

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2017
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 Colleen Richardson, Ward 5
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
Anthony Dubose, Human Resource Director

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 Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Henry.
Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Presentation

Oath of Office for Defined Benefits Board of Trustees

Mayor Archer administered the oath of office to the Defined Benefits Board of Trustees: CM Henry, Town Manager Lestitian, Lt. Colonel Patrick Timmons and DPW Supervisor James Davis and CPA Mike Lightfield.

Proposed Vegetation Management Work Along Hiker/Biker Trail

Tami Watkins and Cody Hesseltine of Pepco outlined the proposed vegetation management work to be performed along the Hiker/Biker Trail. Mr. Hesseltine discussed the reasons why trees needed to be removed as well as the plan to plant utility friendly trees along the Hiker/Biker Trail.

CM Thompson requested clarification regarding the policy of blue sky above the wires. Mr. Hesseltine explained that the policy was dependent on the voltage of the lines.

Mr. Addison discussed this concerns regarding the proposed vegetation management work along the Hike/Bike Trail to include destabilization of the area and the view of industrial buildings.

CM Lingua asked about the time span of tree removal expressed his concerns regarding the root systems of the trees. Mr. Hesseltine explained that the trees would be removed within two weeks and the trees would be cut to ground level.

CM Henry requested that Pepco provide diligent project oversight to ensure the quality of work from contractors so residents are not upset/concerned.

Resident Corey Bettenhauser requested more information regarding the species of trees. Mr. Hesseltine outlined the species of trees included in the plan for replanting. CM Thompson requested that Pepco utilize other options for flowering native trees.

CM Lingua asked how the wood from the trees would be used and Mr. Hesseltine explained that the wood would be recycled.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Overview of recent Sister City trip to Ipala, Guatemala
- Birthday Book Program has committed to continuing program at Riverdale Elementary School made possible by the Town's investment of \$800 to cover shipping costs
- National Council of Home Safety and Security recognized Riverdale Park as one of the top 30 safest Maryland municipalities to live in

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Reminder: Community Meeting at Riverdale Elementary School on March 8th regarding Riverdale Road Park Playground project
- Will be attending the Riverdale Park Business Association meeting at Town Hall on March 8th
- Staff continues to work on equipment update needed to utilize slide show on cable channel
- Discussion regarding 6304 Taylor Road: Code Enforcement has issued a stop work order and staff is coordinating with County
- Staff continues to develop the FY 18 Budget

Treasurer's Report

As of 2/28/17 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 5,221,730.29

Expenditures: \$ 3,451,049.70

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Fire Department Report

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

Council Committee & Ward Report

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Thank you to DPW for the prompt replacement of the flag at the Veteran's Memorial
- There have been complaints regarding drivers using the cut through at Lafayette Avenue. Requested that the Police Department keep close eye on the area.

- Mosquito season will be here soon, begin to look around for standing water on your property.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR CDC meeting will be held on March 7th at 6801 Kenilworth Avenue
- ATHA Governing Board will meet on March 22nd and intends to discuss tourism plan
- Discussion regarding playground facilities at Riverside Neighborhood Park and recent storm damage

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Recently met with TM Lestitian to discuss his initiatives. CM Henry noted that great progress has been made thus far and he appreciates the work done by TM Lestitian.
- Thank you to DPW, Director Addison and Chief Morris
- Thank you to staff at Town Hall

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5

CM Colleen Richardson did not have a report.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva did not have a report.

Public Comments

Resident Devonya Smith thanked the Police Department, Chief Morris and Officer Green for their assistance.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Curb cuts for 4907 and 4909 Queensbury Road as part of construction of two single family homes (Ward 2)
2. Minutes from January 30, 2017 Work Session
3. Minutes from February 6, 2017 Legislative Meeting

CM Henry made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to approve a temporary business license and waiver from section 42-13(b)(1) and 42-13(b)(4) of the Town Code for JASO, Inc. to operate a flea market at 5413 Riverdale Road on Saturdays and Sundays until December 24, 2017 (Ward 4)

CM Henry made a motion to approve a temporary business license and waiver from section 42-13(b)(1) and 42-13(b)(4) of the Town Code for JASO, Inc. to operate a flea market at 5413 Riverdale Road on Saturdays and Sundays until December 24, 2017 (Ward 4). The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Lingua discussed his concerns regarding the temporary business license overlapping two fiscal years.

2. Motion regarding Resolution 2017-R-05 concerning appointment and compensation of Election Judges

CM Thompson made a motion to repeal Resolution 2017-R-05 as presented last month and replace with Resolution 2017-R-05 as included in the meeting materials with Ward 2 Election Judge listed as Sarah Zolad. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

CM Lingua discussed a survey that he received from ATHA Executive Director Aaron Marcavitch pertaining to MHAA five-year plan funding. CM Lingua requested feedback from the Council and public. CM Lingua also requested that the survey be placed on the Town's website.

Adjournment

CM Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Richardson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.