

Town of Riverdale park  
Monday, January 3, 2010  
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

**Attendance**

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen	Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Raymond Rivas	Ward 5 (8:30pm)

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 8:02 p.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 Lingua Second.  
Motion passes 3-0

**Mayor's Report**

- Pointed out the much improved financial position of the Town. The expenditure lines are remarkably under budget. Revenues are looking solid due to property tax line item and speed camera revenues. This leaves room for other public safety items that occur; snow removal, etc. The budget proposal will begin in spring.

*This concludes the Mayor's Report*

**Treasurer's Report**

As of December 31, 2010: Revenue = \$4,514,231.71, Expenses = \$2,355,364.77.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.  
CM Ewen Second  
Motion passes 3-0

*This concludes the Treasurer's Report*

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**Town Administrator's Report**

- Met with Cheryl Harrington of Envision Prince George's County. They are looking to partner with other organizations. Administrator Imhulse recommended they reach out to CKAR
- Maryland Ave improvement project has been completed. Thanked Mr. Addison for his work.
- Kenilworth Ave. Façade Project – Still working with a firm to finalized the façade improvement bids.
- Town Hall and Public Works is Closed on January 17<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Holiday.

Discussion: CM Ewen asked what are the proposed three businesses were for the façade improvement program. Ms. Imhulse noted that these are not set in stone yet, but the proposed businesses are Riggs Grocery Store, Kenilworth Liquors, and the Asian Café adjacent to it.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

**Police Department Report**

- Happy New Year to everybody!
- Chief Chamber will present the crime scope of 2010 at the next worksession.

Discussion: Mayor Archer would like to see how residents used NIXEL as part of her 2010 review.

**Code Enforcement Issues**

*This concludes the Police Department Report*

**Public Works Report**

- Happy New Years to everyone.
- Martin Luther King's Holiday (January 17<sup>th</sup>) – Trash collection will NOT be affected during the holiday.
- The next drop off day is on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Last day leaf collection will end on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Put your Christmas tree out with your yard waste for disposal.
- There was a little snow on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Not a lot of snow but enough to bring in the crews. We were very lucky that this happened the day after Christmas and on the weekend. The streets were salted and no complaints were reported.

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- A new light was put in under the CXS Bridge. It looks good.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked about the curb cut improvement by the Vietnam War Memorial. Will there be other improvements? There will be addition crosswalk signage and repaving as well.

*This concludes the Public Works Report*

### **Fire Department Report**

- Statistical reports were sent to Mayor and Council previously.
- 2009 – 3,400 responses reported, 2010 – 4,900 responses reported. The volunteer companies are struggling. The addition responses are wearing them out.
- Chief Ryan and Pres. Lamphier put a pamphlet together to tell the story of the fire department. It was distributed at the meeting and will be posted on their website.
- Worked with code enforcement and Santa to get presents to 130 children and their families. There was a family who was burned out of their home before Christmas. They were able to receive a few gifts for the fire department.
- The Fire Department Report is provided to the Council before the Legislative Meetings. President Lamphier would like to have language included in the minutes to reflect that a report had been submitted, regardless of whether or not a member of the Fire Department was able to attend the meeting.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked about the recruitment and retention challenges. EMT is bookwork and memorization and is very time consuming vs taking the 80 hour Firefighter course which is very hands on and interesting. CM Rivas asked if President Lamphier knew anything about Code Enforcement charging apartment complexes for inspections.

*This concludes the Fire Department Report*

## **Ward and Committee Reports**

### **Ward 1, CM Ewen, Economic Development Committee**

- Thanked Town Hall employees for hard work on Christmas decorations.

*This concludes Ward 1, CM Ewen's Report*

### **Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee**

- Finance Committee Meeting on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> @7:30pm.
- Thanked all residents in Ward 2 for decorating their homes for Christmas.
- Thanked Town Hall staff and volunteers for all their efforts for the Holiday events.

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*This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report*

**Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee**

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.
- CKAR meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6200 Sheridan Street.
- Thanked all that were involved

*This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report*

**Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee**

CM Henry was unable to attend.

*This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report*

**Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee**

- Doll Making Classes – thanked Emily Fanning for putting together the class. There is a big interest from the boys to have another class.
- Crime – Residents have been calling CM Rivas first when a crime has happened. CM Rivas would like residents to contact the Police Department directly at 301-927-4343 or 911.

*This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report*

**Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Legislative Committee**

CM Allen-Smith was unable to attend.

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

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Legislative Action**

**1. Approval for December 6, 2010, minutes for regular legislative meeting.**

CM Lingua moved to accept the minutes.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson provided the following edits:

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- Mayors report (at end) - Town Hall Meeting
- Town Administrator's Report (1<sup>st</sup> bullet) - neighborhood design center
- 4<sup>th</sup> bullet Work Session 8pm.,
- Item #2/page 5 discussion: Larocca
- Top of page 6 John Ebbler.

