

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
December 7, 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
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
David Morris, Chief of Police
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Archer called the legislative meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

The Mayor, Council, staff, and public observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Riverdale Park resident Elizabeth Ives Reedy.

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 revised agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Lingua requested that Legislative Action Item 1 be removed from the agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Bridge construction will begin on or about December 14th and the “cut through” will be closed until approximately April 2017.
- Update regarding proposed 7-Eleven
- By Executive Order the Town DPW will now follow a pollinator protection policy.
- Seeking volunteers for M-UTC committee vacancy and two vacancies on the Ethics Commission
- Dog Park construction is progressing
- Children's Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 12th at Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Holiday Market and Festival of Lights will be held on Saturday, December 12th from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. at Town Center
- Presenters are needed for Career Day at William Wirt Middle School on Friday, December 11th
- Discussion regarding Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops in Riverdale Park

- Thank you to all who participated in the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and coat drive.
- Happy holidays to all!

Presentations

William Wirt Boys Baseball Team Recognition

Mayor Archer presented the William Wirt Boys Baseball Team with a proclamation in honor of their hard work and achievement. William Wirt Principal Prince, Assistant Coach Goddard and team captains were also included in the presentation.

Lions Club Scholarship Presentation

Former University Park Mayor Tabori and Lions Club President Patrick Prangley presented the Riverdale Park Lions Club Scholarship to Kelsey Jarman.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 11/30/15 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 4,305,307.63

Expenditures: \$ 2,176,329.45

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:

- Administrative error in numbering of council resolutions has been resolved
- Initial presentation to the Council regarding the hotel (part of the Cafritz project) will be on December 21st. Presentation to M-UTC will be in January and the presentation to the Planning Board will be in February.
- Children's Holiday Party will be held on December 12th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- Holiday Market and Festival of Lights will be held on December 12th from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Town Center
- Staff Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 17.
- Coats can still be dropped off at Town Hall. New, hats and gloves are also being collected at Town Hall.
- New and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Town Hall for Toys for Tots.
- Road between Lafayette Avenue and Rivertech Court, known as the "cut through", will be closing on December 14th.
- Happy holidays!

Discussion:

- Future plans for road closure/construction signage will need to be evaluated as project progresses. Work will begin on December 14th.

Police Department Report

Chief of Police David Morris reported:

- Update regarding recent cases.

- Officer Baio recently assumed his duties as investigator in Criminal Investigations Division.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony. Special thanks to the HHC, 354th Civil Affairs Brigade for their participation in the ceremony.
- Welcome to new Code Enforcement Officer Jose Velez.
- Will participate in Santa with a Badge at Target on December 12th
- Food basket distribution is scheduled for December 16th
- Toys for Tots toy delivery tentatively scheduled for December 22nd
- Reminder regarding CrimeReports.com
- Happy holidays and be safe!

Public Works Report

Town Administrator Imhulse reported on behalf of Director of Public Works Leonard Addison that the new doors at the Train Station had been installed.

Fire Department Report

There was no report for the Fire Department.

Council Committee & Ward Report

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Happy holidays!
- Bridge construction will close the "cut through" beginning next Monday, December 14th
- Discussion regarding parking at the dog park
- Reminder regarding parking during snow emergencies

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Attended the swearing-in of College Park Council
- Overview of December 1st CKAR meeting: review of grant submissions and update on recent CKAR meetings
- Attended Governing Magazine recognition of Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker
- Passing of longtime resident Mrs. Elizabeth Ives Reedy
- "Cut through" will be closed as of December 14th
- Holiday Market and Festival of Lights will be held on December 12th
- Bulk Trash Drop off will be on December 19th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at DPW
- Happy holidays!

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Thank you to Town staff
- Condolences to the Reedy family
- Concerns from residents regarding WSSC work in Madison Hill
- Happy holidays! Be safe!

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva reported:

- Residents on Jefferson Street still have concerns regarding parking
- Happy holidays!

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Minutes from November 2, 2015 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 regarding Fence Permit Application for 4806 Madison Street for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)~~

2. Motion to approve the Council Calendar for 2016

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the Council Calendar for 2016 as revised. CM Henry seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 (Favorable)

CM Thompson made a motion to revise the Council Calendar for 2016 by removing the Saturday Budget Worksession scheduled for May 21, 2016. CM Lingua seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

The Council discussed concerns regarding the proposed date of May 21st for the Budget Worksession.

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-15 regarding the Little Book Library Project

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-15 regarding the Little Book Library Project. CM Lingua seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

4. Introduction of 2015-CR-01, a charter amendment to decrease the minimum age of a person to serve as a council member

CM Thompson introduced Charter Resolution 2015-CR-01.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- Discussion regarding possible ways to address parking at the Dog Park. CM Thompson requested further discussion at the December 21 worksession.
- CM Lingua made a motion to make a memorial contribution of \$95 in the name of Elizabeth Ives Reedy to the Little Sisters of the Poor. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

- CM Lingua requested that the fence permit application for 4806 Madison Street be added to the December 21 worksession.
- Mayor Archer announced that a special legislative meeting will be held on December 21.

Adjournment

CM Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.