

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, June 4, 2012
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler	Ward 1
CM Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4
CM Alejandro Silva	Ward 6

Town Administrator – Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Chief David Morris
Public Works Department – Director Addison

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:03p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

CM Thompson motioned to approve the agenda.
CM Silva Second.
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Rivas will not be in attendance.

Mayor's Report

- Small Town Energy Program (STEP) – making progress with University Park. Outlined the roll-out this summer. Kick-off will be early September, maybe the 2nd Saturday. Focus Group meeting tomorrow.
- Summer Jobs for Youth - Targeting 16 – 19year olds. Information located in the Town Crier.
- Attended Paul Pinsky's event in Riverdale. He's played a pivotal role in delivering \$500K to Town Hall as well as helped develop relationship with Cafritz Family.
- Cafritz Project – Hoping District Court will take action soon. The next meeting is on June 11th.
- National Night Out – August 7th. We will need residents to volunteer and/or donate for this event.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Correspondence Summary

CM Ebbeler asked for clarification on item #5. Administrator Imhulse explained that the Town did not secure the grant for \$1M for this project. They are looking into why they weren't approved. An application will be resubmitted in August.

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Treasurer's Report

Budget as of May 31, 2012: Revenue = \$5, 834,157.50, Expenses = \$4, 261,465.35.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- PEPCO – Implementing an appliance recycling program. They will give residents a check for items like refrigerators, air conditioning units, freezers, etc. Please contact them directly at 877-395-5540.
- Refinancing Town's Debt – The Town saved 13% (approx. \$400K).
- Verence Ciciliano graduated from Trinity Washington University with a degree in Business Administration. Congratulations!!
- Dog Park Meeting – June 19th @ 6:30pm.
- Construction of Youth Wing at Town Hall – The architect has been out at the Farmer's Market to talk to residents about the project. Input can be given directly to Town Hall as well.
- Parking Ordinance – Those of you who live in the areas where permit parking is required can get information from Town Hall. A letter will go out to residents in areas with permit parking.
- Mr. Martinson's 10th grade Local, State and Government class from Parkdale High School is in attendance tonight for extra credit.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Annual Hispanic Festival – May 26th and 27th @ St. Bernard's. Very positive event. No police incidents occurred.
- Arrest – An arrest was made for the break in on Rhode Island Ave @ CON Industries Ave. on May 26th. The suspect gave Officers Walsh and Summerville and Detective Garcia information on other thefts of precious metals.
- Kelly Jason Leizar is wanted for a series of thefts. His picture will be posted on the Town's website tomorrow.
- Special Olympics – This Friday members of the Police Dept. will be participating in the Special Olympics in Towson to give out medals to the kids.
- Public Safety Community Walk Saturday, June 9th at 10:30am. It will start at Queensbury Market and finish at the Calvert House. You don't have to live in Ward 1 to participate; all residents of Riverdale Park are welcome.

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Code Enforcement Issues

- Jey's Auto – Still monitoring.
- 4710 Somerset – County has issued the raise permit.
- 4800 Block of Madison St. – Stop work order has been issued by the Town of Riverdale Park.

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Saturday Drop Off – June 16th
- LED Street Lights – a savings of at least 50% to the Town. Director Addison has been in negotiation with a vendor for the lights. There will be a test and evaluation at a designated area on Riverdale Road.
- Hiker/Biker Trail – Working out a plan with the Park Service on how to handle bikers crossing Queensbury Rd.

Discussion: CM Lingua thanked Dir. Addison on behalf of his residents for the great job of removing the yard waste.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- HVAC and Bunk Room – Continues to progress. The live in members are living in the lounge for now.
- Signing a contract this week for a new ambulance. Thanked Administrator Imhulse for support.
- Reorganization of the Volunteer Fire Service – Working with the County Council and Volunteer Organization.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

- Jazz On the Lawn – Kick off June 27th at the Riverdale Mansion.
- Town Center Market – June 16th is the Grand Opening of the Summer Market.
- Lion Club Scholarship – Increased to \$3K thanks to CM Rivas
- Ward 1 Walk – June 9th at 10:30am. Chief Morris for organizing this.
- Sen. Pinsky Event – attended and approached the idea of a developer's road show.
- Still monitoring the Jey's Auto situation. There are some deadlines fast approaching.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report

