting will need to be scheduled to take action on a contract with McInturff Architects for the Town Hall Expansion project.
- Contract renewal for Lindsey and Associates (for the next audit) will be included on the worksession agenda for consideration.
- Reminder to submit FY 15 budget requests.
- State budget: funding for police aid will remain approximately the same and highway user funds will hopefully be better than last year. Have not received the constant yield notification from the State yet.
- Rough Grading Permit issued for Cafritz project. MUTC will review the landscaping portion of the fine grading permit as well as the building permit for the Whole Foods building.
- CIP funding was designated for park design and planting of the Field of Dreams as well as the redesign of entrance signs around Town. Working with the Neighborhood Design Center to move the projects forward.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 2/28/14 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 5,238,828.59

Expenditures: \$ 3,206,561.82

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:

- Notification was received from the State that the Town is exempt from the Constant Yield again this year.
- Thank you to the Public Works staff for their hard work on snow removal. Thank you to the Police Department and General Government staff for completing payroll over the weekend.
- Discussion regarding the schedule/timing for the Town Hall Renovation project as well as the overall process.

Police and Code Report

Police Chief David Morris reported:

- PD Annual Summary was presented at the worksession on February 24, 2014.
- Provided a Honor Guard at the memorial service for former Riverdale Park Mayor Guy Tiberio
- Attended a ceremony for retired Police Chief Teresa Chambers at Johns Hopkins University

Public Works Report:

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- The next Saturday drop-off is March 15, 2014
- Lights out on 5400 block of Riverdale Road due to utility issue have been reconnected
- Thank you to Chief Morris for immediate service and Town Administrator Imhulse for assistance with obtaining salt
- Thank you to PW staff for their hard work

Discussion:

The Council thanked the Public Works Department for all of their hard work during the recent snowstorm. Mayor Archer excused Director Addison from the meeting so that he could get some rest.

Fire Department Report

Mayor Archer stated that the Fire Department's report was included in the meeting packets.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

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- Status of new businesses in Town
- First round of Signage Grant recipients announced: Bikram Yoga and Town Center Market.
- The Lions Club awarded three scholarships to local students.
- The next meeting for the Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee will meet on March 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The next submission deadline for Sustainable Maryland Certified is June 30, 2014.

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- The final details have not been finalized but the roundabout will be smaller than anticipated.
- The next MUCT Committee Meeting will be March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall for technical review of the Cafritz project.
- PW did a great job and PD was accessible during the last snow event. Thank you to Town Administrator for working with her staff over the weekend to complete payroll.
- Seeking a date for a Saturday budget hearing similar to the one held last year.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- No CKAR meeting due to the inclement weather. The meeting will be rescheduled for a later date.
- RPAC will be meeting at Town Hall on March 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- Discussion regarding Guy Tiberio's legacy of public service.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva reported that residents of Ward 6 were happy with the snow removal by the Department of Public Works.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Motion to send a letter to the Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals in support of Variance Application V-6-14 for 5005 Oglethorpe Street: Request for a variance of 10 feet front yard depth (Ward 3)
2. Minutes from the February 3, 2014 Legislative Meeting
3. Minutes from the February 18, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting
4. Minutes from the February 24, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting

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. Motion to appoint James R. Smith, Jr. to the Riverdale Park Ethics Commission

CM Ebbeler made a motion to appoint James R. Smith, Jr. to the Riverdale Park Ethics Commission. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Mr. Smith introduced himself to the Council. The Council welcomed Mr. Smith and thanked him for his service to the Town.

2. Motion regarding Ordinance 2014-OR-01 regarding chain link fences

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-01 regarding chain link fences. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adopt the six proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Ebbeler discussed the purpose of Ordinance 2014-OR-01. CM Thompson gave an overview of the responses that he received from residents in his Ward regarding Ordinance 2014-OR-01. CM Thompson also discussed an incentive program to financially compensate residents for replacing chain link fencing with other materials.

CM Ebbeler read each proposed amendment. The Council had the opportunity to ask questions and request friendly amendments.

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-04 regarding handicapped parking for 4900 Riverdale Road

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-04 regarding handicapped parking for 4900 Riverdale Road. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business

- Motion to support the Prince George's County Council Resolution to create a Science and Technology Business District in the Beltsville, College Park, Riverdale, Riverdale Park, and Greenbelt areas

CM Thompson made a motion to support the Prince George's County Council Resolution to create a Science and Technology Business District in the Beltsville, College Park, Riverdale, Riverdale Park, and Greenbelt areas. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Mayor Archer gave an overview of the County Council Resolution. CM Lingua requested that the zip code 20738 be included in the County Council Resolution as part of the Science and Technology Business District.

- Motion to send a letter to the delegation in opposition of House Bill 492

CM Thompson made a motion to send a letter to the delegation in opposition of House Bill 492. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Mayor Archer gave an overview of House Bill 492.

- Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-05, a resolution towards Commercial Code Compliance within the M-U-TC Zone

CM Ebbeler made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-05, a resolution towards Commercial Code Compliance within the M-U-TC Zone. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Ebbeler discussed the intent of Resolution 2014-R-05. CM Thompson and CM Ebbeler discussed the current process regarding MUTC referrals. Mayor Archer requested clarification regarding language in the Resolution.

Adjournment

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.