

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
February 5, 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 (arrived at 8:05 p.m.)
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4
CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6 (arrived at 8:05 p.m.)

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager
Leonard Addison, Public Works Director
David Morris, Police Chief
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk
Kevin Simpson, Director of Development Services

Call to Order

Mayor Thompson called the legislative meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentation

Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Thompson read the Black History Month proclamation in Spanish and in English.

Campus Community Connection Projects Update: Andy Fellows

Andy Fellows reported on the progress of the Campus Community Connection projects for the Town of Riverdale Park. He stated that over 600 students would be exposed to the Town's projects and over 60 students would be actively involved.

CM Lingua asked if the group addressing stormwater was aware of the County's plans regarding reconstructing the Wells Run aqua duct.

CM Dixon asked how the projects were prioritized and how students would stay engaged as the projects did not have a specified end date. Mr. Fellows gave an overview.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson reported:

- January was a busy month!
- Great Blue Herons Dedication will be held on February 7th at 10:30 a.m. at Town Hall
- Discussion regarding vision for Town Council Committees: focus on topics that impact the Town (e.g. Legislative Committee would focus on State and County legislation impacting the Town, Public Safety Committee would address disaster response, DPW Committee would look at State and County infrastructure as it impacts the Town)
- Attended MD Mayors Conference last week; workshop on funding opportunities
- Discussion regarding vacancies on citizen committees: Ethics Commission and MUTC

Town Manager Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Town Hall and Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents Day
- Staff team are working on FY2019 budget
- The 2017 staff accomplishments and staff goals for 2018 will be sent to the Council by February 12th
- Bond bill amendments are moving forward

Finance Report

As of January 31, 2018, subject to audit:

Expenses: \$400,763

Revenue: \$712,091

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt the Finance Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 6-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department's report was included in the meeting materials and President Lamphier also provided a report to the Council.

CM Lingua asked about the recent vehicle fire that occurred in 6000 block of Riverside Drive. Mr. Lamphier explained that the Prince George's County Fire Investigation Unit, a law enforcement agency, will complete the investigation and most likely will not report back to the Fire Department. Mr. Lamphier suggested that the Riverdale Park Police Department reach out to the Prince George's County Fire Investigation Unit.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Marsha Dixon reported:

- Burton's Grill has opened at Riverdale Park Station
- Thank you for the proclamation regarding Black History Month
- Riversdale will showcase the history of the Plummer Family during the month of February
- Plans to hold a Legislative committee meeting on February 21 (after 5:30 p.m.)

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2

CM Aaron Faulx reported:

- Met with Erica Wilson with Riverdale Elementary PTO regarding ways to partner with the school; will be speaking at February 20th PTO meeting
- Recently met with Mike Hunninghake regarding sustainability efforts in Riverdale Park

- Met with Dave Broche of the University Park Green Team regarding potential partnership relating to a future composting program
- Seeking suggestions regarding locations for the Town's summer movie nights

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- The next CKAR CDC meeting will be held on February 6th. If anyone is interested in revitalization along the Central Kenilworth corridor visit www.ckarcdc.org or contact CM Lingua.
- Discussion regarding volunteerism and the need for volunteers in Town
- Burton's Grill opened on January 22nd and Gold's Gym is expected to open on March 21st

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Compliments to Town dispatchers
- Thank you to Town staff for sidewalk project moving forward in Town
- Would like to have a Public Safety Committee Meeting on March 9th at 9 a.m.
- Compliments to Public Works staff for going the extra mile
- Overall the Town is looking a lot better
- Ward 4 typically has a movie night that is held on a neighbor's driveway- a great community bonding event!

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5

CM Colleen Richardson reported that construction has been completed at Park Tanglewood and she is looking forward to the upcoming movie nights.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva reported that he had received a complaint from a chiropractor's office in his ward regarding people roaming behind his building and leaving human waste.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Resident Lora Katz of 4507 Riverdale Road stated that the Earth Day Clean-up would be held on April 21st and input was needed regarding a location in Town for the Clean-up by the end of February.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Minutes from December 18, 2017 Work Session
2. Minutes from December 18, 2017 Special Legislative Meeting
3. Minutes from January 9, 2018 Legislative Meeting

CM Henry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. CM Dixon seconded the motion.
Vote: 6-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to introduce Ordinance 2018-OR-01 regarding Ethics Ordinance Revisions

CM Dixon introduced Ordinance 2018-OR-01 regarding revisions to the Town's Ethics Ordinance.

Discussion:

CM Dixon gave an overview of the ordinance.

2. Motion to approve parking restrictions on west side of Taylor Road from Ravenswood Road to East West Highway (Ward 2) and on curve from Madison Street to Harrison Avenue (Ward 1)

CM Faulx made a motion to approve parking restrictions on west side of Taylor Road from Ravenswood Road to East West Highway (Ward 2) and on curve from Madison Street to Harrison Avenue (Ward 1). The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 6-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

CM Faulx stated that he had been contacted by residents regarding the parking issue on Taylor Road during rush hour. CM Dixon noted that parking on both sides of the curve was problematic and she had visited the site with Director Addison and agreed that placement of the signage was correct.

CM Henry stated that there were existing restrictions for parking on a curve and CM Dixon stated that signage was needed to make it abundantly clear. Town Manager Lestitian stated signage would be installed within four weeks.

3. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter of support to Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement for Food Truck Hub at Town Center Market for calendar year 2018

CM Lingua made a motion to direct staff to send a letter of support to Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement for a Food Truck Hub at Town Center Market for calendar year 2018. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 6-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- Vision and Commitment to Business and Economic Development

Town Manager Lestitian stated that staff continues to solicit input from the Council, public and business community regarding the Town's draft vision and commitment to Business and Economic Development.

- Rental Licenses and Inspections Programs - Chapter 55 and 56

Development Services Director Kevin Simpson gave an overview of staff's recommendations for the consolidation of Chapter 55 and 56.

CM Lingua stated that he was concerned regarding the definition of a rooming house and the language used. Development Services Director Kevin Simpson explained that many of the definitions came from the Prince George's County Code.

CM Henry asked how single family rentals are enforced. Development Services Director Kevin Simpson explained the process and the methods used to identify potential unlicensed rentals. Town Manager Lestitian clarified the enforcement process. CM Henry requested more information regarding the percentage of unlicensed single family rentals that are coming into compliance.

Resident Corey Bettenhausen of 5512 Riverdale Road requested clarification regarding the definition of dwelling unit and suggested that there should be a limit to the number of people versus the number of dwelling units. Town Manager Lestitian stated that staff would work to clarify the language as the goal is to make the requirements as clear as possible.

- **Parking Permit Program – Chapter 64**

Chief Morris discussed edits made to the information that was presented at the Work Session on January 29th and gave an overview of the recommended changes to Chapter 64.

Chief Morris stated that additional changes would be needed however the proposed changes would make enforcement easier and create consistency. Chief Morris also discussed changes to visitor permits.

CM Lingua stated that he believed that the 5800 block of Riverside Drive was also a permit parking area and he wanted to be sure that it was included.

Adjournment

CM Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)