

Town of Riverdale Park
Work Session Minutes
April 24, 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

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager
David Morris, Chief of Police
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk
Paul Smith, Finance Director

Call to Order

Mayor Archer called the work session to order at 8:20 p.m.

Presentations

Swearing-in of Ward 1 Election Judge

Mayor Archer administered the oath of office to Ward 1 Election Judge Sabrina Stevens.

Health Care Plan and Rates, Benecon, Jon Ebersole

Mr. Jon Ebersole discussed the Benecon health insurance cooperative and how rates are determined for members.

Worker's Compensation Insurance, Bruce F. Grau & Associates, Blake Curry

Mr. Blake Curry gave an overview of the Town's Worker's Compensation rates and overall performance as it relates to the number of claims per year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Archer did not have a report.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Mr. Addison is attending American Public Safety Association Snow Conference
- Proposed budget will be sent to Mayor and Council on May 2nd
- Staff will publish Constant Yield Notice in *Town Crier* and *The Enquirer Gazette*.
Constant Yield Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m.
- Be aware of unusual e-mails that appear to be from Town Manager and be sure to check the e-mail address as staff recently received e-mails appearing to be from the Town Manager but they actually came from a .biz e-mail address.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Marsha Dixon reported:

- Discussion regarding basketball hoop on 46th Avenue
- Attended Arbor Day event on April 19th - great job staff!

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- MUTC met on April 19th and did not make a final decision on Cafritz DSP Revision 11
- Town election will be held on May 1st- get out to vote!

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Ribbon cutting for Greater Riverdale Career Empowerment Center will be held on May 1st at 3:30 p.m.
- Will attend Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting on 4/25
- Discussion regarding Earth Day planting at CKAR Rain Garden
- Attended Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee clean-up at site along Tanglewood Drive- great job!

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Discussion Items

1. Minutes from March 27, 2017 Work Session

Mayor Archer requested that the Council contact the Town Clerk if there are any changes or corrections to the minutes. He also requested that the minutes be placed on the May 1st consent agenda.

2. Minutes from March 27, 2017 Special Legislative Meeting

Mayor Archer requested that the Council contact the Town Clerk if there are any changes or corrections to the minutes from the March 27th Special Legislative Meeting. He also requested that the minutes be placed on the May 1st consent agenda.

3. Minutes from April 3, 2017 Legislative Meeting

Mayor Archer requested that the Council contact the Town Clerk if there are any changes or corrections to the minutes. He also requested that the minutes be placed on the May 1st consent agenda.

Unfinished Business

Resident Kristen Taylor stated that she had gotten signatures from most of her neighbors for a Block Party in honor of Mike Herman. She stated that she would like to hold the event on May 20th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on 48th Avenue between Riverdale Road and Oliver Street. Mayor Archer requested, with the support of the council, that the request be placed on the May 1st consent agenda. CM Lingua asked that Ms. Taylor contact Riversdale Mansion to confirm that they did not have any events happening at the same time as the proposed Block Party.

New Business

CM Dixon discussed her concerns regarding how the Council currently reviews the budget, specifically one 8-hour meeting on a Saturday in May. Mayor Archer explained that in the past the budget was reviewed during several shorter meetings. CM Dixon asked if the members of Council would consider holding several shorter budget meetings. The Council decided to hold

meetings on May 13th at 12noon (to 3:00 p.m.) and May 20th at 10 a.m. (to 2:00 p.m.) to discuss the budget.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Typed from notes by JEB.