Mayor Archer provided the following edits:

- Mayor's Report/2<sup>nd</sup> bullet – Economic development event this spring. We are working on improvements on Route 1.

**2. To deny application SP-060003/01/Wachovia Bank ATM.**

CM Thompson moved to repeal resolution 2010-R-11, to direct the Mayor to write a letter to the planning board recommending denial of special permit SP-060003/01/Wachovia Bank ATM and to appoint CM Thompson to represent the Town at the planning board meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> should the hearing occur for this special permit process.

CM Ewen Second  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson explained the reason he wants to repeal Resolution 2010-R-11 is that the Council directed the Mayor to negotiate with Wachovia with a closing date of January 4, 2010 and he just didn't want any confusion if that should occur. The METC committee was in favor of denying unless an arrangement could be made between the Town and Wachovia to allow for pedestrian improvements financed by Wachovia. Since that did not occur, CM Thompson is recommending to the planning board that they deny special permit. CM Thompson would like to be at that hearing in order to explain the origins and how the Town and the METC committee felt about this special permit application. Mayor Archer recommends that the Council pass this resolutions as stated and feels very comfortable that CM Thompson would represent the Town's view point before the board.

**3. To approve fence permit for 6ft fence located at 5512 Taylor Rd.**

CM Lingua moved to approve fence permit for 6ft fence located at 5512 Taylor Rd.  
CM Ewen Second  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Lingua inspected the site for the permit. He found that the fence was already put in. CM Lingua feels that although the fence is in compliance it would set a bad precedent to continue to have post construction approvals. Mayor Archer agreed that this is an ongoing problem.

**4. To approve Ordinance 2010-OR-09 an ordinance concerning Defined Benefit Pension Plan Investment Guidelines.**

CM Thompson moved to approve Ordinance 2010-OR-09 an ordinance concerning Defined Benefit Pension Plan Investment Guidelines.  
CM Ewen Second  
Motion passes 4-0

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Discussion: CM Thompson feels this Ordinance, as it exists, reflects the desires of the current board.

**5. To approve Resolution 2011-R-01, a resolution to ratify amendments to the Town of Riverdale Park Defined Benefits Plan.**

CM Thompson moved to adopt Resolution 2011-R-01, a resolution to ratify amendments to the Town of Riverdale Park Defined Benefits Plan.

CM Ewen Second  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse stated that this confirms that Amendments #1—9 to the Defined Benefits Plan are adopted by Council. There are no changes to Amendments #1-9 with this Resolution. Amendments #1-9 are currently in place now. Administrator Imhulse cannot find it in record that the Council has adopted these Amendments.

**6. To approve Resolution 2011-R-02, a resolution to approve amendment #10 to the Town of Riverdale Park Defined Benefit Plan.**

CM Thompson moved approve Resolution 2011-R-02, a resolution to approve amendment #10 to the Town of Riverdale Park Defined Benefit Plan.

CM Lingua Second  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: There are 5 items in this Amendment. Three of which are tax related.

#2 - If an employee is off on military leave and the employer (the Town) does not supply the employee with the information they have on the amount that is due to the Town, the 5% interest is not applied. This was discussed last week. If we don't provide information in a timely manner (6 months) then the employee will not be assessed the 5% interest.

#3 – Recognizing one month of furlough leave in the time that's vested. The attorney recommends that we calculate it in months. CM Lingua asked how many hours does one month equal. Administrator Imhulse gave an example that if an employee left in the middle of the month, it may be counted as an entire month.

Items #1, #4 & #5 are all IRS tax items that are required to go into the plan.

**7. To approve Resolution 2011-R-03, a resolution to approve amendment #11 to the Town of Riverdale Park Defined Benefit Plan.**

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

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Discussion: Amendment #11:

1. If a person dies in the military after January 1, 2007 than we credit their military time for vesting purposes. This is an IRS requirement.
2. If the Town supplements someone's military pay that we could add that amount as compensation to determine whether the benefit under the plan exceeds the tax law limits. This is an IRS requirement.

## **New Business**

- CM Thompson moved to set the amount of \$750,000 to ask of the State for help with our Community Center and to be matched by the Town at the same level for a total of \$1.5 million.  
CM Ewen second.  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson stated that the Town had \$200,000 of seed money from general obligation bond issuance and is expecting \$150,000 from the sale of the property on 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. The Town may need to borrow the additional \$400,000. Adding an additional story on top of this building added \$200 per square feet plus \$100,000 to install an elevator. This project totaled \$1.5 million.

- Mayor Archer reminded everyone that elections are coming up in May. People should start thinking of nominations for offices (Judges, alternates, etc).
- Administrator Imhulse reminded everyone that there are 5 Mondays in January and that the Work Session will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- CM Lingua asked if the Town has received results from the Census. Mayor Archer explained that the results will not be released until the next Mayor and Council are in place.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Adjournment**

CM Lingua moved to adjourn 9:10pm  
CM Rivas Second.  
Motion passes 4-0

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