

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 2018**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor  
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1  
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2  
CM David Lingua, Ward 3  
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

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

**Call to Order**

Mayor Thompson called the legislative meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of reflection.

**Approval of Agenda**

CM Faulx made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua.  
Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

**Presentation**

Senator Paul Pinsky: Discussion regarding upcoming General Assembly Session

Senator Pinsky thanked the Mayor and Council for the hard work that they do at the municipal level. Senator Pinsky discussed several topics that he expected to work on during the 90-day legislative session such as: implications of federal tax decision, healthcare, funding source for Metro system, proposed toll lanes on 270 and 295, MAGLEV train system, preliminary recommendations Kirwan Commission on education, override of Governor's veto of earned sick leave and Highway User Revenues.

*Discussion:*

CM Lingua asked what Senator Pinsky expected the implications of federal tax legislation to be and Senator Pinsky stated that he expected to have more information by possibly next week.

CM Dixon asked if the General Assembly would propose legislation to help offset SALT as it will be a hard hit to middle class. Senator Pinsky stated that they need more information and to see what the Governor's plan is.

CM Lingua asked what the best course of action was for municipalities with regard to the MAGLEV project. Senator Pinsky suggested that municipalities be vocal and contact the Governor, County Executive and Secretary of Transportation.

**Correspondence Summary**

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Alan K. Thompson reported:

- Wished everyone a happy new year!
- Thanked everyone who helped with the holiday events- strongest appreciation to all Town staff for holiday events, Fire Department and volunteers who participated
- Plans to discuss vision for committees at next month's meeting when other members of Council are present
- Update regarding Lafayette-River Road Connection

## **Town Manager Report**

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- MML Legislative Reception will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> in Annapolis
- Town Hall and Public Works will be closed on January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Update regarding recent meeting with representatives of Neighborhood Design Center: project efforts within Town will fall under CDBG and there will not be a cost for their services (provided that request is not expedited)
- Update on Town Hall project: need to update scope of 2011 and 2013 Bond Bills and update description of project for CDA loan
- Plans to have initial thoughts on FY19 CIP for discussion at the January 29<sup>th</sup> work session
- Status and Information report will begin to include budget information
- Staff reached out to Pepco regarding the trees along the Trolley Trail but there was no update at this time, staff will include an update in a future Status and Information Report.
- Thank you to staff, residents, and Mayor and Council for completion of first year

## **Finance Report**

As of December 31, 2017, subject to audit:

Expenses: \$418,301

Revenue: \$266,018

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt the Finance Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

### *Discussion:*

Town Manager Lestitian stated that the Town is on par with the previous two years and is on target with revenue and expenses.

## **Fire Department Report**

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

## **Council Committee & Ward Reports**

### **CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1**

CM Marsha Dixon reported:

- Happy new year- hope all had great holiday season!
- Thank you for staff holiday events
- Seeking thoughts from residents on proposal of legislation for expanded voter rights and plans to hold a meeting during the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2**

CM Aaron Faulx reported:

- Discussion regarding University Park and Riverdale Park collaboration on composting
- Will be meeting with Erika Wilson, PTO President, next week to discuss how the Town can support Riverdale Elementary School
- Discussion regarding possible mural project
- Discussion regarding cookout type event to discuss ideas related to Field of Dreams
- Recent meeting with Mike Hunninghake
- Thank you to staff for holiday events

### **CM David Lingua, Ward 3**

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR CDC met on January 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss: consultant for strategic planning, renewal of liability policy, approval of meeting calendar and budget.
- Discussion regarding water main break over New Year in 4800-4900 block of Nicholson Street; crews were held up by Miss Utility as they only had one person on call during the holiday. Plans to discuss concerns with PGCMA and County/State, if needed.
- Thank you to staff for holiday events.
- Have a happy and safe new year!

### **CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6**

CM Alejandro Silva stated that he did not have a report.

### **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items**

There were no public comments.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Minutes from November 27, 2017 Work Session
2. Minutes from December 4, 2017 Legislative Meeting

CM Faulx made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. CM Silva seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, CM Dixon abstained)

### **Legislative Action Items:**

1. Motion to send a letter of support to Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement for Food Truck Hub in Discovery District for calendar year 2018

CM Faulx made a motion to send a letter of support to Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement for Food Truck Hub in Discovery District for calendar year 2018. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

2. Motion to authorize Hyattsville CDC to place wayfinding sign kiosk in Town's right-of-way at corner of Rhode Island Avenue and Queensbury Road along the Trolley Trail

CM Lingua made a motion to authorize Hyattsville CDC to place wayfinding sign kiosk in Town's right-of-way at corner of Rhode Island Avenue and Queensbury Road along the Trolley Trail. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

*Discussion:*

Resident Corey Bettenhausen asked if another kiosk would be placed in a location near East West Highway. Mr. Addison clarified that the Town would have only one kiosk and another location was chosen because the previous location was within the State Highway Administration's right-of-way.

3. Motion to authorize Mayor and Town Manager to execute documents to charter Boy Scout Troop 252

CM Lingua made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Manager to execute documents to charter Boy Scout Troop 252. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

*Discussion:*

CM Lingua stated that he appreciated the time to research and talk with Troop Master Killen. CM Lingua stated that there were a number of changes happening with Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Killen is aware and accepting of the changes. CM Lingua stated that a committee will need to be created to review membership.

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-01 regarding Vision and Commitment to Sustainability

CM Faulx made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-01 regarding Vision and Commitment to Sustainability. CM Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

*Discussion:*

Town Manager Lestitian explained that the vision and commitment to sustainability would be part of the Town's overall vision statement.

5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-02 regarding Economic Development Fund

CM Dixon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-02 regarding Economic Development Fund. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

6. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-03 regarding Economic Development Grant Programs

CM Dixon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-03 regarding Economic Development Grant Programs. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

*Discussion:*

CM Dixon gave an overview of the resolution and stated that she had spoken with staff about in the future adding a program specifically for non-profits with a very narrow scope to be funded with \$20,000 remaining for special projects.

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

## **New Business**

- Ethics Ordinance Revisions  
Town Clerk Barnes gave an overview of revisions needed to the Ethics Ordinance.
- Town Manager Performance Review Procedure  
Mayor Thompson stated that copies of the current draft of the evaluation for the Town Manager were distributed to Council and a final version would be distributed by next Tuesday.

CM Lingua stated that he thought the format was very thorough. Mayor Thompson stated that he wanted to receive feedback (completed forms) from the Council by the end of January and a closed meeting would be scheduled in February to go over the evaluation with Town Manager Lestitian.

CM Dixon discussed edits to the scoring descriptions and a description of what would fall in each category to provide for consistency.

## **Adjournment**

CM Faulx made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)