

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2015
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 (arrived at 8:30 p.m.)
CM Eber Rosario, Ward 5
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
David Morris, Chief of Police
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works
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 Lingua.
Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Thank you to Council and public for support during election.
- Prince George's County Department of the Environment will host a meeting on June 10 at 1801 McCormick Drive (Room 140) in Largo from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. regarding floods
- June Council Worksession will be held on Monday, June 22 due to MML Convention
- Update on funding of bridge to the Cafritz project
- Paving season is underway: update on current projects
- Overall schedule of street work for WSSC will hopefully be ready for the next Crier
- Thank you to Public Works for helping to mitigate damage from Pepco tree trimmers to tree canopy in Town

Presentation

- Swearing-in of Mayor and Council

Mr. James Watson, representative of Clerk of the Circuit Court Sydney Harrison, swore in the Mayor and Council.

- Riverdale Park Police Department Years of Service Recognition

Mayor Archer recognized Lt. Col. Timmons's 25 years of service to the Town of Riverdale Park.

Patrick Prangley congratulated the Mayor and Council on their recent re-election and recognized the great reputation of the RPPD. Mr. Prangley presented Lt. Col. Timmons with a MML certificate of appreciation for his 25 years of municipal service.

Mayor Archer also recognized Sgt. Vitchock's 15 years of service to the Town of Riverdale Park.

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) to cover all activities of the Council unless otherwise contradicted by the Town Charter, Town Code or State Law. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 5/31/15 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 5,656,694.62

Expenditures: \$ 4,374,853.07

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Sara Imhulse reported:

- Update on the status of the Leroy Petroy Honor Village
- Update on recent meeting with Whole Foods executives
- Reminder regarding Joe Nagro's retirement party on Tuesday, June 23 in College Park

Police and Code Report

Chief of Police David Morris reported:

- Thank you to Mayor and Council for recognition of Lt. Col. Timmons and Sgt. Vitchock's years of service
- Attended the graduation ceremony for Johns Hopkins University where Lt. Powell and Officer Baio received master's degrees.
- Lt. Turner and Cpl. Green will attend The Cooper Institute Law Enforcement Fitness Specialist training program.
- National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4 and preparations are underway.
- Overview of two recent incidents in Town

Public Works Report

Director of Public Works Leonard Addison reported:

- Bulk Trash Drop Off will be held on Saturday, June 20
- DPW is working to replace metal doors at the Train Station to guard against vandalism
- Street Paving: DPW is working with Washington Gas and WSSC

- Discussion regarding tree trimming

Fire Department Report

Mayor Archer read the Fire Department's report.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Thank you to Ward 2 voters
- Update from Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting
- Condolences to the family and friends of Ward 2 residents Rebecca Sellick and Mike Moltz
- Finance Committee met on Saturday May 16 to review the Budget
- June MUTC meeting will be rescheduled for June 10 to review plans for Baltimore Avenue 7-11
- Dog Park is scheduled to open in late August/September

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR CDC meeting will be held on June 2, 2015 at 7 p.m. at 6200 Riverdale Road
- Thank you to voters from Ward 3- looking forward to another term on Council
- Heard the concerns from Ward 3 residents while campaigning and will be addressing them

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Shout out to supporters and constituents in Ward 4
- Kudos to Riverdale Park Police Department
- Great work by Department of Public Works
- WSSC is currently working in Madison Hill and there will be some growing pains but they have been doing a good job so far.

CM Eber Rosario, Ward 5

CM Eber Rosario thanked the voters in Ward 5 and looks forward to the next two years on Council.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva reported that Ward 6 is quiet and thanked the Riverdale Park Police Department for all of their hard work.

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 items:

1. Authorize Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Maryland Energy Administration regarding the Maryland Smart Energy Community grant
2. Motion to approve curb cut request for 4522 Madison Street (Ward 1)

3. Motion to approve a block party request for June 7, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on 46th Avenue between Riverdale Road and Oliver Street (Ward 1)
4. Minutes from April 6, 2015 Legislative Meeting
5. Minutes from April 27, 2015 Special Legislative Meeting
6. Minutes from May 4, 2015 Legislative Meeting

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

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion regarding fence permit application for 5805 Sora Lane, a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 4)

CM Henry made a motion to approve the fence permit application for 5805 Sora Lane, a 6 foot wooden backyard fence. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote 5-0 (favorable)

2. Motion regarding fence permit application for 5410 Riverdale Road, a 6 foot wooden side/back yard fence (Ward 4)

CM Henry made a motion to approve a 6 foot wooden backyard fence at or beyond the rear building line. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Officer Blanco translated for the applicant.

CM Henry requested more information regarding the issuance of the Stop Work Order. Town Administrator Imhulse clarified that the applicant started building the fence without a permit from the Town.

The applicant reported that the rear fence was built because of safety concerns. The applicant also stated that the front yard fence was 4 feet tall and the side and back fence was 6 feet tall. CM Henry stated that he was concerned about the height of the side fence as it extends from the rear building line to the front of the house.

3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-OR-02 regarding the FY 16 Budget

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-OR-02 regarding the FY 16 Budget as introduced. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

CM Thompson motion to substitute the previously introduced ordinance with the version as presented on June 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

4. Motion to adopt Mayor's nominations for committee assignments and Council vice-chairman

Mayor Archer nominated CM Thompson as Council Vice-Chair. CM Henry made a motion to adopt Mayor Archer's nomination for Council Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Mayor Archer stated that he was still working on his committee nominations.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business

CM Lingua stated that a speed hump request in Ward 3 would be coming in the future.

Adjournment

CM Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.