

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2015**  
**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 (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)  
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

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

**Call to Order**

Mayor Archer called the legislative meeting to order at 8:03 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: 4-0 (favorable)

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- The final roadway plan for the Rivertech Court connection to the Cafritz Development (bridge) has been signed by the University of Maryland and the Town.
- Town has purchased 4603 East West Highway (a vacant lot) as a secondary site for Public Works equipment and Town storage for \$51,665.80.
- Public concern regarding sediment in Wells Run due to recent rupture of WSSC water main on Route 1. WSSC is cleaning it out the sediment using a vacuum system.
- Two years ago the Council passed legislation enabling the Mayor to pursue an eminent domain claim on 5731 Baltimore Avenue (Jey's Auto). A tentative agreement has been reached with Jey and a third party developer to build a MUTC cornerstone building for the entrance to the Town. The formal contract is still being negotiated.

**Presentations**

Riverdale Park Police Department Recognition

Mayor Archer and Lieutenant Colonel Timmons recognized Officer Green for his 5 years of service to the Town.

Mayor Archer and Lieutenant Colonel Timmons presented members of the Police Department with certificates of promotion.

## **Correspondence Summary**

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Thompson requested a copy of items 2 and 7. CM Ebbeler requested a copy of item 7.

## **Treasurer's Report**

As of 1/31/15 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 4,586,567.54

Expenditures: \$ 2,645,389.39

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 stated that her report was given at the worksession last week but she was happy to answer any questions.

## **Police and Code Report**

Assistant Chief of Police Patrick Timmons reported:

- Police Department Annual Report presentation planned for February 23, 2015.
- Promotional exams have been given for corporal and sergeant. This is the first time that an exam has been given for corporal.
- Working to schedule community walks starting in March.

### *Discussion:*

CM Ebbeler asked when the Safe, Clean and Beautiful Initiative would begin again. Lieutenant Colonel Timmons reported that is ongoing.

## **Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- Saturday Bulk Drop-off will be on February 21, 2015.
- DPW has changed all streetlights in Town Center to LED lights. The conversion process will continue.
- During the WSSC restoration an 8-12 inch water main broke on Route 1 and a lot of sediment ran into Wells Run. WSSC has their contractor cleaning the area impacted. The work is anticipated to continue throughout the week. DPW will inspect the clean-up.
- Reminder to move cars off of streets for snow removal. The Town Code requires that cars are parked on the even side of streets only to assist in the snow removal process.

## **Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department's report was included in the meeting materials.

## **Council Committee & Ward Reports**

### **CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1**

- Update on Town Center- more activity expected in the spring.
- Recognition of the pop-up Farmer's Market (expanded use of the Winter Farmer's Market) that is being held in Town Center.
- Trolley Trail has been paved from Town Center to Tuckerman Street.
- Cafritz modifications will be reviewed at the next MUTC meeting.

- Joanna Blake has been awarded the first installation of the Public Arts Initiative.
- Beale Circle Improvement Project led by the Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee will take place this spring.

### **CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2**

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Discussion regarding minor modifications to the Cafritz plans that will be brought to the MUTC Committee.
- Article regarding the M-Square covenants is in the next edition of the Crier. Please contact CM Thompson with any additional questions.
- Farmer's Market held on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Riverdale Roosters Club on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Finance Committee meeting will be held in March.
- Discussion regarding Council preference for budget meetings: single day works best.
- Happy birthday to Town Administrator Imhulse!

### **CM David Lingua, Ward 3**

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR held a meeting last Saturday for a visioning session to assess progress and set future goals.
- CKAR CDC will meet on February 3, 2015 at 7 p.m. at 6201 Riverdale Road. All are welcome to attend.

### **CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4**

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Thank you to Public Works Director Addison for clearing the roads and planting trees along Kenilworth- looks great!
- Discussion regarding trash at intersections and encouraging residents and the public to assist in cleaning the area up.
- Kudos to the Police Department for their vigilance. It is greatly appreciated.
- Ward 4 would like to schedule a Community Walk soon.
- Discussion regarding future Public Works Committee meetings.

