

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**December 3, 2018**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

Mayor Alan K. Thompson  
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1  
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2  
CM David Lingua, Ward 3  
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4 (left at 9:30 p.m.)  
CM Collen Richardson, Ward 5 (left at 9:30 p.m.)

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager  
David Morris, Police Chief  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk  
Paul Smith, Director of Finance and Employee Services  
Ivy Lewis, Director of Public Projects and Services

**Call to Order**

Mayor Thompson called the Legislative Meeting to order at 8:22 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. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

**Correspondence Summary**

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Alan K. Thompson reported:

- Report of Closed Meeting: To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter regarding the Town's retirement plan.
- Attended inauguration of new County Council and County Executive
- Rang bell in recognition of the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I as part of the Town's Veterans Day ceremony
- Town hosted teachers from Sister City, Ipala, Guatemala in November
- Purple Line is moving along quickly- reminder to sign-up for construction updates
- Had a great Thanksgiving and hoped everyone did as well
- Wished everyone happy holidays

**Town Manager Report**

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Children's Holiday Party was held on December 1<sup>st</sup> and had a great turnout

- Seniors Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Crescent Cities Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Holiday Market and Festival of Lights will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 12noon to 8:00 p.m. in Town Center
- December Work Session is scheduled for Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Town Hall and Department of Public Works will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Discussion regarding for sale sign on WMATA property near Riverdale Park Station. Asking price and marketing materials are not ready yet- staff will forward them to the Mayor and Council when they are received.

*Discussion:*

CM Dixon asked if there was an agreement stating that there would never be development on the site. Mayor Thompson stated that there was no formal agreement.

**Finance Report**

As of November 30, 2018, subject to audit:

Expenses: \$357,194

Revenue: \$243,413

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 reported:

- Recently met with Riverdale Park Station Homeowners Association and will be following up with Town Manager Lestitian and Mayor Thompson regarding their questions and concerns.
- Wished everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season.

**CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2**

CM Aaron Faulx reported:

- Field of Dreams Visioning Workshop was a success- thank you to everyone for making it happen.
- Discussion regarding traffic concerns in Ward 2
- Wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**CM David Lingua, Ward 3**

CM David Lingua reported:

- Overview of agenda for CKAR CDC meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season
- Thank you to Town staff for organizing the Children's Holiday Party
- Thank you to staff for clarifying plans for Holiday Market and Festival of Lights

- Volunteers are needed to help with the Trolleys at the Holiday Market and Festival of Lights
- Ward 3 speed monitoring audit: thank you to staff for working with business property owner and residents in the area.

#### **CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4**

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Wished everyone safe and happy holidays
- Thank you to staff for their service
- Reminder to drive sober this holiday season and requested sobriety monitoring, if possible, again this year
- Hoped to have all leaves collected by Christmas
- Website looks great- noticed a section of the site where the Spanish translation was above the English text

#### **CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5**

CM Colleen Richardson reported:

- Thank you to staff for addressing trash situation at Park Tanglewood
- Wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season

#### *Discussion:*

Town Manager Lestitian provided an update on the trash issue at Park Tanglewood and staff's actions and observations. Town Manager Lestitian also stated that staff planned to recommend that the Town adopt its own property maintenance code which would allow for certain violations to go directly to enforcement action.

Mayor Thompson reported that CM Mayers was unable to attend the meeting as she was sick.

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

There were no public comments.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Street closing of Town Center parking lot from midnight December 14, 2018 to 9:00 p.m. on December 15, 2018 for Holiday Market and Festival of Lights (Ward 1)
2. Minutes: October 29, 2018 Special Legislative Meeting, October 29, 2018 Work Session

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

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

#### **Legislative Action Items:**

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-14, Amending and Supplementing Ordinance 2013-OR-07 as Amended by Emergency Ordinance 2013-OR-08, regarding reduction and reallocation of certain existing public debt

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2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-16 regarding the Town's Defined Contribution Plan

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-16 regarding the Town's Defined Contribution Plan. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-15 regarding Vehicles, Parking and Traffic

CM Henry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-OR-15 regarding Vehicles, Parking and Traffic. The motion was seconded CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

*Discussion:*

CM Henry gave an overview of the ordinance.

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-17 regarding permit parking areas

CM Henry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-17 regarding permit parking areas. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained).

*Discussion:*

CM Henry stated that the resolution would update the list of permit parking areas in Town.

5. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter to Ms. Taslima Alam, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission regarding Special Permit Request SP-150003-01 for the addition of a ground-mounted freestanding sign at 7-Eleven #37240 located at 6315 Baltimore Avenue

CM Dixon made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter to Ms. Taslima Alam, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), recommending against approval of Special Permit Request SP-150003-01 for the addition of a ground-mounted freestanding sign at 7-Eleven #37240 located at 6315 Baltimore Avenue. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

*Discussion:*

Mayor Thompson gave an overview of M-UTC's discussions and action related to the Special Permit request from 7-Eleven.

Mr. Matt Tedesco, a land use and zoning attorney representing 7-Eleven, discussed the special permit request and the modifications that were made to the previously submitted sign proposal. Mr. Tedesco outlined the reasons why 7-Eleven had applied for a special permit and requested the support of the Mayor and Council.

CM Lingua discussed his concerns regarding the intersection near the 7-Eleven and the possibility that a monument sign would force cars to move further into the crosswalk area in order to see around the sign.

Mayor Thompson stated that he had drafted language for the Council's review that could be used in the letter to M-NCPPC. CM Lingua stated that he was comfortable with including language that was similar to the draft that was provided in the meeting materials. CM Faulx stated that he found the draft language to be appropriate. CM Dixon stated that she also found the draft language to be acceptable. Mayor Thompson stated that he would work with Town Manager Lestitian to refine the language in the letter.

Mr. Tedesco stated that a hearing had not been scheduled yet. CM Dixon asked if Mr. Tedesco had reached out to the owners of the JD Williams property. Mr. Tedesco reported that the property was currently for sale and they would be monitoring the situation.

CM Dixon stated that the revisions made by 7-Eleven to the previously submitted sign design was appreciated.

#### 6. Motion to adopt 2019 Council Calendar

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt the 2019 Council Calendar. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

#### *Discussion:*

CM Dixon stated that she was unable to attend the January 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative meeting.

CM Lingua suggested that the Council Calendar could be approved for part of the year (prior to the Town election) and the new Council could approve the Council Calendar for the rest of the year. Mayor Thompson stated that the new Council could also amend the Council Calendar if needed.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### 1. Draft Voter Registration Form for Supplemental Voter Registry

Town Clerk Barnes discussed the revisions made to the draft Voter Registration Form for Supplemental Voter Registry. There were no further changes requested.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Town's Vision and Commitment to Transportation

Town Manager Lestitian stated that staff were seeking additional feedback on the Vision and Commitment to Transportation and no changes had been made to the resolution since the last Council meeting. Mayor Thompson encouraged staff to consider including signage and markings.

#### 2. CM Faulx discussed the need for procedures for exiting Council meetings.

### **Adjournment**

CM Dixon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)