

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
July 7, 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 Christopher Henry, Ward 4
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
David Morris, Chief of Police
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works

Call to Order

Mayor Archer called the legislative meeting to order at 8:00 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:

Consent Agenda Item 1 was revised to include “with conditions”. Legislative Action Item 2 was removed from the agenda.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Continues to work with Staff to examine the outcome of the June 10 flash flood. We are determined to learn the lessons, fix the exposed weaknesses and, to the degree possible, assist residents in recovery.
- Will visit Guatemala along with 5 ESOL teachers over the next weeks.
- Working towards the final design for Town Hall Youth and Community Wing Expansion.
- Staff continues to be busy managing significant water and utility work in Town (planned, emergency planned and emergency work).
- Chief Morris has returned from FBI academy. Congratulations to the Chief on being selected to speak on behalf of his graduating class.
- Executive sessions held on June 30, 2014 and July 7, 2014 to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to such acquisition.

Presentation

Swearing-in of Private Baio

Mayor Archer administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Private Baio.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Thompson and CM Ebbeler requested copies of item 2 and item 6. CM Lingua requested a copy of item 2.

Treasurer's Report

As of 6/30/14 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 5,810,535.74

Expenditures: \$ 4,918,768.00

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:

- Meeting would not be televised however audio would still be available.
- Special Legislative Meeting on July 21, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. to approve a contract with McInturff Architects and to waive bid requirements for the purchase of Police Department vehicles.
- Continues to work with the Town Attorney to address challenges associated with the implementation of the business license ordinance (Ordinance 2013-OR-06).

Discussion:

Mr. Bob Masler discussed concerns regarding the implementation of the new business license ordinance and the impact on rental property owners.

Ms. Nadine Singh also discussed the impact of the business license ordinance on single family rental property owners.

Mayor Archer stated that comments regarding the impact of Ordinance 2013-OR-06 should be submitted to Town Administrator Imhulse by July 15, 2014.

Police and Code Report

Chief of Police David Morris reported:

- Discussion regarding recent Breaking & Entering in Town
- Ward 2 Public Safety Community Walk will be held on July 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. beginning at Town Center Market.
- National Night Out will be held on August 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Town Center.
- Continuing to work to fill the sworn officer vacancies. Rudy Castro has returned to the Code Department.

Public Works Report:

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- Saturday bulk trash drop-off will be held on August 16, 2014

Legislative Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2014

Page | 2

- A master arborist has been contacted as a result of recent tree maintenance concerns
- Update from recent meeting with DPW&T regarding Wells Run
- Complaints have been received regarding the nets at the Field of Dreams. Park users have been advised to put the nets down after each use.
- There have been several incidents of vandalism at the train station.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

- Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee has submitted their application for Sustainable Maryland Certified and initial feedback has been given for follow-up. RPSC is considering projects for the coming year such as Beale Circle beautification/volunteer park, storm drain murals and town cleanups.
- Signage grants have been disbursed to Town Center Market and Bikram Yoga for FY 14. More grants are expected for FY 15.
- Jazz at the Mansion is underway.

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported that he attended the MML Convention in June. CM Thompson also thanked Town staff for their work at the end of the fiscal year.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported that he attended the MML Convention in June. CM Lingua also gave an update regarding ATHA.

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry announced that the Public Works Committee meeting would be held on July 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva reported that Ward 6 residents liked the sidewalk design.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Haines of 48th Avenue discussed his concerns regarding tractor trailers on his street.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Send a letter of support with conditions to the Planning Board regarding Case # DPLS-406 (Departure of Parking and Loading Standards) waiver of 4 parking spaces from the 14 parking spaces required for Edge Medical, 5305 Kenilworth Avenue (Ward 6)
2. Approval of Building Permit for 4702 Nicholson Street, 6 foot retaining wall (Ward 3)
3. Approval of Building Permit Application for 6008 Rhode Island Avenue, 4 foot wooden front yard fence (Ward 1)
4. Send a letter to ATHA (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area) recognizing CM David Lingua as the ATHA Governing Board representative for Riverdale Park
5. Minutes from the June 2, 2014 Legislative Meeting
6. Minutes from the June 16, 2014 Special Legislative Meeting
7. Minutes from the June 30, 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. Resolution 2014-R-10 regarding Prince George's County's maintenance and improvements to the stormwater management system in Riverdale Park
CM Thompson made a motion to adopt resolution 2014-R-10 regarding Prince George's County's maintenance and improvements to the stormwater management system in Riverdale Park. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

~~2. Discuss and take action on the purchase of real property for a public use~~

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment

CM Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.