

Town of Riverdale Park
Work Session Minutes
May 30, 2017
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Mayor Vernon Archer
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

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

Call to Order

Mayor Archer called the work session to order at 8:00 p.m.

Presentations:

County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros presented Mayor Archer with a proclamation on behalf of Prince George's County Council.

CM Thompson presented Mayor Archer with a proclamation and plaque honoring his 12 years as Mayor of Riverdale Park.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Archer did not have a report.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Preliminary Plan for East Riverdale Beacon Heights Sector Plan: concerns regarding the designation of a flood plain which will restrict redevelopment in a portion of the Town.
- Thanked Mayor Archer for his leadership and guidance.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Marsha Dixon thanked Mayor Archer for his leadership and 12 years of service to the Town.

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson stated that it had been a fabulous 8 years serving Ward 2 and he looks forward to serving as Mayor.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua welcomed Ward 2 CM-elect Aaron Faulx.

CM Lingua also stated that it had been a fun 12 years working with Mayor Archer and he was proud to call him a friend.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva thanked Mayor Archer for his service to the Town and for helping him during his time on Council.

Public Comments

Lora Katz thanked Mayor Archer for his service. She stated that she was glad to be part of the celebration. CM Lingua thanked Ms. Katz for her article in the June *Crier* regarding Waggertail Dog Park. CM Lingua mentioned that he had heard requests to expand the dog park. Ms. Katz stated that she had not heard any comments regarding expansion but she hoped for enhancements at the park in the future.

Discussion Items

1. Fence Permit Request: 4802 Longfellow Street, 6-foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)

CM Lingua gave an overview of the fence permit request for 4802 Longfellow Street. The applicants discussed their plans to remove a chain link fence and replace it with a wooden 6-foot fence. The applicants also reported that they had made contact with both neighbors and they were supportive of the fence. CM Lingua requested that the fence request for 4802 Longfellow Street be added to the consent agenda for June 5th.

2. Fence Permit Request: 4903 Oglethorpe Street, 6-foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)

CM Lingua gave an overview of the fence permit request for 4903 Oglethorpe Street. CM Lingua reported that the neighbors were pleased with the fence. The applicant discussed the other work that he completed on his property (siding, back yard clean-up, etc.). CM Lingua requested that the fence permit request for 4903 Oglethorpe Street be added to the consent agenda for June 5th.

3. Fence Permit Request: 5908 Riverside Drive, 6-foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)

CM Lingua gave an overview of the fence permit request for 5908 Riverside Drive. CM Dixon asked for clarification regarding the plan for the fence. CM Lingua requested that the fence permit for 5908 Riverside Drive be added to the consent agenda for June 5th.

4. Fence Permit Request: 5802 Taylor Road, 6-foot PVC backyard fence (Ward 3)

CM Lingua gave an overview of the fence permit request for 5802 Taylor Road. The applicant clarified the dimensions of the fence that he was planning to build. CM Lingua stated that he had been unable to reach the neighbors. CM Lingua requested that the fence permit for 5802 Taylor Road be added to the consent agenda for June 5th. CM Thompson stated that it could be removed from the consent agenda if the neighbor objects to the fence.

5. Municipal Participation Agreement with Prince George's County for Storm Drainage Improvement Project on Longfellow Street (Ward 3)

Director Addison discussed the Municipal Participation Agreement (MPA) with Prince George's County for a Storm Drainage Improvement Project on Longfellow Street.

Director Addison stated that the Town had participated in a similar MPA in the past for a project also located in Ward 3. Director Addison gave an overview of the stormwater issues on Longfellow Street.

CM Thompson requested clarification regarding the storm drains that were not connected to the County stormwater system and Director Addison gave a brief description.

CM Lingua thanked Director Addison for his persistence in seeing the project through over the last three years. CM Thompson asked if Mr. Addison expected the project to exceed \$100,000 and Mr. Addison replied that he did not think so but he was not certain.

CM Dixon asked if the MPA was a standard agreement and Mr. Addison replied that it was. Director Addison discussed detailed aspects of the project as requested.

6. Minutes from April 24, 2017 Work Session

Mayor Archer requested that the Council contact the Town Clerk if there were any changes or corrections to the April 24, 2017 Work Session minutes. Mayor Archer requested that the minutes be added to the consent agenda for June 5th.

7. Minutes from April 24, 2017 Special Legislative Meeting

Mayor Archer requested that the Council contact the Town Clerk if there were any changes or corrections to the April 24, 2017 Special Legislative Meeting minutes. Mayor Archer requested that the minutes be added to the consent agenda for June 5th.

8. Minutes from May 1, 2017 Legislative Meeting

Mayor Archer requested that the Council contact the Town Clerk if there were any changes or corrections to the May 1, 2017 Legislative Meeting minutes. Mayor Archer requested that the minutes be added to the consent agenda for June 5th.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

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

Typed from notes by JEB.