### **CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6**

CM Silva congratulated the officers recognized at the meeting. He stated that they do a wonderful job in Riverdale Park.

### **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items**

There were no public comments.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve consent agenda item:

1. Resolution 2015-R-03 to establish a candidate filing fee
2. Town Administrator to send a letter of support for Town's application to Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) grant program
3. Minutes from January 5, 2015 legislative meeting
4. Minutes from January 26, 2015 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 approve Building Permit Application for 5023 Riverdale Road to build a 6 foot wooden fence/enclosure for dumpster (Ward 3)

CM Lingua made a motion to approve Building Permit Application for 5023 Riverdale Road to build a 6 foot wooden fence/enclosure for dumpster (Ward 3). The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

#### *Discussion:*

A representative for the applicant stated that the suggestions made by the Council had been incorporated including an increase in the bulk trash pick-up and larger dumpsters.

2. Motion to approve Building Permit Application for 5401 Taylor Road to build a 6 foot wooden fence (Ward 3)

CM Lingua made a motion to approve fifty feet of six foot fence as described in the application submitted by the property owner and eleven feet subject to the restrictions below.

The Town of Riverdale Park (the Town) does not quit its claim to the public right of way as it relates to the unimproved roadway known as the 5000 block of Ingraham Street and the southern boundary line of 5401 Taylor Road, including approximately eleven feet of the six foot fence. The property owner acknowledges this portion of installed fence, along the property's southern boundary, is in the public right-of-way. At any time and for any reason, the Town may direct the property owner to remove and/or relocate this portion of fence, along with the portion of the approved six foot fence, that being approximately eleven feet, out of the public right of way. The owner shall bear the responsibility as well as the liability of removal and/or relocation. The right-of-way is as defined by the code of The Town of Riverdale Park and that of Prince George's County.

The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

#### *Discussion:*

CM Lingua explained why the motion was needed.

3. Motion to approve the request for a temporary license and waiver from section 42-14(b)(1), 42-14(b)(4), and 42-14(b)(5) of the Town Code for Teresa's Garden Center to sell flowers at 6111 Kenilworth Avenue February 12-14, 2015 and May 8-10, 2015 (Ward 4)

CM Henry made a motion to approve the request for a temporary license and waiver from section 42-14(b)(1), 42-14(b)(4), and 42-14(b)(5) of the Town Code for Teresa's Garden Center to sell flowers at 6111 Kenilworth Avenue February 12-14, 2015 and May 8-10, 2015 (Ward 4). The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-06 to appoint and establish compensation for election officials

CM Henry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-06 to appoint and establish compensation for election officials. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

CM Thompson nominated Ward 2 resident James Coleman. CM Lingua nominated Ward 3 resident Karyn Howard. CM Henry nominated Ward 4 resident Christopher Henry, Jr. Election judges for Ward 1 and Ward 5 will be selected in March.

5. Motion regarding handicapped parking on Somerset Street (Ward 2)

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-07 to adjust restricted parking at 4704 Somerset Road. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

CM Thompson discussed the reason for the adjustment to restricted parking at 4704 Somerset Road.

6. Motion to approve the 2015 Council Calendar

CM Henry made a motion to approve the 2015 Council Calendar. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

**Unfinished Business**

- Mayor Archer stated that the TIF for the Town's portion of the bridge will be back on the agenda within the next month or two.
- The Council discussed funding for the Purple Line.
- CM Ebbeler stated that further discussion would be needed regarding unresolved issues with Mr. Caputo in relation to the Beale Circle Beautification Project.

**New Business**

1. CM Thompson made a motion to direct the Mayor or Town Administrator to send a letter expressing the Town Council's strong support for CB-002-2015 based on the draft letter provided. CM Ebbeler seconded motion. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

CM Thompson discussed the need for clarification of the language used in the Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center (M-U-TC) Development Plan. CM Ebbeler agreed that clarification was needed.

**Adjournment**

CM Henry 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 notes by JEB.*