

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Special Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**December 18, 2017**

**In Attendance**

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor  
CM Aaron Faulx, 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, Public Works Director  
David Morris, Police Chief  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk  
Kevin Simpson, Development Services Director

**Call to Order**

Mayor Thompson called the Special Legislative meeting to order at 8:13 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

CM Henry made a motion to approve the Special Legislative meeting agenda for December 18, 2017. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

*Discussion:*

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

CM Henry requested that the text “subject to the same Rules of Order that apply to elected Council Members” be removed from the bottom of the agenda as it was unclear for members of the public. CM Lingua stated that Robert Rules of Order was adopted by resolution in 2017 and the text was consistent with that action. Mayor Thompson stated that he was willing to work with CM Henry regarding phrasing of the text on bottom of agenda. Mayor Thompson stated that he was willing to strike the text at bottom of agenda for the current meeting however, the rules still apply as adopted.

Mayor Thompson requested that Work Session Discussion Item 1 be moved to New Business for the Special Legislative Meeting.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Legislative Action Items**

1. ~~Motion to authorize Mayor and Town Manager to execute documents to charter Boy Scout Troop 252~~
2. Motion regarding Variance Request of 8 feet side yard width and 7% net lot coverage for 4802 Sheridan Street (Ward 2)

CM Faulx made a motion to recommend approval of the existing side lot conditions (variance request of 8 feet side yard width) and denial of the variance request to exceed the 30% net lot coverage. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

*Discussion:*

CM Faulx outlined his reasons for the motion. CM Faulx stated that he recommended approval of the existing side yard conditions because having to tear down the existing structure would be a significant burden to the applicant. CM Faulx stated that he recommended disapproval of the variance request for lot coverage because the request did not meet any of the County requirement for granting a variance, the applicant had not responded to requests for follow-up, and the property had a history of unresolved code violations.

Resident Jennifer Susey of 4804 Sheridan Street thanked the Mayor and Council and discussed her concerns regarding the property and the requested variances.

CM Lingua discussed his concerns regarding the reports from other residents relating to water control issues.

3. Motion to waive bid requirements to piggyback on a bid from Fairfax County and authorize Town Manager to execute an agreement with Precision Concrete Cutting not to exceed \$40,000 (included in FY18 CIP #12PW07 Streets and Sidewalk Improvement) for abatement of potential sidewalk hazards

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*Discussion:*

CM Henry stated that he was concerned that there was not enough money for the amount of work needed. Director Addison discussed the unique method by which Precision Concrete Cutting was able to perform the work at a reasonable cost. Town Manager Lestitian stated that staff anticipated coming back to Council next year to request funds for additional sidewalk work.

4. Motion to send a letter detailing the Town's position on various aspects of the Prince George's County Zoning Re-write

CM Lingua made a motion to send a letter to M-NCPPC Development Overview Committee 1) detailing the Town's position on various aspects of the Prince George's County Zoning Re-write; and 2) stating concurrence with Town of University Park's letter dated December 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by CM Richardson. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstains)

## **New Business**

1. Request for Letter of Support for Community Forklift Anacostia River Northeast Branch Water Quality Retrofits and Art Park Project

CM Lingua made a motion to send a letter of support for the Community Forklift Anacostia River Northeast Branch Water Quality Retrofits and Art Park Project. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstains)

*Discussion:*

Mayor Thompson gave an overview of the request and suggested that the Council may want to adopt a policy on requests for letters of support as they often require a short turnaround time.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**Adjournment**

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting at 8:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Richardson. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)