

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2019
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Mayor Alan K. Thompson
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

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 8:03 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 as amended. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

CM Lingua requested that Legislative Action Item 7 be moved to Legislative Action Item 1.

Presentation

Delivery of FY2020 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget

Town Manager Lestitian reported that staff would deliver the FY2020 Proposed Budget on Wednesday, April 3rd due to technical challenges. CM Henry asked if the overall budget process would be delayed and Town Manager Lestitian replied that the budget calendar would not be impacted.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson reported:

- Overview of Closed Meeting held on March 11th at 7:38 p.m.: Mayor Thompson and CMs Dixon, Faulx, Lingua, Richardson, and Mayers were in attendance. Town Manager Lestitian also attended. The Closed Meeting was held to discuss a personnel matter (Statute #1) concerning the Town Manager's performance evaluation. Council delegated authority to Mayor Thompson to finalize the Town Manager's evaluation.
- Appreciated the well wishes from members of the community during his illness

- Overview of Discovery District working group meeting

Town Manager Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Assistant Police Chief Rosa Guixens was recently hired; overview of her qualifications; informal swearing-in scheduled for April 3rd.
- Upcoming FY2020 Budget public hearings: Saturday, April 6th and 13th at 9:30 a.m.
- Upcoming Tax Rate public hearing
- Earth Day Clean-up will be held on April 13th from 9 a.m. to 12noon behind Rinaldi's
- Field of Dreams community meeting was well attended
- Spring Forward grant program will launch on Thursday, April 4th

Finance Report

As of March 31, 2019, subject to audit:

Expenses: \$373,207

Revenue: \$175,126

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

Fire Department Report

Mayor Thompson read the Fire Department's report that was included in the meeting materials.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Marsha Dixon reported:

- Attended Field of Dreams Community Meeting and thanked CM Faulx for leading the effort- excited to see the final product.
- Recently received a question regarding parking permits and planned to include information in an upcoming edition of the *Town Crier*
- Volunteers are need for Trolley Trail Day on June 8th

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR CDC will meet on April 2nd at 7 p.m. at 6801 Kenilworth, Suite 203; overview of agenda items
- ATHA Governing Board meeting was held on March 28th; informational meeting and no formal action taken
- Recent loss of long-time resident and passionate advocate, Ken Laurys. It was a great loss to his family and the community. He will be missed.

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Discussion regarding Water Alert issued for Prince George's County
- Thank you to Chief Morris and RPPD officers for their service
- Requested verification that the A/V equipment was working properly
- Disappointed that the budget would not be discussed tonight
- Quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Discussion:

It was confirmed that the Water Alert did not impact the Town.

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 5

CM Hala Mayers stated that she did not have a report but would be campaigning for another term as Council Member.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Resident Sue Sheehan of the 4700 block of Tuckerman Street discussed issues with the shopping center on Kenilworth Avenue where the Dollar Tree was located. Ms. Sheehan also reported that vehicles were selling food in the parking lot on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Ms. Sheehan requested that Code Enforcement focus on overgrown shrubbery on corner lots, parking on unfinished surfaces, and trash remaining after the Bates pick-up on Thursdays.

Corporal Bustamante reported that RPPD had made contact with the people who appeared to be selling food from their vehicles in the shopping center parking lot and they reported that they were making food donations to those in need.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Minutes: March 4, 2019 Legislative Meeting; February 25, 2019 Special Legislative Meeting; February 25, 2019 Work Session

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

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to appoint Paul Smith, Director of Finance and Employee Services, as Acting Town Manager effective April 14, 2019

CM Dixon made a motion to appoint Paul Smith, Director of Finance and Employee Services, as Acting Town Manager effective April 14, 2019. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

2. Motion to authorize Town Manager to enter into an agreement for Lawn Mowing and Maintenance Services with Motir Services, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$66,800

CM Lingua made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement for Lawn Mowing and Maintenance Services with Motir Services, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$66,800, CM Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

CM Lingua gave an overview of the request and the areas included in the contract.

CM Henry stated that he was not settled on the amount of the contract and wanted to know why staff could not be used. Director Lewis explained that the contracted services would allow staff to work on other priorities in Town. Town Manager Lestitian gave an

overview of how the contracted services would be paid for and stated that this option would allow staff to work to make community look better without adding more staff.

Mayor Thompson reported that there had been a bid process and the contract had a 3-year term with ways for the Town to get out of the contract, if needed.

Resident Karon Henry of the 6600 block of Silk Tree Drive asked how the contract with Motir Services, Inc. would benefit the Madison Hill community. Director Lewis discussed plans for a Town-wide assessment of infrastructure and setting priorities for the Department. Ms. Henry stated that she wanted to see DPW staff in Madison Hill.

3. Motion to authorize staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for City of Hyattsville Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) Coalition and a Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement

CM Henry made a motion to authorize staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for City of Hyattsville Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) Coalition and a Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

4. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR- 04 regarding Competitive Negotiated Sale of 4603 East West Highway

CM Lingua introduced Ordinance 2019-OR- 04 regarding the Competitive Negotiated Sale of 4603 East West Highway. CM Lingua read the purpose of the ordinance and the explanatory statement.

5. Motion to authorize Town Manager to send a letter to Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals recommending approval of variance request for 5912 48th Avenue; variances of 5 feet front yard depth and 5.5 feet side street yard depth, and 33 feet front street line setback, 17 .5 feet side street line setback and a waiver of the rear yard location requirement (Ward 3)

CM Lingua made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter to Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals recommending approval of the variance request for 5912 48th Avenue; variances of 5 feet front yard depth and 5.5 feet side street yard depth, and 33 feet front street line setback, 17 .5 feet side street line setback and a waiver of the rear yard location requirement. CM Henry seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

CM Lingua gave an overview of the request. The applicant, Barbara Legg, discussed her project and the reason for the requested variances.

6. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-02 regarding Chapter 42 Business Licenses

CM Dixon made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-02 regarding Chapter 42 Business Licenses. The motion was seconded by CM Mayers. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

7. Motion to adopt with amendments Ordinance 2019-OR-03 regarding Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way

CM Lingua motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-03 regarding Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way as amended. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

CM Lingua made a motion to amend the ordinance in 8 instances as outlined on page 20 of the presented packet material under Legislative Action Item 7. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

CM Lingua read each of the amendments considered.

Mayor Thompson discussed comments received from a resident and stated that future amendments may be needed.

Town Manager Lestitian stated that traffic control plans could be addressed administratively.

8. Motion to authorize Town Manager to send a letter to Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement in support of a Food Truck Hub in Discovery District

CM Dixon made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter to Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement in support of a Food Truck Hub in Discovery District. The motion was seconded by CM Mayers. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

CM Dixon gave an overview of the request.

9. Motion to repeal and replace Resolution 2019-R-02 regarding Election Judges

CM Dixon made a motion to repeal Resolution 2019-R-02 and replace it with the resolution containing the names of the Election Judges for all wards. The motion seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained).

Unfinished Business

1. Members of the Board of Election Appeals

Mayor Thompson stated that he would like to appoint Steven Glaros to the Board of Election Appeals. CM Lingua stated that he would like to appoint Elizabeth Bohlen for Ward 3. CM Dixon stated that she had previously reported to the Town Clerk that she would like to appoint Kate Kelly for Ward 1.

Mayor Thompson requested that the Council send the names of the people that they would like to appoint to the Board of Election Appeals to the Town Clerk.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

CM Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)