

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, December 6, 2010
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer Mayor
CM Alice Ewen Ward 1(8:20pm)
CM Alan Thompson Ward 2
CM David Lingua Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry Ward 4

Town Administrator- Ms. Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Chief Teresa Chambers
Director of Public Works – Leonard Addison
Fire Department – President Lamphier

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:06 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

CM Lingua motioned to approve the agenda.
CM Thompson Second.
Motion passes 3-0

Mayor's Report

- The neighborhood design center met and worked on plans on the building, increasing the footprint, adding half of a second story and adding a full second story. They will have blueprints completed by mid January.
- In the process of putting together an economic development event this spring we are working on a clean-up and improvements along Route 1. Looking forward to working with MUTC and M-NCPPC.
- The Town conducted its annual Veteran's Day celebration. Mayor Archer was very proud to be there.
- There was a children's Holiday event recently.
- Holiday Market and Festival of Lights is this weekend from 5:30pm- 8:30pm.
- Sen. Paul Pinsky is having a town hall meeting on Dec 11th @ Berwyn Heights.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

As of November 30, 2010: Revenue = \$4,277,743.12, Expenses = \$1,752,556.20.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.
CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 4-0

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This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- Attended the meeting with the NDC designers. Thanked all the volunteers for coming out,
- There were a lot of children in attendance for the Children's Holiday Event. Santa came to visit and there was a puppet show
- Holiday Market and Senior's Luncheon @ The Crescent. Staff will be serving lunch.
- The work session will be held on December 20th @ 8:00pm
- PG County will hold a committee meeting and will be speaking on behalf of the Town of Riverdale Park.
- Thanked staff that work on the Holidays. Happy Holidays!

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Mobil radios (purchased with a grant) now allow the Town of Riverdale Park to communicate with PG County.
- New Police Officer – Adam Swan is the candidate. He will start on December 13th. He will be sworn in at Town Hall by Mayor Archer during the Festival of Lights festivities.
- The department will be using some funds from the speed camera operation to hire an officer to manage the program.

Code Enforcement Issues

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Trash collection will NOT be affected by the Holiday because it falls on the weekend.
- The next drop off day is Dec 18th for bulk trash.
- Leaf Collection – Public Works Dept provides this service for the residents. Please put blow the leaves to the curb (NOT the gutter). Please do not park in front of your leaves. There are about two weeks of collection left.
- Lights for the Hiker/Biker Trail – Dept. of Public Works will take care of the lighting by the end of the week.
- Madison Hill – No Parking During Snow Emergency signs will go up soon.
- Thanks to all who attended the Dept. of Public Works Thanksgiving Luncheon.
- Merry Christmas!

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This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- The report was previously provided by President Lamphier.
- Mayor Archer thanked the volunteers and fire department.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ewen, Economic Development Committee

- Dog Park @ Riverdale Community Park – widely supported by residents.
- Boys & Girls Club – CM Ewen is supportive of allowing M-NCPPC to take over this property.
- Trolley Trail Status – looking forward to an update for next meeting.
- Thanks to Dept of Public works for the new trees in the Town. They look great. Also thanked Mr. Addison for developing a relationship for the Rain Garden project.
- Washington Gas on Lafayette Ave. – Thanks Cong. Olson’s office for helping streamline repairs.
- House on Queensbury Road – the house is still in a state of suspension.
- Merry Christmas to all!

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ewen’s Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- Finance Committee Meeting on November 16th – Legal review has been done. The Town has been using a consultant to streamline policies. They will meet again in January.
- East West Highway repaving project – The project will continue. It will be repaved in the spring.
- Dog Park – Several residents expressed concern on how it will look and work out.
- Sale of Town properties on 51st – If anyone has concerns please contact CM Thompson.
- Thanks all members of the recreation board for the Children’s Holiday Party.
- Encourages everyone to attend the Festival of Lights.
- Happy Birthday to CM Lingua and Happy Holidays to all!

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson’s Report

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Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- CM Lingua would like residents to refer to the recent Town Crier for his report.
- Thanked Administrator Imhulse and staff for decorations and providing a great experience for the kids.
- Please consider becoming a member of the recreation board to help plan Town activities like the Festival of Lights.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Thanked Mr. Addison for everything he does for the community including planting the trees.
- CM Henry would like to hear more about the new officer to manage the speed camera project.
- Reminds everyone of the criminal element during the holiday season. There are many people out of jobs, etc. Be aware even coming in and out of your home!
- Hopes to see Santa Claus on Christmas Eve this year, provided by the fire department.
- Thanked Administrator Imhulse and the Town police department for all of their hard work this year.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

CM Rivas was not in attendance.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Legislative Committee

CM Allen-Smith was not in attendance.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith's Report

Public Comments

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Legislative Action

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1. To approve the minutes for regular legislative meeting November 1, 2010.

CM Lingua moved to accept the minutes.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer provided two edits:

2. To approve Resolution 2010-R-11, supporting MUTC recommendations to approve with conditions SP-060003-01/Wachovia Bank ATM.

