

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
June 4, 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 Christopher Henry, Ward 4
CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5

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

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 as amended. CM Henry seconded the motion.
Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

CM Lingua requested that the agenda be amended to include a moment of silence for former New Carrollton Mayor Andy Hanko. There were no objections.

Moment of Silence

CM Lingua led a moment of silence for former New Carrollton Mayor Andy Hanko.

Presentations

Sister Cities Program Update: Vernon Archer

Former Mayor Vernon Archer discussed the 10th anniversary of the Town's Sister City program and his upcoming trip to Ipala, Guatemala. Mayor Archer thanked the Council for their continued support.

Bates Trucking and Trash Removal, Inc.

Mr. Bruce Bates stated that he enjoyed working with Director Addison over the years. Mr. Ylrico (Rico) Alexander, General Manager of Operations stated that they take their relationship with the Town very seriously and had recently put two new trucks in Town to address the issues that had been reported. Mr. Alexander gave an overview of the processes in place to minimize errors and stated that there had been gradual improvements from year to year.

CM Lingua asked about the training provided to staff. Mr. Alexander gave an overview of the training process. CM Lingua reported that he saw staff cherry picking and not using the lift during trash collection last Thursday. Mr. Alexander stated that training for staff was continuous and ongoing. Mr. Bates explained that they do a lot of training however crews sometimes try to move fast and as a result the quality assurance goes down. He stated that it was a work in progress but he had noticed that behaviors were getting better.

CM Henry asked if they saw a lot of injuries. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Bates discussed their safety policies. CM Henry stated that he had seen improvements as well.

Mayor Thompson asked when the new trucks were added and Mr. Alexander stated that they started in March/April. Mayor Thompson asked about the replacement of recycling bins and Mr. Alexander explained that the process was handled by the County.

Resident Rachel Malcom of 6008 Riverside Drive stated that was happy with the services provided by Bates. She asked if there was a weight limit for the trash cans and Mr. Bates stated that it was approximately 60 pounds.

Resident Alex Hirtle of 4516 Madison Street discussed his concerns regarding liquid that was spilled out of the trash trucks. He stated that the spillage was a mess and had been happening for 5 years. Mr. Hirtle showed pictures of the spillage. Mr. Hirtle stated that he had discussed the issue with staff and the Council many times but the problem continues. Mr. Hirtle stated that he did not see the spillage occur in neighboring jurisdictions and wanted to know why Bates had not been held accountable.

CM Faulx asked the Bates representatives how they planned to fix the spillage problem. Mr. Alexander thanked Mr. Hirtle for his comments and stated that they were trying their best to contain water in the trucks. Mr. Alexander also stated that the crews had tools to clean up spillage. Mr. Alexander stated that Madison Street would be added to their hot sheet and the route may be changed so that the truck returns to the dump for emptying earlier in the route. Mayor Thompson suggested that emptying trucks more frequently may help.

Town Grant Awards Process, Kevin Simpson, Director of Development Services

Development Services Director Kevin Simpson discussed the grant award process and gave an overview of the Council discussion at the May Work Session. Director Simpson stated that staff were seeking consistency and uniformity in the grant award process.

CM Faulx stated that staff was in a better position to make the funding decisions. CM Henry stated that approval for grant awards should come from Council.

Mayor Thompson stated that there was discussion at the Work Session regarding the timing of grant awards as it related to Council meetings.

CM Dixon stated that if there were clear policies and procedures with very little subjectivity then she did not see the reason for Council to weigh in as there could be a one to two-month delay depending on when the grant applications are received.

CM Lingua asked what timeframe was envisioned for responding to applicants and Director Simpson provided an overview.

Town Manager Lestitian stated that there were currently 8 grant applications that need action. Director Simpson stated that new grant programs were also being developed.

Resident Sheila Smith of 5001 Riverdale Road asked where the grant money came from and Mayor Thompson replied the General Fund. Ms. Smith stated that the Council should make the approval based on staff recommendations.

Mayor Thompson clarified that all of the grant awards would be \$1,000 or less.

