

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2014
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
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works
Patrick Timmons, Assistant Chief of Police
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Archer called the legislative meeting to order at 8:05 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 Henry.
Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Recognition of effort that went into planning Riverdale Park Day. Everything was great!
- Purple Line Meeting will be held on October 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Camillus Church in Langley Park
- Task Force for review of William Wirt Middle School building is moving forward and the final report to the School Board is expected in December.
- Update regarding recent meetings to discuss pedestrian safety.
- Seeking areas in Town to plant new trees. There are approximately 35 trees to be planted this fall.

Discussion:

CM Lingua asked if there was a timeframe for any pedestrian safety related changes. Mayor Archer explained that there were a variety of options available and each option had a different timeframe for implementation. There was discussion regarding changes to the speed limit.

Presentation

Teacher Appreciation: Juliana Ocampos-Barry, William Wirt Middle School

Mayor Archer presented Ms. Juliana Ocampos-Barry with a proclamation recognizing her contributions to the youth of Riverdale Park.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Thompson requested a copy of items 7, 8, 9 and 15. CM Lingua requested a copy of items 7, 9 and 10.

Treasurer's Report

As of 9/30/14 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 767,268.63

Expenditures: \$ 988,538.81

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:

- Riverdale Park Day was a great event! Thank you to staff for their hard work and to the Council for including more money in the budget for this year's event.
- Thank you to the Recreation Committee and volunteers for their contributions to Riverdale Park Day. Thank you to Nova Johns for her leadership.
- Update on the status of business licenses.
- Upcoming County Executive Listening Sessions: 10/9 at Oxon Hill High School and 10/16 at Flowers High School
- University of Maryland Extension 100th Anniversary Celebration: Monday, October 13. Two locations: Clinton and Riverdale Park (6200 Sheridan Street)
- Staff completed the annual flu shot clinic and 22 staff members (51%) participated.

Discussion:

CM Henry requested a status report regarding rental license renewals. Town Administrator Imhulse gave an update on the status of rental license renewals.

CM Lingua reported that he heard positive comments regarding Riverdale Park Day.

Police and Code Report

Assistant Chief of Police Patrick Timmons reported:

- Riverdale Park Day went very smoothly
- Community Roll Call: October 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Christian Life Center
- Community Roll Call: November 18th at the Alamo Restaurant
- Ward 1 Community Public Safety Walk: October 18th at 10 am at Town Center Market
- Ward 3 Community Public Safety Walk: November 8th at 10 am at Town Center Market
- Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on November 11th at 11 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial

Discussion:

CM Lingua discussed a recent posting at a property on the 4700 block of Riverdale Road.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- Bulk trash drop-off will be held on October 18th

- In the process of ordering trees for the fall planting. Please contact DPW or your councilmember if you would like to have a tree planted near your home.
- Storm drain covers along Riverdale Road have been painted by the Anacostia Watershed Society and Riverdale Elementary School. More storm drain covers will be painted in the areas around Riverdale Elementary School.
- Queensbury Road residents: WSSC has not completed the water main project but they are getting close.
- Working with the Town engineer regarding a study of storm drains in Ward 3

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department's report was included in the meeting packets and President Lamphier gave an overview of the report.

Discussion:

CM Lingua asked President Lamphier about County funding levels for the Fire Department over the last four years.

CM Henry asked when the Town's fire hydrants were pressure tested. Mr. Lamphier explained that the Fire Department no longer has responsibility for hydrant testing and only WSSC can perform the pressure testing. Mr. Addison stated that he would contact WSSC regarding the pressure testing of Town hydrants.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Thank you to staff and volunteers for a wonderful Riverdale Park Day!
- Status of the Dog Park MOU: follow-up needed with Eileen Nivera
- Discussion regarding opposition to PZED proposal to allow LED Video billboards along East West Highway
- Attended recent Traffic-Pedestrian Safety meetings with Mayor Archer and Lt. Colonel Timmons
- Thank you to Ward 2 resident and civil engineer Melissa Anderson for attending recent Traffic-Pedestrian Safety meeting
- Cafritz project: Rivertech Road plan is close to being finalized

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Thank you to CM Thompson for his hard work and dedication in managing the details of the Rivertech Road project
- Next CKAR meeting: October 7, 2014 at 7 p.m. at 6200 Riverdale Road
- Updates from the ATHA Managing Board and Governing Board meeting on September 25th.
- Kudos to the Riverdale Park Day Planning Committee!
- Ward 3 Community Public Safety Walk: November 8th at 10 am. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on October 10th at 8:30 a.m. Overview of topics to be discussed.
- Concerns regarding increased traffic speed along Good Luck Road corridor that is creating difficulty entering and exiting the Madison Hill neighborhood. Request to follow-up regarding the placement of a speed camera.
- Welcome back to Code Enforcement Manager Colleen Ferguson
- Thank you to Public Works Director Addison
- Discussion regarding debris at the corner of Good Luck Road

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva reported that residents in Ward 6 are happy and are waiting for pedestrian safety devices.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items or consent agenda items.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda item:

1. Minutes from the September 2, 2014 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 adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-08 regarding FY 15 Budget Amendment #1

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-08 regarding FY 15 Budget Amendment #1. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

CM Thompson made a motion to amend item 1 in Ordinance 2014-OR-08 from \$39,000 to \$35,000. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

2. Motion to award a contract to VMP Construction in the amount of \$81,210 for Taylor Road and Silk Tree Lane Roadway Improvements (Ward 2, 3 and 4)

CM Henry made a motion to award a contract to VMP Construction in the amount of \$81,210 for Taylor Road and Silk Tree Lane Roadway Improvements (Ward 2, 3 and 4). The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

3. Motion to award a contract to NZI Construction in the amount of \$76,549 for 49th Avenue Roadway Improvements (Ward 2)

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4. Motion to award a contract to NZI Construction in the amount of \$199,075 for Riverdale Road between Taylor Road and 54th Avenue (Ward 3 and 5)

CM Thompson made a motion to award a contract to NZI Construction in the amount of \$199,075 for Riverdale Road between Taylor Road and 54th Avenue (Ward 3 and 5). The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

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 9:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.