

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2014
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 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 Ebbeler made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson.
Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Water Main replacement projects in Ward 1 and 2 are progressing on schedule
- East West Highway and Baltimore Avenue (Rt. 1) construction is in the final phases with completion expected for June 30th
- Mayor's Proposed FY 15 Budget is on the Town website
- Budget workshop is scheduled for May 10th at 10:00 a.m.
- There will be a public hearing on May 27th at 7:00 p.m. (before the Worksession) regarding the FY 15 budget ordinance. The public is encouraged to attend.
- Overview of FY 15 budget (projects and priorities)
- Thank you to everyone involved with ArtsFest
- Discussion item for Senior Staff meeting: restrooms at Riverside Park

Presentations

Peggy Higgins, Prince George's County Board of Education

Peggy Higgins discussed the letter and resolution sent to her by the Council regarding William Wirt Middle School. Ms. Higgins stated that there would be a community meeting on May 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at William Wirt Middle School to discuss the process for addressing the issues with the building.

Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights: Karen Kruger, Funk & Bolton

Karen Kruger gave an overview of the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR). The Council had the opportunity to ask questions.

Draft Schematic Designs for Town Hall Expansion Project: McInturff Architects

Mark McInturff gave an overview of the schematic design process. Mr. McInturff also discussed preliminary cost estimates and LEED accreditation. The Council had the opportunity to ask questions.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 4/30/14 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$5,604,986.42

Expenditures: \$3,984,290.65

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

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Sara Imhulse reported:

- Thanked the Mayor and Council for their patience while out sick
- The FY 15 Proposed Budget has been distributed to the Council for their review. Thank you to the Mayor, Council and staff for their dedication in preparing and reviewing the Budget.
- The May worksession will be held on Tuesday, May 27th due to the Memorial Day holiday. There will be a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. regarding the FY 15 budget ordinance
- Will be on vacation from May 14 to May 20 and Mr. Addison will be covering during that time.

Police and Code Report

Lt. Colonel Patrick Timmons stated that his report was included in the meeting materials.

Public Works Report:

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- Saturday Bulk Drop-off will be held on May 17th.
- There will be no trash pick-up on May 26th (Memorial Day). The next trash collection date will be May 29th.
- Reminder: yard waste is no longer collected in plastic bags. Residents may use paper bags or reusable plastic containers (marked with "Yard Waste").

Discussion:

- CM Ebbeler stated that he had received complaints regarding the quality of paving between the 43rd and 44th block of Queensbury Road. Mr. Addison will look into it.
- CM Lingua discussed stormwater concerns in Ward 3 specifically around the 5700-5800 block of Taylor Road. Mr. Addison discussed the stormwater issues in that area and throughout the town.

Fire Department Report

President Lamphier stated that a written report was included in the meeting materials. President Lamphier stated that the Department was appreciative of the letter to Chief Marc Bashoor regarding a request for additional career firefighters.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

- Thank you to RPAC for another great Artsfest
- Seeking artists for the first pad site for the Public Art Initiative
- Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee (RPSC) is continuing to make progress. The application for Sustainable Maryland Certified is due on June 30th.
- Schedule for Jazz on the Lawn has been announced and will be held beginning on June 18th on Wednesdays at Riversdale Mansion from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Thank you to everyone involved in another fabulous ArtsFest
- Budget hearing will be held on May 10th at 10:00 a.m.
- Farmer's Market is going well and everyone is encouraged to stop by to check it out.
- Final plans for Whole Foods were signed at the last MUTC meeting

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Next CKAR meeting will be held on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. at 6201 Riverside Road. Landscape designs for the Welcome Center will be presented and Delegate Tawanna Gaines will be in attendance.
- Acknowledgement of the efforts of the Public Works Department during recent weather events.
- Discussion regarding recent WSSC blockage near Riverside Neighborhood Park due to improper disposal of cooking grease.
- Appreciative of efforts to address issues regarding restrooms at Riverside Park.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva reported that residents are aware of and want to see the sidewalk extension project completed in Ward 6.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Marita Novicky thanked the Town for supporting the ArtsFest and also recognized the Mayor, Council and staff for their hard work. CM Lingua thanked Ms. Novicky for staffing the Kids Table at ArtsFest.

Jeffrey Yorke discussed the ArtsFest and upcoming summer concert series.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Variance Application V-18-14 for 4510 Riverdale Road: Request for a variance of 12.5 feet front yard depth, 13.4% net lot coverage, and 1 foot 6 inches side lot line and 1 foot 4 inches rear lot line setbacks for an accessory building (Ward 1)
2. Block Party Request: 46th Avenue between Riverdale Road and Oliver Street for June 7, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Ward 1)
3. Adopt Resolution 2014-R-06 regarding the establishment of Local Purchasing Preference Policy
4. Letter to Chief Marc Bashoor of the Prince George's County Fire Department regarding a request for additional career firefighters
5. Minutes from the April 7, 2014 Legislative Meeting
6. Minutes from the April 28, 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 adopt Resolution 2014-R-07 regarding the establishment of a Sustainable Purchasing Policy

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-07 regarding the establishment of a Sustainable Purchasing Policy with staff comments. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Town Administrator Imhulse stated that staff comments relating to Resolution 2014-R-07 were included in the meeting materials. CM Ebbeler stated that he accepted the changes suggested by staff.

2. Introduction of Ordinance 2014-OR-04 regarding street improvements standards

CM Thompson read Ordinance 2014-OR-04 regarding street improvements standards into the record.

Discussion:

CM Thompson gave a brief overview of Ordinance 2014-OR-04.

3. Introduction of Ordinance 2014-OR-05 regarding the FY 15 budget

CM Thompson read Ordinance 2014-OR-05 regarding the FY 15 budget into the record.

Discussion:

CM Thompson gave a brief overview of the ordinance. CM Thompson reminded the public that the FY 15 budget would be discussed in greater detail at the Finance Committee meeting on May 10th at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

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 10:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.