Resident Corey Bettenhausen of 4512 Riverdale Road stated that the amount of money awarded was small and the grant review criteria were objective.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson reported:

- Overview of Closed Sessions held on April 30th and June 4th
- CSX Bridge is moving forward; planning for opening in early July
- Flooding in Town this past weekend
- Recently attended Parkdale Graduation
- Discussion regarding lawsuits involving the Town
- Looking forward to MML conference
- 10-year anniversary of the Farmer's Market is at the end of month

Town Manager Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Crier Deadline: June 15th for Summer edition
- Special Legislative Meeting will be held on June 25th

Finance Report

As of May 31, 2018, subject to audit:

Expenses: \$328,952

Revenue: \$178,308

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt the Finance Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Fire Department Report

There was no Fire Department Report.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Marsha Dixon did not have a report.

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2

CM Aaron Faulx reported:

- Looking forward to summer break and the opportunity to work with residents
- Discussion regarding Chesapeake Bay Foundation Rain Check Rebate Program

- Looking to continue dialogue with Principal Riley regarding the creation of summer arts programs for students

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR CDC meeting will be held on June 5th at 6801 Kenilworth Avenue at 7:00 p.m. Director of Development Services Kevin Simpson will be the guest speaker.

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Thank you to Director Addison for an outstanding job

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5

CM Colleen Richardson reported:

- Will truly miss Director Addison
- Inspection of Park Tanglewood is scheduled for later in the month.
- Overall everything is quiet in Ward 5

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. May 7, 2018 Constant Yield Public Hearing
2. May 7, 2018 Legislative Meeting
3. May 21, 2018 Special Legislative Meeting

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. CM Faulx seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to reconsider Ordinance 2018-OR-10 regarding FY2019 Financial Plan and Budget

CM Lingua motion to reconsider Ordinance 2018-OR-10 regarding FY2019 Financial Plan and Budget. CM Faulx seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable)

Discussion:

Mayor Thompson explained that there had been an error in advertising.

Vote on original motion: 4-0-2 (favorable, CM Henry and Mayor Thompson abstained)

2. Motion regarding Mayor's nomination for the Riverdale Park Ethics Commission

CM Faulx made a motion to approve the Mayor's nomination of John Wells, of the 4900 block of Ravenswood Road, for the Riverdale Park Ethics Commission. CM Lingua seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-09 regarding Chapter 15- Building Code- Revisions

CM Faulx made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-09 regarding Chapter 15- Building Code- Revisions. CM Lingua seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor abstained)

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-09 regarding Vision and Commitment to Art and Recreation

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-09 regarding Vision and Commitment to Art and Recreation. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor abstained)

5. Motion to waive bid requirements and ride a bid from the State of Maryland and authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Ford Motor Lease Company through Hertrich for the lease of 4 police vehicles

CM Henry made a motion to waive bid requirements and ride a bid from the State of Maryland and authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Ford Motor Lease Company through Hertrich for the lease of 4 police vehicles. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

Chief Morris gave an overview of the lease program and stated that the cost would be within the approved FY2019 budget.

CM Lingua requested more information regarding the outfitting of the vehicles and CM Henry asked about the maintenance of the vehicles. Chief Morris provided additional information.

6. Motion regarding addendum to contract with VMP for Bicycle Sharing Lanes and Roadway Improvements for Riverdale and Queensbury Roads, Contract 18-0001 to amend the scope of work

CM Henry made a motion to approve the addendum to the contract with VMP for Bicycle Sharing Lanes and Roadway Improvements for Riverdale and Queensbury Roads, Contract 18-0001 to amend the scope of work. CM Lingua seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

Director Addison gave a brief overview of the request.

7. Motion regarding memorial contribution for former New Carrollton Mayor Andy Hanco

CM Lingua made a motion to approve a memorial contribution of \$250. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

CM Lingua discussed dockless bike share models and stated that Council may want to consider legislation to provide direction for those type of companies conducting business in Town.

Adjournment

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10: 37 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)