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Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- 4710 Somerset – Glad to hear that this property has all the permits and is ready to go.
- Very delighted to hear that the Town will be saving \$400K with the refinancing of its loan. Thanks Administrator Imhulse and staff for all their hard work.
- Budget – There have been 4 Finance Committee meetings so far. It will be discussed tonight.
- Dog Park Meeting – June 19th @ 6:30pm at the 51st Ave entrance to the park. Encouraged all concerned residents to attend.
- East West Highway repaving is complete. Everything is really smooth and CM Thompson is glad that it is complete.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Central Kenilworth – Tomorrow evening @ 7pm (6200 Riverdale Heights)
- Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Budget Meeting – in Laurel @6:30pm
- Bike Rally – Attended and had a great time. Thanked Anacostia Trails Area Staff.
- National Night Out – Encourages residents to contribute time and/or money to this event.
- Insufficient drainage areas have been pointed out to Dir. Addison from the last storm we had.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Proud to announce progress in the Public Works Department in the areas of Christmas in April, equipment, new street sweeper. They hope to purchase a street vacuum as well.
- Summer Internship – It is important to get teenagers actively involved in government.
- Speed Hump Policy – Still working out the policy.
- Congratulations to Verence for her degree in Business Administration.
- National Night Out – There will be a tent up in Ward 4 area with refreshments.
- Public Works Meeting tentatively rescheduled to June 22nd at 9pm.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

Not in attendance.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee

- CM Silva has canvassed his Ward around Jefferson Ave and has found a lot of trash in the streets. He would like something done about this.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report

Public Comments

- Lenny Wertz, President of C-Card invited everyone out tomorrow night for a neighborhood transformation initiative and update from Park and Planning for a TOD initiative. Also, agreed to CM Silva's statement that there is a lot of trash in the Ward 6 area.

Legislative Action

1. Motion to adopt ordinance 2012-OR-10, concerning FY 2013-Budget and Tax Rates.

CM Thompson moved to adopt ordinance 2012-OR-10 (as presented), concerning FY 2013-Budget and Tax Rates.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-1 (CM Ebbeler voted in opposition)

Discussion: CM Ebbeler stated that the benefits for Town employees are approximately 50% of the salaries and that he thinks that is a huge financial burden for the Town. CM Henry has gone out on a ledge to support this matter as well and hopes that the employees are deserving of these benefits. CM Ebbeler would have liked to see evidence of the need for a new dispatch position instead of being told that one is needed for the Town.

CM Thompson moved to amend Capital Improvements Program with page marked 6/4/2012.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

Expenditures

CM Thompson moved to amend the Mayor's proposed expenditures of \$768,774 to \$760,957.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 4-1 (CM Ebbeler voted in opposition)

Discussion: Reduction mainly in management support services.

CM Thompson moved to amend the Police expenditures of \$3,063,161 to \$3,127,720.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

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CM Lingua moved to amend the amended Police expenditures to \$3,127,720 to create a dispatch position with a salary of \$39,041 plus \$16,026 for benefits for a total \$55,667.00.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: We currently have our Communications Manager filling in the dispatch duties as well as other officers. CM Thompson asked if the overtime budget can be reduced to help accommodate the salary of the new dispatch position. CM Lingua replied yes. CM Thompson cautiously agrees with this amendment. Chief Morris stated that he is currently using sworn officers to help cover the dispatch position.

CM Thompson moved to amend the Public Works expenditures of \$1,309,760 to \$1,314,433.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend the Economic Development expenditures of \$122,469 to \$123,100.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend the miscellaneous expenditures from \$22K to \$28,900.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend the FY13 transfer to CIP Fund expenditures from \$742,943 to \$855,401.
CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend the Total Expenditures from \$6,047,873 to \$6,230,586.
CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

Revenues

CM Thompson moved to amend Real Estate Taxes and Interest from \$3,469,035 to \$3,666,560.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend Speed Camera Estimates from \$600K to \$550K.
CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend Grant Funding from \$0 to \$35,188.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

