

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
December 1, 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
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works
David Morris, Chief of Police

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 Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson.
Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Legislative Action Item 1 was removed from the agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Ward 5 Councilman Raymond Rivas resigned from his position. Mayor Archer outlined the replacement process.
- A Ward 5 Community Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss the process for selecting a Ward representative.
- SHA has agreed to put a light at the crossing at 58th Avenue and 410 as well as decrease the speed limit in that area. SHA will also review the lane construction in the area to increase public safety.
- Update regarding the effort to attain Sustainable Community Designation
- Anacostia Watershed Society would like to meet regarding Wells Run and will be invited to attend a future worksession.
- First meeting of the University Towns group will be held on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in College Park.
- Thank you to those who contributed to the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Alamo.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 11/30/14 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 3,846,342.57

Expenditures: \$ 1,881,243.67

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:

- Children's Holiday Party "Donuts with Santa" will be held on December 13 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Town Hall. Bring your cameras for "Selfies with Santa".
- Holiday Market and Festival of Lights will also be held on December 13 at Town Center starting at 12 noon.
- Senior Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 17 at Crescent Cities from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP to 301-927-6381 if you plan to attend.
- Will attend the PGCMA legislative dinner on December 2nd
- New and unwrapped toys are being collected at Town Hall for Toys for Tots. Volunteers are needed to assist with wrapping the gifts.
- Hats, gloves, scarves and coats will be collected throughout the holiday season at Town Hall.

Police and Code Report

Chief of Police David Morris reported:

- Community Roll Call was held on November 18 at the Alamo as part of ongoing community outreach efforts.
- Enhancements have been made to CrimeReports.com
- Toys for Tots and Food Basket Delivery preparation has begun
- Overview of calls for service in November

Discussion:

CM Henry inquired regarding upcoming DUI Checkpoints during the holiday season and the use of body cameras. Chief Morris discussed both topics.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- Saturday bulk drop-off will be held on December 20
- Holiday Trash Collection Schedule: No collection on Christmas Day, December 25, the next collection date will be December 29. No trash collection on New Year's Day, January 1, the next collection will be on January 5.
- Trash collection will take place as scheduled on January 19 (MLK Day)
- Twenty-nine trees were installed during the fall. Installation will resume in the spring. Please contact DPW if you are interested in having a tree installed near your property and you will be added to the list.
- Leaf collection: Leaves will not be collected in plastic bags. You may use paper bags or a designated container. Please do not park in front of leaf piles if you would like for them to be vacuumed up.

- Met with State officials again regarding vegetative growth and sediment in Wells Run.
- DPW was able to sell old equipment for a total of \$9,800.

Fire Department Report

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

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

- MUTC Meeting on December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss several projects in Ward 1. Items on the agenda include: 7-Eleven, Lesley's Grill and Cafritz Project (buildings along Rt.1, north of Tuckerman Street).
- Trolley Trail (north of Town Center and ending at Tuckerman Street) has made substantial headway
- Discussion regarding trees in buffer along Rt. 1 in front of the Cafritz project. Trees were lost due to SHA roadway layout changes.
- Public Arts Initiative is moving forward. There were 10 submissions as a result of the recent Call for Artists.
- Honey Bun Cake Factory has signed their lease with Douglas Development and is moving forward.
- Discussion regarding incentives for new restaurants in Town Center.

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Looking forward to working with Ward 2 resident Dannielle Glaros who was recently sworn in as a member of the County Council.
- Discussion regarding conflicts between M-Square covenants and TDDP. Council action will be needed as the process moves forward.
- Holiday Market will be held on December 13 at Town Center.
- Outdoor Farmers Market has been extended until December 18. An indoor Winter Market will begin on January 8.
- Happy and safe holidays!

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Overview of items to be discussed at the CKAR meeting on December 2 at 7 p.m. at 6200 Riverdale Road (second floor).
- Happy holidays!

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Silk Tree Drive was resurfaced in November and the community is very happy.
- Public Works Committee will meet on December 19 at 8:00 a.m. at Town Hall.
- Speed cameras have been reinstated near Madison Hill
- Happy holidays!

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva did not have a report but wished everyone happy holidays.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Rob Walker of Tuckerman Street discussed concerns regarding the proposed 7-Eleven on Rt. 1 and encouraged the MUTC committee to not approve the use. He provided the Council with a copy of a letter and petition signed by residents in the area. CM Ebbeler discussed the role of the MUTC committee. Mr. Joe Kelly of Tuckerman Street stated that the purpose of submitting the letter and petition to the Council was to start the public record. CM Thompson suggested that a copy of the letter and petition also be sent to the applicant.

Mr. Joe Kelly of Tuckerman Street requested an update on Lesley's Grill.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda item:

1. Closing of Town Center from 2:00 a.m. on May 3, 2015, until 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2015, to support the Arts Fest
2. Minutes from the November 3, 2014 Legislative Meeting

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Legislative Action Items:

1. ~~Motion regarding Building Permit Application for 5802 Taylor Road to include curb cut (Ward 3)~~
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-09 regarding fences

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-09 regarding fences. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Unfinished Business

Legislative Priorities

CM Thompson made a motion to direct the Mayor to write a letter to the 22nd delegation (with relevant carbon copies) to establish the Town's legislative priorities to include ensuring continued progress on the Purple Line project and ensuring the State's support of the Prince George's County Schools Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Root Cause Analysis from WSSC

CM Thompson requested an update on the status of WSSC's root cause analysis for the water failure at Riverdale Towers. Town Administrator Imhulse stated that she would update CM Thompson regarding WSSC's response to the request.

Building Permit Application for 5802 Taylor Road

CM Lingua stated that he met with the applicant to discuss various concerns regarding his request for an additional driveway. CM Lingua stated that the applicant is interested in possibly extending his current driveway by 250 square feet (instead of requesting an additional driveway).

The dimensions of the extended driveway would be 10x25 feet. Town Administrator Imhulse stated that the applicant needed to go through the County first but staff would look into it further.

Date of the December Worksession

The Council decided to move the December worksession to Monday, December 22, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Adjournment

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Typed from audio and notes by JEB.