CM Thompson read the Resolution and moved to approve Resolution 2010-R-11, supporting MUTC recommendations to approve with conditions SP-060003-01/Wachovia Bank ATM.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer requested that CM Thompson hard copies of the Resolution 2010-R-11 for Council and staff. CM Thompson ... Mayor Archer would like the applicant to speak. Michelle Larocca, representative from Wachovia Bank, stated that the new Wachovia Bank is very busy. There is an existing walk up ATM. Wachovia is proposing a drive-up ATM in the bypass lane of the drive thru. Michelle provided pics of the existing area and of the proposed ATM for Council. Wachovia reps are standing behind the recommendation of adding a drive thru ATM verses an additional walk up ATM to help move the customers faster through the lines. There is also an option of having signage on the wall of the Wachovia Bank that may say 'Welcome to Riverdale Park'. The planning board meeting is on January 13th. CM Thompson chairs the committee working on this project and helped to write the language for the Resolution. January 3rd is the cutoff date to provide Wachovia with the agreement. CM Ewen wants clarification on which lane the ATM will be installed. John ?? asked where did the \$25K figure from the committee come from CM Thompson explained that the committee members agree that there will be a significant increase in drive thru traffic which is not conducive with the zone that is currently a pedestrian oriented zone. John added that the Wachovia is very busy and there have been complaints by residents that it feels unsafe to park and get out of their car to go to the ATM. CM Thompson stated that the committee is uncomfortable allowing an overturning of the zoning to accommodate the drive thru ATM and that is why the \$25K fee has been required to move forward. CM Ewen explained that the money will go towards pedestrian improvements and Trolley Car improvement. Mayor Archer would like a response to the agreement from Wachovia by December 10th. Administrator Imhulse will work with the Town attorney who will work with Michelle on the final agreement.

Amendments:

1. Third Paragraph – strike... and enter into
2. December 22nd change to January 4, 2011
3. Strike the last two paragraphs.
4. Add... the Council expects the ATM be installed in one of the three existing drive thru lane.

CM Ewen moved to accept the amendments.

CM Thompson Second.

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Jonathan Ebbeter (4711 Oliver St.), MUTC committee member, stated that the committee does not want the ATM installed in the bypass lane. Jonathan gave some statistics on how unsafe drive thru ATMs really is. CM Ewen stated that the Council would like to see the bank succeed but the zoning in this area is highly restricted to accommodate pedestrian traffic.

3. To approve sending a letter to the 22nd delegation requesting capital funding for youth/community wing at Town Hall.

CM Lingua moved to approve sending a letter to the 22nd delegation requesting capital funding for youth/community wing at Town Hall. .

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

4. To approve Resolution 2010-R-12, to authorize the Town to enter into negotiations with Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) regarding the sale of property on 51st Avenue.

CM Thompson read the Resolution into record and moved to approve Resolution 2010-R-12, to authorize the Town to enter into negotiations with Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) regarding the sale of property on 51st Avenue.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Henry asked if the community has been consulted about this Resolution. What is the current status? CM Thompson stated that Ward 2 residents are on board. The building is currently abandoned. Mayor Archer also answered that the current building is nowhere near adequate to support the amount of children in the area. CM Lingua added that during a previous meeting it was established that the current building is in a remote, flat location and that a new facility that is more easily accessible is needed. Mayor Archer explained that the building is 15,000 square feet (size of 2 houses). CM Henry asked when was the last time the building has been used? Mayor Archer answered that it is used for storage, occasional dances and flea market. Mellissa Avery (4710 Ravenswood Rd) spoke that it may not be a bad idea to let M-NCPPC manage this facility due to lack of management by Town. She pointed out that in the Town Charter; the Town is responsible for repairs to this property. There is a need for the children in this community to have a place to use for programs but she believes selling this facility is not the answer. CM Henry believes in respecting and honoring the people who came before us. CM Henry suggested that we remove the plaque from the existing building when it's sold and use it to honor ?? at the new facility. Mayor Archer stated that he looks forward to hearing from the Historical Committee at future meeting about preserving the heritage of the Town of Riverdale Park.

5. To approve Optotraffic service agreement.

CM Lingua moved to approve Optotraffic service agreement.

CM Henry Second

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Discussion: Administrator Imhulse explained the following changes:

1. Phone calls can be received...
2. Optotraffic will prepare the court documents as required by courts.
3. Software used to look up out of state tags.
4. MVA Flagging Fee \$25 (after 60 days) – 39% will go to Optotraffic in exchange for the additional services they are providing.

Staff encourages support of this contract.

6. To approve Resolution 2010-R-13, supporting the Town's Chesapeake Bay Trust grant application for rain gardens.

CM Ewen read the Resolution into record and moved to approve Resolution 2010-R-13, supporting the Town's Chesapeake Bay Trust grant application for rain gardens.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

7. To approve Resolution 2010-R-14, requesting State legislation to enable residents to ride Shuttle-UM.

CM Thompson read the Resolution into record and moved to approve Resolution 2010-R-14, requesting State legislation to enable residents to ride Shuttle-UM.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

8. To approve Resolution 2010-R-15, adopting a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Hyattsville and the Town of University Park regarding the protection and preservation of Wells Run.

CM Thompson read the Resolution into record and moved to approve Resolution 2010-R-15, adopting a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Hyattsville and the Town of University Park regarding the protection and preservation of Wells Run.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Lingua amended the third paragraph.

9. To introduce Ordinance 2010-R-9, an ordinance concerning Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Investment Guidelines.

CM Thompson moved to introduce Ordinance 2010-R-9, an ordinance concerning Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Investment Guidelines.

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New Business

- **To approve Resolution 2010-R-16, relating to Police Staffing.**

CM Lingua moved to approve Resolution 2010-R-16, relating to Police Staffing.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer pointed out that this Resolution would bring the total uniformed officers to 20. CM Henry asked if there needs to be a uniformed police officer work on the Speed Camera operation. Mayor Archer and Administrator Imhulse explained that it is a requirement to have a uniformed officer work on the Speed Camera operation.

CM Ewen moved to amend – The Town’s Police Force will have a total of 20 uniformed officers.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 4-0

CM Lingua moved to amend – Be it Also Resolved that said sworn officer be hired on a contractual basis during the current Fiscal Year.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

- **Authorize ORI**

CM Lingua moved to authorize ORI.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion:

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Thompson moved to adjourn 10:49pm

CM Henry Second.

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