

Town of Riverdale park  
Monday, May 7, 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 Alejandro Silva	Ward 6

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

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:04 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 Ebbeler Second.  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Henry is away on travel and CM Rivas has an emergency in his building.

**Mayor's Report**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Fest – Largest number of vendors so far. Thanks to Jeffery York and all associated in planning the Arts Fest. It was great to honor Mr. King, local artist.
- Cafritz Rezoning Application – This is the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in front of the District Council. The Town of Riverdale Park's Council has worked tirelessly on this project to make sure everything works out in the favor of its residents.
- Budget – Additions include: Cost of Living adjustments, Step increases on pay scale, Additional funding on the Capital Improvement Plan, Summer Jobs Initiative – Mayor Archer would like to include funds to help kids get summer jobs, New Town Clerk position, Refinancing the Town's Debt – in an effort to bring down pressure on our tax dollars for street improvements, building improvements, etc.
- Jey Edward called regarding his property on Rt. 1. He will bring a proposal to remodel his property to make it livable.
- Initiative for the County to lay out the ground work for better action of our communities - meeting tomorrow from 6:30pm – 8pm at the Refreshing Spring Church.

*This concludes the Mayor's Report*

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**Presentation**

Promotion for Officer Green – Mayor Archer gave the Oath of Office to Officer Green, Chief Morris along with Sgt. Emerick and other Town of Riverdale Park officers.

**Correspondence Summary**

CM Lingua - wanted to see a copy of a letter (item#4).

**Treasurer's Report**

Budget as of April 30, 2012: Revenue = \$3, 816,102.01, Expenses = \$5, 655,844.47.

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

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

**Town Administrator's Report**

- Administrator Imhulse attended the Maryland City County Conference in LA Plata, MD. It was also the 10 Year Anniversary Event of the tornado that hit that area. Learned about tax incremental financing and the various legislation required to pass that.
- Cafritz Hearings – Administrator Imhulse has attended her 5<sup>th</sup> meeting where she had to testify.
- Budget – Thanked Mayor and Council for their participation in the budget process.
- On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Paul Mortensen, the architect who will design this building will be available at the Farmer's Market to address suggestions from residents for the upcoming project.

Discussion: CM Ebbeler suggested that the Town put out a press release for the day Paul Mortensen will be at the Farmer's Market.

*This concludes the Town Administrator's Report*

**Police Department Report**

- Attended Lt. Powell's graduation at 327<sup>th</sup> session of Northwestern University School of Academic Command.
- Attended the Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar last week. Covered issues related to Police Suicide, Contemporary Leadership and Ethics and Problem Solving. The instructors were from Quantico, VA.
- Annual Hispanic Festival May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – at St. Bernard's Church. They are applying for permits now.
- Hired new Code Enforcement Officer, Jhony Bustos.

**Code Enforcement Issues**

- 4710 Somerset Rd – Waiting for Washington Gas to have the gas shut off.
- 4603 Eastwest Hwy – Court order was granted on March 15<sup>th</sup> for demolition of this house.

Discussion: CM Lingua stated that residents are seeing more and more commercial vehicles parked on the street. He also stated that numerous houses have editions that are too close to roof lines, it could be a possible fire hazard.

*This concludes the Police Department Report*

**Public Works Report**

- Saturday drop off – May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Earth Day – thanked everyone that participated. Volunteers (approx 50) collected 53 bags of recycling. Special thanks to Girl Scout Troop #6892, CM Rivas and his volunteers, Mayor Archer, CM Lingua and Chief Morris.
- Christmas in April – 4713 Queensbury Rd was the recipient of the volunteer work. CM Henry and Mayor Archer and CM Thompson came out to help. 1400lbs of trash, debris and yard waste was collected.
- Neighborhood Clean-Up – Residents threw out over 6 tons of trash and bulk item, 2000 lbs of metal and 28 tires. If it wasn't for the Town staff, Mayor and Council and all the volunteers we could not have gotten all three events done on the same day.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked if there is an update on the street sweeper that is currently at the City of Hyattsville. Director Addison does not have an update but he will.

*This concludes the Public Works Report*

**Fire Department Report**

Chief Lamphier is not in attendance.

*This concludes the Fire Department Report*

**Ward and Committee Reports**

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

- Riverdale Scholarship – Details are still forthcoming. A press release will go out to the local high school soon. \$2K worth of scholarships will be given out this year from CM Ebbeler and the Lion Club.

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- Public Arts Initiative - \$5K of seed money has been raised. Olson's office will be asked for a matching contribution. Monies could go to things like a statue on Rt. 1.
- Farmer's Market – Pete Spiropoulos went over and above expectations of this project. The Occupancy Permits should be issued this week.

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

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

- Enjoyed shoveling with Director Addison during the Christmas in April.
- CM Thompson testified at the Cafritz hearing.
- Attended the Arts Festival. Thanked Jeffery York. Presented awards to middle school children for winners of a poetry slam.
- Eastwest Hwy paving is completed.
- Budget – Excited about refinancing the Town's dept. First committee meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. Thanks to Administrator Imhulse and all her staff for all the hard work they put into the budget document.
- Mosquito season – Keep an eye on your yard for water puddles.

