

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2017
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works
David Morris, Chief of Police
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Archer called the legislative meeting to order at 8:04 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: 5-0 (favorable)

Presentation

Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC Update

CKAR President Lenny Wertz thanked Mayor Archer for his service to the Town and introduced CKAR Executive Director Patricia Parker. Ms. Parker gave an overview of CKAR's recent activities as they relate to the Town of Riverdale Park. Ms. Parker also discussed the creation of the Greater Riverdale Career Empowerment Center and requested that the Council consider becoming a funding partner.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Continues to work on draft of explanation regarding Town policy on immigrants and refugees
- Update regarding potential bond bill for connectivity project near Cafritz

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 1/31/17 (subject to audit),
Revenue: \$ 5,015,737.10
Expenditures: \$ 3,060,742.79

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

Town Manager Lestitian gave an explanation of the financial reports for the public and viewing audience.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- First Status and Information Report to the Mayor and Council will go out on February 10 and will be available on Town's website
- Town Hall and Department of Public Works will be closed on February 20 in observance of Presidents Day.

Police Department Report

Chief of Police David Morris reported:

- Full Police Department report was included in meeting packets
- Update regarding outcome of recent Liquor Board meeting to address safety plan violation by El Sitio Restaurant

Public Works Report

Director of Public Works Leonard Addison reported:

- Bulk trash drop-off will be on February 18
- Spring tree planting will start earlier this year and residents should call DPW to be put on list
- No snow expected for the next two weeks

Fire Department Report

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

Council Committee & Ward Report

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Marsha Dixon reported:

- Continues to work with the Police Department and Code Enforcement regarding commercial parking permits
- On the Agenda meetings at Town Center Market continue and all residents are welcome
- Would like to have Staff review/update the Election code

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Welcome TM Lestitian
- Update: College Park Academy construction, ERCO building deconstruction and Cafritz Bridge progress
- JD Williams passed away last month
- Updating maps of Town on website

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR CDC meeting will be held on February 7 at 7 p.m.
- Overview of items on CKAR agenda

- Recent loss of Lavonne Leslie, active member of RPAC and Doll Club

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva stated that no major issues had been reported by Ward 6 residents.

Public Comments

Mr. Aaron Faulx introduced himself and announced his candidacy for Ward 2 Council Member. He also thanked Mayor Archer and the Council for their service to the Town.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Fence Permit Application for 4803 Nicholson Street for a 6-foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)
2. Request for a temporary business license and waiver from section 42-14(b)(1), 42-14(b)(4), and 42-14(b)(5) of the Town Code for Ed's Garden Center to sell flowers at 6111 Kenilworth Avenue February 12-14, 2017 and May 12-14, 2017 (Ward 4)
3. Minutes from January 3, 2017 Legislative Meeting

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

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-02 regarding time and place of election on May 1, 2017

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-02 regarding time and place of election on May 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-03 regarding authorization for paper ballots

CM Dixon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-03 regarding authorization for paper ballots. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-04 establishing candidate filing fee and deadline

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-04 establishing candidate filing fee and deadline. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-05 regarding appointment and compensation of Election Judges

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-05 regarding appointment and compensation of Election Judges as amended. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

CM Thompson made a motion to amend Resolution 2017-R-05 to include James Coleman as Ward 2 Election Judge. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

CM Thompson made a motion to reconsider a decision previously made on Legislative Action Item 4, Resolution 2017-R-05. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

CM Dixon made a motion to amend Resolution 2017-R-05 to add Sabrina Stephens as Ward 1 Election Judge. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-06 regarding appointment of Board of Election Appeals

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-06 regarding appointment of Board of Election Appeals as amended. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

CM Thompson made a motion to amend Resolution 2017-R-06 to include Steven Glaros of Ward 2 as a member of the Board of Election Appeals. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

CM Dixon made a motion to reconsider Resolution 2017-R-06 regarding appointment of Board of Election Appeals. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

CM Dixon made a motion to amend Resolution 2017-R-06 to add Heather Cronk of Ward 1 as a member of the Board of Election Appeals. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

6. Motion to authorize Chief of Police to sign City of Hyattsville Safe Streets Coalition Memorandum of Understanding

CM Lingua made a motion to authorize Chief of Police to sign City of Hyattsville Safe Streets Coalition Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Chief Morris gave an overview of the Safe Streets Coalition.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Riverdale Park MUTC Local Design Review Committee approval of DSP13009-10 to include approval of the plan changes as presented and the suggestion that the applicant consider, to match the spirit of the design of the Village Square, planting a variety of plants at the Village Green. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0

Discussion:

CM Thompson gave an overview of the discussion at the January MUTC meeting regarding Cafritz DSP13009-10.

Adjournment

CM Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Silva. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.