

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1 (arrived at 8:11 p.m.)
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Raymond Rivas, Ward 5
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
Patrick Timmons, Lieutenant Colonel
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 Rivas.
Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- The Mayor's Proposed Budget will be out by May 1st. Please contact Mayor Archer if you have any items to be considered for the Mayor's Proposed Budget.
- Welcome to Lt. Col. Timmons who will be acting Chief while Chief Morris is away for training at the FBI Academy.
- Community Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 19th
- Will be working with the Public Works Department to keep residents informed regarding mosquito control efforts (i.e. spraying).

Presentations

Teacher Appreciation: Ms. Hannah Jardine, Parkdale High School

Mayor Archer presented Ms. Hannah Jardine of Parkdale High School with a proclamation.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Archer read the Arbor Day proclamation.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Lingua requested a copy of item # 8 and # 10.

Treasurer's Report

As of 3/31/14 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$5,461,448.08

Expenditures: \$3,597,104.55

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

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Sara Imhulse reported:

- Attended a Complete Streets Workshop and will provide an electronic copy of the presentation to the Council.
- Delegate Gaines's Town Hall meeting (originally scheduled for April 24th) will be rescheduled as it has grown significantly.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 12, 2014 from 1-3 p.m. at Riversdale Mansion
- McInturff Architects will present the first draft of schematic designs for the Town Hall Expansion project at the May 5th Council Meeting.
- Karen Krueger will make a presentation on LEOBR (Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights) at the May 5th Council Meeting.
- MML Convention will be held June 8-11 in Ocean City

Discussion:

CM Ebbeler requested an update on the covenants for the Well-Fargo/Wachovia Building.

Police and Code Report

Lt. Colonel Patrick Timmons reported that he was looking forward to working with the Council and will be available by phone or e-mail.

Discussion:

CM Ebbeler suggested corrections to the Vacant/Foreclosure List for Ward 1.

Public Works Report:

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- Spring Clean-up will be held on April 19th. There will be no Saturday drop-off in April.
- Update on water valve break on Queensbury Road and Lafayette.
- Farmer's Market started on April 3rd.
- Minor street repairs have been made on Riverdale Road due to the harsh winter.
- The Town Clock is in the process of being repaired.
- Snow season is over and repairs are being made to equipment. DPW greatly appreciates the new equipment that was purchased this year.

Discussion:

CM Lingua stated that the Saturday bulk trash drop-off dates listed in the last Crier were incorrect. Mr. Addison clarified that the Saturday bulk trash drop-off is usually held on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

CM Thompson stated that a speed bump in the 4700 block of Sheridan Street needed to be repainted. Mr. Addison stated that he would take a look at it.

Fire Department Report

Mayor Archer read the Fire Department's report.

Mayor Archer stated that he would like the Council to consider requesting that Chief Bashoor revisit the decision to withdraw paid personnel from Riverdale Fire Department as the staffing situation has changed.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

- Farmer's Market is now open on Thursday's
- Town will be applying for recertification of Tree City USA
- Local and Green Purchasing initiatives will be introduced at a future meeting
- Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee (RPSC) application is being prepared for the June 30th deadline.
- Discussion of RPSC Beale Circle beautification and community effort (next budget season)
- Spoke with Mayor Archer regarding policy initiatives for the next budget season: free wireless at Town Center and tax incentives for additional retail and restaurants in Town Center

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Farmer's Market is now open on Thursday's from 3-7 pm in Town Center
- Residents in Ward 2 have expressed concerns regarding code violations. Residents may report code violations directly to Code Enforcement or they may contact their councilmember or Mayor Archer.
- Finance Committee will meet on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. regarding the FY 15 budget.
- Reminder to look for standing water in your yard (and empty it) to keep the mosquito population down.
- Happy birthday to CM Ebbeler!

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Overview of recent CKAR meeting
- Request that the Town make a contribution to CKAR to assist with structural costs during the next budget cycle
- Discussion regarding the renovation of the St. Bernard's school gymnasium for a Welcome Center
- Taste of TNI held at Bladensburg High School and Queensbury Café participated
- Riverdale Park Arts Council will hold a meeting/membership drive at Town Center Market on April 8, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- Code Issue: large RV type vehicle on property on 6200 block of Taylor Road needs to be parked on a prepared surface per Town Code

CM Raymond Rivas, Ward 5

CM Raymond Rivas thanked the youth of Riverdale Park in Ward 5 for their participation in a recent Earth Day event. CM Rivas also reminded the public that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Riversdale Mansion.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva stated that there were no complaints to report from Ward 6 residents.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Ms. Devonian Smith of 54th Avenue discussed code violations near her home.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Fence Permit Application: 4909 Somerset Road; construction of a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 2)
2. Motion to approve Carnival Permit Request for Taylor and Sons Inc.- Riverdale Park Lions Club Fundraiser (Ward 4)
3. Motion to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with M-NCPPC regarding a Dog Park (Ward 2)
4. Closure of Town Center from 2:00 a.m. on May 3, 2014, until 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2014, to support the Arts Fest
5. Authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with Lindsey and Associates for FY 15 audit services
6. Minutes from the March 4, 2014 Legislative Meeting
7. Minutes from the March 24, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting
8. Minutes from the March 31, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting

CM Ebbeler 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 waive bid requirements and award a contract to Bates for refuse collection

CM Thompson made a motion to waive bid requirements and award a contract to Bates for refuse collection. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4-0 (favorable; CM Lingua abstained)

Discussion:

Mr. Addison gave an overview of the Bates contract. The Council had the opportunity to ask questions.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business

Jeffrey Yorke gave an overview of Riverdale Park Arts Council 2013 events and requested a contribution for ArtsFest 2014. Mr. Yorke also requested funding for the Gerald King Award. The Town's contribution to the ArtsFest was included in the FY 14 budget and the other funding request will be discussed as an agenda item at the next Economic Development Committee meeting.

CM Ebbeler read resolutions 2014-R-06 and 2014-R-07. CM Ebbeler stated that some language adjustments may be needed and both resolutions will be discussed at the April 28th worksession.

CM Lingua discussed the installation of pet waste stations at Town Center, north of Queensbury Road. This item will be discussed at the next Public Works Committee meeting on May 9th.

Adjournment

CM Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Rivas. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.