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

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

- On behalf of CM Henry, thanked Dept of Public Works for performing Christmas in April, Neighborhood Clean-Up and Earth Day all in the same day.
- On behalf of CM Rivas, thanked the staff for helping to put together the Arts Fest.
- Central Kenilworth Ave. Revitalization Mtg – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in June at 6200 Sheridan St @ 7pm.
- Thrifty Iron Works – They are having parking issues. They were supposed to present a plan to the Town but CM Lingua has not heard back from them.

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

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

Not in attendance due to travel.

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

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

Not in attendance due to emergency in his building.

*This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report*

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

- There is a problem from non-residents sleeping and trashing the alleys and streets.
- 5402 Spring Lane – This resident has been told by Code Enforcement to clean his yard. He requested more time because residents from the neighboring Jefferson Gardens has been throwing litter into his yard.

Discussion: Director Addison stated that the trees have been getting trimmed away from the street lights. This process is still going on and may provide better lighting in the Green Way area.

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

**Public Comments**

**Legislative Action**

**1. Motion to approve a building permit for a 6 foot rear-yard wood fence at 5316 Patterson Road. (Ward 4)**

CM Lingua moved to approve a building permit #1969 for a 6 foot rear-yard wood fence at 5316 Patterson Road. (Ward 4)

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion 4-0

Discussion: Gevorg Hovhannisyan, 5316 Patterson Road, was present.

**2. Motion to adopt 2012-CR-01, a charter amendment concerning procurement.**

CM Thompson moved to adopt 2012-CR-01, a charter amendment concerning procurement.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

CM Thompson moved to suspend rules to allow consideration of this charter amendment sooner than previously voted on.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: This has been discussed for months. It outlines the roles of the Executive Branch and the oversight powers of the Legislative Branch. It also clarifies the redundant items in the charter.

**3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-R-09**

CM Thompson moved to adopt Resolution 2012-R-09  
CM Lingua Second  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Changes from the previous Resolution are: types of contracts that can be decided on have been shortened.

**4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-R-10, to approve nominations for Mixed Use Town Center design committee.**

CM Lingua moved to adopt Resolution 2012-R-10, to approve nominations for Mixed Use Town Center design committee. Nominations as follows: CM Thompson – Chair, CM Ebbeler, Brian Boettger, Mike Arnold – technical expert, Former CM Ewen – resident position, Jeffrey Yorke and Jim Spiropoulos  
CM Silva Second  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer stated the following positions in the committee: CM Thompson – CM Ebbeler, Brian Mike Arnold – technical expert, Former CM Ewing – resident position, Jeffery York and Jim Spiropoulos. Motion amended to remove the term “Chair” from the list.

**5. Motion to approve a letter to Historic Preservation commission in support of historic property evaluation at 4711 Oliver Street. (Ward 1)**

CM Thompson moved to approve a letter to Historic Preservation commission in support of historic property evaluation at 4711 Oliver Street. (Ward 1)  
CM Lingua Second  
Motion passes 3-0 (Ebbeler abstained)

Discussion: CM Ebbeler will not be voting due to a conflict of interest. This is a process to be a listed resource.

**6. Motion to waive Town bidding requirements and piggyback off of a County contract for the purchase of handheld radios for Public Works.**

CM Thompson moved to waive Town bidding requirements and piggyback off of a County contract for the purchase of handheld radios for Public Works.  
CM Ebbeler Second  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: The County bidded these radios for their use. It would benefit the Dept of Public Works to piggyback on this contract to get a better rate and quality of product.

**7. Motion to waive Town bidding requirements to contract with Davenport & Company, LLC to provide financial advisory services related to the Town of Riverdale Park refinancing issuance.**

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CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

**8. Motion to reschedule the June Council work session from June 25, 2012, to June 18, 2012.**

CM Ebbeler moved to reschedule the June Council work session from June 25, 2012, to June 18, 2012.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

**9. Introduction of 2012-OR-06, concerning Town Employee Post-retirement Health Insurance Benefits**

CM Ebbeler read the Ordinance into record.

**10. Introduction of 2012-OR-07, concerning mayor and council member salaries.**

CM Lingua read the Ordinance into record.

**11. Introduction of 2012-OR-08, an emergency ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on residential property.**

CM Thompson read the Ordinance into record on behalf of CM Henry.

**12. Introduction of 2012-OR-09, concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on street, sidewalks, and other public property.**

CM Thompson read the Ordinance into record on behalf of CM Henry.

**13. Approval for minutes from the Regular Legislative meeting on April 2, 2012.**

CM Ebbeler

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Page 5 – Ethics Board - Lora Katz (sp)

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**Approval for minutes from the Special Legislative meeting on April 18, 2012.**

CM Ebbeler moved to approve minutes from the Special Legislative meeting on April 18, 2012.

CM Thompson Second  
Motion passes 4-0

**14. Approval for minutes from the Special Legislative meeting on May 1, 2012.**

CM Ebbeler moved  
CM Lingua Second  
Motion passes 3-0 (Thompson abstained)

Discussion: CM Thompson abstained from voting. He was absent during this meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

- Introduction of Ordinance 2012-OR-10, FY13 budget and tax rates.
- CM Thompson moved to establish a Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @7pm for 2012-OR-10.  
CM Lingua Second  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: This is where residents can voice their opinions and suggestions about the items in the budget.

**Adjournment**

CM Thompson moved to adjourn 9:37pm.  
CM Ebbeler Second.  
Motion passes 4-0

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