

Town of Riverdale park  
Tuesday, July 5, 2011  
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

**Attendance**

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler	Ward 1
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Raymond Rivas	Ward 5
CM Alejandro Silva	Ward 6

Police Department – Capt. Patrick Timmons, Acting Police Chief

Public Works Department – Mr. Addison

Fire Department – President Steve Lamphier

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 9:25 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 Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 4-0

**Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Archer announced that CM Thompson and CM Henry will not be in attendance for the meeting, nor Town Administrator, Sara Imhulse. He asked that everyone speak clearly into their microphones to ensure a clear recording for the meeting.
- CAFRITZ/WHOLE FOODS PROJECT – County CM Eric Olson has sent a general overview letter to the residents of Riverdale and College Heights. The target date to open is in late 2014. There are three basic points to get through:
  - Re-zoning
  - Design
  - Construction
- MML – Mayor Archer attended and was able to speak to some of the Mayors in nearby municipalities. There were common concerns in the area that included traffic, storm water issues and the marketing plans (possibly outdated) associated with the new developments in the area.
- Chief of Police – The hiring process has been moving forward. Interviewing has begun and the Mayor is optimistic that one or two finalist will be met with in August.
- Mayor Archer will go to the sister city of Impala on with four teachers on August 9<sup>th</sup>, returning on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor will also be taking many donations with him.
- County Council currently has before it County Bill 15 – Storm water Management and Pollutants allowed in the system. County CM Eric Olson is working to strengthen the storm water controls.
- Chief Charles Ryan has returned to Firehouse #7 after being burned severely. He is able to oversee operations only at this point.
- Mayor Archer asked CM Lingua to handle ATHA @ 7:30pm since the Mayor has another meeting conflict. CM Lingua agreed to make it to that meeting.

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- Mayor Archer asked CM Rivas to pass along any interview questions for the police chief interviews to him before the interviewing begins.

*This concludes the Mayor's Report*

**Treasurer's Report**

The report has been previously submitted and will be deferred until next month.

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

**Town Administrator's Report**

- HVAC – The Town was awarded with two separate grants for this project. Both projects are scheduled to begin this summer.
- New Playground/Community Recreation Center – Administrator Imhulse has been working with Ms. Cantu (Principle of Riverdale Elem.) and M-NCPPC to discuss recreational opportunities in the adjacent park including elementary playground element, soccer and basketball spaces, community recreational spaces and a rain garden. This will all be funded through Program Open Space.
- Congrats to Ms. Cantu for her retirement this year.
- Bret Stein, Crescent Cities is scheduled to be transferred to Siler Spring. Admin. Imhulse will update all to his replacement.
- MML – The annual convention was held in Ocean City.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

**Police Department Report**

- We have completed the process of promotions of Sergeant. It was a competitive process that required a lot of studying and a lot of work. It really raised the bar for the two candidates.
- Officer James Murphy, new speed camera officer, has started. He has a lot of experience and ideas to offer.
- Attended the swearing in of County Chief McGraw at the County Administrative Building.
- National Night Out – We have started to formulate plans. We will have extra staff working. People will be out in the community and not centralized this year.

**Code Enforcement Issues**

- Report was previously submitted. Questions can be directed to Colleen Ferguson.

*This concludes the Police Department Report*

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**Public Works Report**

- Saturday Drop Off – July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Holiday Pick up – Trash will be picked up on July 7<sup>th</sup> due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.
- MML – Looking at the possibility of upgrading the Town’s street lighting (Riverdale Rd and portion of Queensbury Rd). There may be a way to get this done without getting a consultant involved which would save the Town a lot of money. Mr. Addison will keep Council and Mayor informed of progress.

*This concludes the Public Works Report*

**Fire Department Report**

- President Lamphier is not able to attend but submitted a report previously.

*This concludes the Fire Department Report*

**Ward and Committee Reports**

**Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee**

- Extended heartfelt congrats for recovery of the Fire Chief.
- Parking Issues – CM Ebbeler is gathering information from residents on Rittenhouse/ Natoli Place and across from the Marc Station. He will be working with Mr. Addison to get his input.
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- Former CM Ewen forwarded an e-mail about Safe School Grants. CM Ebbeler will move forward with this project.
- Property Manager at Dumms has used a contract expediter which may push this project within a two week period.
- Attended the MML Conference. Cafritz was a big topic.
- Wachovia is changing its name to Wells Fargo.
- Dog Park (aka Wagertail Park) – Continuing progress at the park.
- A constituent asked if we could show movies at the Field of Dreams. CM Ebbeler will explore this idea with CM Rivas. This will start July 14<sup>th</sup> thru August 25<sup>th</sup>. They are inquiring if the Town has a digital projector and chairs from Farmer’s Market via Public Works. They are also looking to have a cook out. A budget will be given to CM Ebbeler. CM Rivas offered residents to attend his Friday night Movie Night in his building.

*This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler’s Report*

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

CM Thompson is not in attendance.

