

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, October 3, 2011
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon Archer Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler Ward 1 (8 :30pm)
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 –Police Chief David Morris
Public Works Department – Director Addison
Fire Department – President Steve Lamphier

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:00 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 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer would like to strike MOU Items 3 & 4.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Archer forwarded a revised proposal of a market survey of the extended Rt. 1 area. It is much improved over the original draft.
- The MOU for the Hiker/Biker project (Item #3) is 'right there'. M-NCPPC are in the absolute final stages to move that forward.
- There was an Executive Session held on September 7th to discuss matters related to the proposed moving of Whole Foods in the area.
- Recognized a recent recipient of the Eagle Scout, William LeChance III. This is the highest honor of the Boy Scouts of America. Mayor Archer read the proclamation into record.
- The Vacant and Foreclosure list for the Town is down but still too high.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

Budget as of September 30, 2011: Revenue = \$1, 549,670.70.00, Expenses = \$1, 006,415.12.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.
CM Lingua Second
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This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- Town Hall posted a request for qualifications for a planning consultant to review the Cafritz project. Received 11 responses.
- Thanks to all who joined us at the Riverdale Park Day, especially volunteers: Nova Johns, Melissa Avery, Don Lynch, Liz Green, Erica DeVar, Jeffery York, CM Rivas and 40 other teenage volunteers for their hard work and dedication.
- Attended the ICMA Conference in September.
- The liquor Board issued a new license to Dumm's Pizza & Subs

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Attended a press conference with Prince Georges's County Police Department with Capt. Timmons. All municipal police chiefs were invited to talk about the declining crime in the area and new crime initiatives.

Code Enforcement Issues

- A Code Enforcement Officer for the Town has recently left and the Town has advertised to fill that position.

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- There will be trash collection on Columbus Day.
- Drop off on October 15th @9am – 2pm.
- Dept. of Public Works assisted CM Rivas and Administrator Imhulse on Riverdale Park Day. Director Addison gives his regards to CM Rivas and Administrator Imhulse for promoting this event. There were a lot of people in attendance even though it was rainy and cold.
- Work Session – The State Highway Commission spoke about the Baltimore Ave/East West Highway intersection improvement. Director Addison will invite an engineer to attend the next Work Session to provide details for the sidewalk improvement in that area.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked Director Addison about maintenance of the tree planting project that took place over the summer in the northern portion of Riverdale Park. Director Addison is trying to contact the manager of the project for an update.

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This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- Dave Sutton was inducted into the PG County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Hall of Fame.
- Nova Johns received the County's Fire Prevention Trophy during Riverdale Park Day. This is a first for Riverdale Park.
- House Fire on 5400 Block of Riverdale Rd. – Residents were frustrated to see firefighters standing around outside of the burning home. They were able to get the family out of the house but the house was 'energized' (live wiring falling down) and they had to wait until the power was turned off for safety reasons. Pepco came out immediately to cut the power.
- BINGO – Games will be announced in the Town Crier.
- Man-Hollow – Every Friday and Saturday night in the month of October.
- The County Executive issued an Executive Order that reorganizes the fire service. There are many Cities in the County that are submitting letters and voicing concern and objection to this order. The main concern is the change of the Fire Commission to an advisory role to the Fire Chief rather than the roll of controlling the budget and distributing funds will go away.
- Chief Ryan's recovery is remarkable and he should be returning to work in an operational role by the first week in November.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

- CM Ebbeler was out of town during Riverdale Park Day but is continuing to work on ways to get more residents out to these events.
- Cafritz and Jay's Auto Repair projects are continuing to be discussed.
- Economic Development Committee will meet this Thursday @7:30pm. Proposal for the RFQ for the Town Planner will be discussed.
- MUTC Meeting on Wednesday night to discuss the Dumm's Corner Market application. Cafritz has been invited.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- CM Thompson enjoyed Riverdale Park Day, especially the video booth and the demonstration of what development can do soil quality.
- The section of East West Hwy will be repaved and patched up.

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- There is a variance request on 51st Ave.
- The M Square development will be coming before the Council this month.
- The Finance Committee discussed the format of the reports they receive and are very pleased with them. Retirement benefits, changes to personnel policy and charter amendments that are currently in the lawyers hand were discussed also.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Public Safety Committee Mtg – Last week was the first meeting held with the new Police Chief. They are already discussing National Night Out for 2012.
- CKAR Mtg – tomorrow night at 6200 Sheridan St. @ 7pm
- Business Outreach Committee – held a mtg two weeks ago and will meet again on Oct 27th and will be posted on the Town website.
- Thanks to everyone for their help and support during Riverdale Park Day.
- Novella is asking for assistance in decorating her daycare and home on Taylor Rd for Halloween due to illness.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- DPW Meeting changed to October 28th @9pm.
- Welcomed the new Police Chief, Chief Morris
- Thanked Director Addison for repainting the pedestrian sign on the top of Silk Tree Dr.
- There are a few sink holes in the Baker area and some other highways. CM Henry asked Director Addison to look out for these types of damages that may have come from the earthquake.
- Thanked the State for painting and restoring bridge ways.
- Thanked Colleen Ferguson for helping to curb the parking situation in the community. Code Enforcement is trying to come up with a parking decal.
- Christmas in April – Looking for more volunteers.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

Not in attendance due to emergency at his building.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee

- CM Silva has patrolled his Ward with the police chief to identify areas where speed bumps may need to be installed.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report

Public Comments

Legislative Action

1. To approve minutes for the regular legislative meeting on September 6, 2011.

CM Thompson moved to approve minutes for the regular legislative meeting on September 6, 2011.

CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer would like to permanently move the minutes to the bottom of the agenda. Page 3/Ward 1 – CUEVAS (sp), Third bullet - strike-that they/add a church opened up, 1st bullet - strike second sentence.

2. To approve minutes for the special legislative meeting on September 26, 2011

CM Thompson moved to accept the minutes.
CM Ebbeler Second
Motion passes 5-0

3. To approve MOU with M-NCPPC for hiker/biker project.

Stricken from record.

4. To approve MOU with M-NCPPC for rain garden project

Stricken from record.

5. To approve request for carnival permit with Taylor & Sons, Inc., proceeds going to Passion and Compassion Outreach (Ward 6)

CM Silva moved to approve request for carnival permit with Taylor & Sons, Inc., proceeds going to Passion and Compassion Outreach.

CM Ebbeler Second
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: David the applicant supplied the security plan which includes two off duty officers. Chief Morris stated that they have taken the necessary steps to ensure that this will not affect the daily operations of the department. CM Lingua asked for address and

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will make up a signature form for the Reverend. CM Thompson stated that the form does not have the appropriate fee filled in. David stated that in the past the fee has already been waived. CM Henry responded that David runs a 501c (3) and that the events are always charitable and this is why the fees have been waved in the past.

CM Lingua moved to amend the original motion pending submission of proper paperwork and have the fees be waived.

6. To approve the letter regarding the Cafritz project.

CM Ebbeler moved to table this for review at the Economic Development Committee meeting.
CM Henry Second

7. To approve speed humps at the 5400 block Spring Lane (Ward 6)

CM Silva moved to approve speed humps at the 5400 block Spring Lane.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

8. To approve speed humps at the 5300 block Greenway Street (Ward 6).

CM Silva moved to approve speed humps at the 5300 block Greenway Street.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse asked if this is for 1 speed hump. CM Silva would like to see two speed humps on that block.

9. To approve speed humps at the 5400 block Jefferson Street (Ward 6)

CM Silva moved to approve speed humps at the 5400 block of Jefferson Street.

CM Lingua Second

Discussion: Mayor Archer asked how many speed bumps and where would they be located? One will be located in front of a house across from an apartment. Director Addison objects because there are busses that go down that street. Chief Lamphier objects as well. CM Silva stated that the residents in that area strongly agree to install a speed bump at this location. Chief Morris added that there are a lot of children in that area and suggested rumble strips. Director Addison suggested that they turn this street into a one way street going towards Kenilworth Ave. Mayor Archer encouraged CM Silva to invite the residents in that area to come to a Council Mtg to discuss their concerns and to hear other suggestions to calm traffic.

CM Silva withdrew the motion and adds this item to the work session.

10. To approve speed humps between the 5500 and 5600 blocks of 54th Avenue (Ward 6).

CM Silva moved to approve speed humps between the 5500 and 5600 blocks of 54th Avenue

CM Henry Second

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Discussion: Mayor Archer pointed out that this is not a residential street and that there are objects previously forwarded by the Fire Department.

CM Silva moved to withdraw this motion.

11. To approve a letter to Superintendent Hite regarding playground project.

CM Thompson moved to approve a letter to Superintendent Hite regarding playground project.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse explained that the Town has taken the lead on a project called Riverdale Road Park adjacent to Riverdale Elem. This letter is to notify the Superintendent that there are components that have yet to be funded and that the school district creates a capitol improvement project and begin to set aside funds for this project. The project includes a new parking lot, additional fencing, outdoor classroom and fencing.

12. To approve a letter to Planning Board regarding playground project.

CM Thompson move to approve a letter to Planning Board regarding playground project.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse explained that this letter is an opportunity to weigh in and an opportunity to partner with them in the future.

13. To approve 2011-OR-04, an ordinance concerning alarm systems and Fees.

CM Thompson moved to adopt 2011-OR-04, an ordinance concerning alarm systems and Fees.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

14. To approve 2011-OR-05, an ordinance concerning a new ethics ordinance.

CM Thompson moved to adopt approve 2011-OR-05, an ordinance concerning a new ethics ordinance.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to amend Page 21/Section C.1 – Charles County to Prince George’s County.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

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Discussion: CM Thompson stated that this will establish a new ethics board. CM Lingua stated that the City of Hyattsville requested an exemption.

15. To approve a request to waive Town bid requirements to purchase 8 Panasonic Toughbook Computers from Breckford.

CM Henry moved to approve a request to waive Town bid requirements to purchase 8 Panasonic Toughbook Computers from Breckford.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: This is a piggyback on a contract with Baltimore County for the purchase of Toughbook Computers.

16. To approve follow up on property use agreement related to PY35.

CM Thompson moved to authorize the Town Administrator to include language in the Kenilworth Ave agreement that includes a three year warranty of the painting of aluminum siding.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: The Town Attorney has suggested language for this agreement.

17. To appoint Council members to the pension board.

Mayor Archer nominated to appoint Council members CM Ebbeler to the pension board.

CM Thompson approved the nomination.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion:

New Business

- December 27th would be the Work Session Meeting. Mayor Archer suggests that the Work Session be moved to December 19th @ 8pm

CM Thompson moved that the December Work Session be changed to December 19th @ 8pm

CM Lingua second

Motion passes 5-0

- CM Ebbeler has been in contact with CM Olson's office in regards to the Art District. The Town will have to file a letter of intent by April. This will be discussed in the Economic Development Committee Mtg.
- National Night Out will be a larger event next year and CM Lingua has asked that Chief Morris start planning now and that Council Members provide any ideas and suggestions to him.

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Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Thompson moved to adjourn 10:00pm

CM Lingua Second.

Motion passes 5-0

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