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CM Thompson moved to amend the Sub-total Revenues from \$5,604,873 to \$5,787,586.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend Revenues including Surplus from \$6,047,873 to 6,230,586.
CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend FY13 Transfer to CIP Fund from \$905,401 to \$855,401.
CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend the new Town Property Tax Rate as follows:
.6237 cents per \$100 for the Town Property Tax Rate
1.7 cents per \$100 for Debt Refinance
.22 cents per \$100 for Capital Debt of 3 police cruisers
1.11 cents per \$100 for additional reduction of Capital Debt of 3 police cruisers
Total of 3.03 cents per \$100
Grand Total Tax Rate is 0.6540 cents per \$100.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

2. Motion to approve Building Permit Request – Curb Cut at 6106 44th Ave (Ward 1).

CM Ebbeler moved to approve Building Permit Request – Curb Cut at 6106 44th Ave (Ward 1).
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-R-12, a resolution establishing permit parking district in Madison Hill.

CM Henry moved to adopt Resolution 2012-R-12, a resolution establishing permit parking district in Madison Hill.
CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse pointed out that Resolution 2012-R-12 will repeal Resolution 2012-R-01. CM Ebbeler asked about resident comments on this Resolution. CM Henry stated that residents are frustrated that non-residents are using their neighborhood to park in.

4. Motion to adopt ordinance 2012-OR-06, concerning Town Employee Post-retirement Health Insurance Benefits.

CM Ebbeler moved to adopt ordinance 2012-OR-06, concerning Town Employee Post-retirement Health Insurance Benefits.

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CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 5-0

5. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-OR-08, an emergency ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on residential property.

CM Henry moved to adopt ordinance 2012-OR-08, an emergency ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on residential property.

CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Thompson stated that this is exactly the same legislation as introduced in May. CM Ebbeler received an e-mail from a resident opposing this. CM Ebbeler supports this Ordinance.

CM Lingua moved to amend the start date of Ordinance 2012-OR-08 to December 31st.
CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 5-0

6. Motion to adopt ordinance 2012-OR-09, concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on streets, sidewalks, and other public property.

CM Thompson moved to adopt ordinance 2012-OR-09 as originally presented on May 7th, concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on streets, sidewalks, and other public property.

CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson amended Ordinance 2012-OR-09 to replace Section 50 with Section 57.

CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson amended Ordinance 2012-OR-09 to change 57-24.1 to read ...
dumpsters and storage receptacles on public property...

CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse pointed out that this Ordinance has been amended since the last time it was introduced.

7. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-OR-07, concerning mayor and council member salaries.

CM Lingua moved to substitute Ordinance 2012-OR-07 Amended for Ordinance 2012-OR-07, concerning mayor and council member salaries.

CM Ebbeler Second

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Motion passes 4-1 (CM Ebbeler opposed)

CM Lingua moved to approve Ordinance 2012-OR-07 Amended, concerning Mayor and Council member salaries.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

8. Motion to approve Mayor's nominations to Board of Trustees for the Town of Riverdale Park Defined Benefit Retirement Plan.

CM Thompson moved to approve Mayor's nominations (Administrator Imhulse, James Davis, CM Ebbeler, Capt. Timmons) to Board of Trustees for the Town of Riverdale Park Defined Benefit Retirement Plan.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse pointed out two corrections; Board not Council and to restate CM Ebbeler on this motion.

9. Motion to approve minutes for the regular Legislative Meeting on May 7, 2012.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve minutes for the regular Legislative Meeting on May 7, 2012.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: page 3 Public Works, Christmas in April – add ... and CM Thompson came out to help.

10. Motion to approve minutes for the Special Legislative Meeting on May 22, 2012.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve minutes for the Special Legislative Meeting on May 22, 2012.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 5-0

11. Motion to approve minutes for the Public Hearing on May 12, 2012.

CM Thompson moved to approve minutes for the Public Hearing on May 12, 2012.

CM Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Page 1 (type o's) – Chief Morris

Unfinished Business

- CM Ebbeler asked the status on Jay's Auto. Mayor Archer has not heard from the owner.

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New Business

- Madison Hill Community Movie Night

CM Henry moved to have the 5600 block of Silk Tree Dr. closed on July 7th from 8pm – 10pm.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 5-0

Adjournment

CM Thompson moved to adjourn 10:45pm.

CM Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 5-0

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