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

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

- Storm Water Management – project on the backside of a home on Taylor Rd. CM Lingua is trying to find out from the County where they are at on this project.
- Code Enforcement has been alerted about an automotive business along Lafayette. The County has come out to inspect the property.
- Parking – CM Lingua is working with staff and residents about parking issues along 5300 block of 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. There are a number of vehicles that can park there but there is not enough space. CM Lingua has drafted a letter to go out to the residents in that area.
- Riverside Neighborhood Park – There is a group who has obtained a permit a while ago. They booked three months of Sundays. The first two they did not show. The following Sunday they left a lot of debris on the ground. CM Lingua wrote them a letter to stress that they need to be good stewards.
- MML – CM Lingua was a Flag Bearer on Monday morning. It was a pleasure and suggests that other CMs should be a part of the opening ceremony. Attended Foreclosure Maintenance, Rental Inspection Forum and Small Town Forum, which may be a great way for municipalities to convey the opinions of their Mayor and Council.
- National Night Out – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, CM Lingua encourages residents to get out and have a bar-b-que/block party.
- FHWA highway division – BW Parkway meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Meade Middle School 1103 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Meade, MD. POC Louis Grimm at [Louis.Grimm@dot.gov](mailto:Louis.Grimm@dot.gov) (703) 404-6289. This meeting relates to the upcoming Purple Line and the Kenilworth Ave. Revitalization.
- Congrats to Fire Chief Ryan for being able to come back to work.

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

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

CM Henry was not in attendance.

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

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

- Cinema Night – July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Park @ 9pm.
- National Night Out – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, CM Rivas asked if there is going to be an event at Riverside Park. Capt. Timmons responded that the police department is doing something different this year. There will be more, smaller events. CM Rivas will have a Park Tanglewood event at his building.
- Thanked the Town for sending him to the MML Conference.

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- Recreation Committee Board Mtg on July 7<sup>th</sup> – Will discuss the Riverdale Park Day held on the first Saturday in October (October 1<sup>st</sup>) @ Riverside Park. Other things that will be discussed are the Easter Egg Event and the need for volunteers.
- CM Rivas has kids interested in the Cadet Program in College Park. He is encouraging them to attend.
- CM Rivas opened a weight room/recreational room at Park Tanglewood for the kids and residents. It's open from 9am – 4pm. Air hockey, Foosball, Billiards, exercise bikes, treadmills and free weights.

*This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report*

**Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee**

- He is looking forward to getting out and getting to know more residents.

*This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report*

**Public Comments**

**Legislative Action**

1. **To approve minutes for June 6, 2011 regular legislative meeting.**

CM Lingua moved to accept the minutes.

CM Rivas Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Lingua will submit his edit directly to Administrator Imhulse.

2. **To approve minutes from June 20, 2011 special legislative meeting.**

CM Lingua moved to accept the minutes.

CM Rivas Second

Motion passes 4-0

3. **To approve waiving Town bid requirements for purchase of 8 police vehicles through the use of a State bid.**

CM Lingua moved to approve waiving Town bid requirements for purchase of 8 police vehicles through the use of a State bid.

CM Rivas Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer explained that the State can get much better pricing due to the amount of vehicles they bid out. CM Lingua is motioning on behalf of CM Thompson.

**4. To approve waiving Town bid requirements for purchase of 3 public works vehicles through the use of State bid.**

CM Lingua moved to approve waiving Town bid requirements for purchase of 3 public works vehicles through the use of State bid.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

**5. To approve waving Town bid requirements for 2 HVAC projects and use an existing state contracted energy service company (ESCO) as part of the State of Maryland's existing Energy Performance contract (EPC).**

CM Lingua moved to approve waving Town bid requirements for 2 HVAC projects and use an existing state contracted energy service company (ESCO) as part of the State of Maryland's existing Energy Performance contract (EPC).

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler asked if the grant goes directly to the Town or to the Contractor. Mayor Archer stated that Administrator Imhulse would be the person who could answer that question.

**6. To approve waiving Town bid requirements for purchase of 8 Digital Mobile Radios through the use of County bid.**

CM Lingua moved to approve waiving town bid request for 8 digital mobile radios.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Capt. Timmons explained that this will replace the outdated radios currently in use.

**New Business**

- CM Lingua wants Wards to start thinking of setting up block parties for National Night Out (5pm -9pm). If street closures are necessary Council has ample time to grant permissions.

CM Lingua moved that each Ward allowed to designate a block in their Ward to be closed from 5pm – 9pm on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for National Night activities.

CM Rivas Second

Motion passes 4-0

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Discussion: Mayor Archer suggested that the Council talk it over with Town Staff. This is not requiring that the Wards have to have a street blocked out or have a block party. Mr. Addison asked that he be made aware of street closures as well.

- Redistricting – CM Lingua stated that at the MML discussion of redistricting may happen. Mayor Archer has not seen any report on this.

**Unfinished Business**

**Adjournment**

CM Ebbeler moved to adjourn 9:47pm

CM Rivas Second.

Motion passes 4-0

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