

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, December 3, 2012
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

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| Vernon S. Archer | Mayor |
| CM Johathan Ebbeler | Ward 1 |
| CM Alan Thompson | Ward 2 (arrived 9:00pm) |
| CM David Lingua | Ward 3 |
| CM Christopher Henry | Ward 4 |
| CM Silva | Ward 6 |

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

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:10p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

CM Ebbeler motioned to approve the agenda.
CM Silva Second.
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer would like to remove Item #1 and discuss it at a Special Session. Item #2 will be removed because CM Rivas is not present. CM Lingua withdrew Item #3 and will discuss it during the Work Session.

Safe, Clean and Beautiful Code Initiative Update – Police Department.

Chief Morris presented the initiative that started on Riverdale Park Day. CM Lingua really liked this new initiative by the police department, especial the graffiti abatement. Chief Morris explained that when the graffiti is reported they take a picture and coordinate their efforts with the County, especially any gang type of graffiti coming from Riverdale Heights. CM Ebbeler commends the initiative as well. Chief Morris plans to perform this initiative twice a year and to hopefully coordinate them with the Ward walks. CM Henry commended the efforts of the police department too.

Mayor's Report

- Youth and Community Wing Expansion – CM Rivas recommended that a town hall meeting be set up to discuss this with the Hispanic community. There will be translators and materials available in Spanish. Mayor Archer would like to see Council present to respond to the questions and comments from the community. Paul Mortison will be in attendance. The meeting will be held on January 16, 2012 @ 7:30pm at the Town Hall.
- Thanked everyone for contribution for the Passions and Compassions Coat Drive. The coat drive and dinner was a success.

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- African Group at St. Bernard's – had a meeting yesterday to celebrate high school and post bachelorette graduations. It was well attended.
- Speed Camera Program – The Town has been taken to court twice due to opposition of speed camera tickets. The judgment for the first case was for the Town.
- Holiday Market/Festival of Lights/Children's Christmas Party – December 15th. Mayor Archer invited the Town to come out and celebrate.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Correspondence Summary

Treasurer's Report

Budget as of October 31, 2012: Revenue = \$3,832,886.27 Expenses = \$1,914,819.61.

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

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- Introduced Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk, to Mayor and Council. Jessica spoke to her background with MML and being a Town Clerk for DELMAR.
- There will be three pay periods in December.
- Senior's Lunch - @ Crescent Cities will be this Thursday @ noon – RSPV at Town Hall (301) 927-6381.
- Children's Christmas Party - @Town Hall on December 15th @ 3pm.
- 4 Preliminary Plans before Council – Cafritz Plan, Danner Development Plan, Litton Plan (M Square Project) and Little Workers of Sacred Hearts Nursery.
- MUTC Meetings – Dec 5th @ 7:30pm and Dec 12th @ 7:30pm.
- Met with the Cafritz team to discuss the TIFF district for the TIFF funds
- Work Session – Dec 17th
- Town Hall Closed – December 25th and January 1st
- Happy Holidays!

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Introduced Spiro Demascus, new dispatcher. Spiro was a former volunteer fire fighter and graduate of Maryland University.
- Live Scan will be delivered tomorrow. There are fees associated with outside finger printing.

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- Ward 3 Public Safety Community Walk – Nov 17th
- Officers made 45 arrests in the month of November.

Code Enforcement Issues

- Code Enforcement report has been submitted prior to meeting.

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Happy Holidays. Enjoy yourself and be safe!
- Saturday Drop Off – December 15th
- Holiday Collections – There will be trash service on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve. And Martin Luther King Holiday on January 21st.
- Tree Installation – Public Works has planted 50 trees. Director Addison thanked the residents for watering and taking care of the new trees.
- Leaf Collection – Collected over 50 tons of leaves from the Town. We will continue to collect them for the next few weeks. Area A – Mon/Thurs collections and Area B – Tues/Fri collections. Bates Trucking will pick up your bagged leaves on Wednesdays. If you or your neighbor park in front of a mound of leaves Public Works will not be able to service the leaves.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

A written report has been provided to Mayor and Council.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

- The property on East West Highway has been demolished.
- Thanked The Alamo for their community outreach and providing the Thanksgiving luncheon.
- Holiday Market – kicked off last week.
- Two MUNSI meetings on Dec 5th and Dec 12th.
- Riverdale Park Association Meeting on Dec 12 @ 5:30pm.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report

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Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- Welcomed Jessica Barnes.
- Enjoyed giving the Veteran's Day speech at the event.
- Finance Committee Meeting in Nov – Discussed the following: how business licenses are issued in the Town, Bridge financing, redistricting for the Town in accordance to the census.
- Happy Holidays! Wished CM Lingua a happy birthday.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Central Kenilworth – 6201 Riverdale Road @ 7pm.
- Ward 3 Community Walk – November 19th. The group walked the entire community. If any others have concerns in Ward 3 please contact CM Lingua.
- Thanked Director Addison for the tree planting that Public Works performed.
- Town Hall Meeting @Riverdale Elementary School on Dec 15th @ 9:30am.
- Winter Market – CM Lingua stopped by on the first day of the market where the record was set for attendance there. There are a number of things you can pick up there that you may not find anywhere else.
- Have a great and safe Holiday.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Best wishes to all over the Holiday Season.
- Kudos to Director Addison for enhancing the beautification for the trees planted in the Madison Hill Community.
- Looking forward to the Riverdale Fire Department fire truck coming through the community for Christmas.
- Public Works Meeting – December 2nd @9pm.
- Kudos to Chief Morris for his leadership in the Madison Hill Community.
- Thanked Administrator Imhulse for all that she has done for the Town.
- Thanked CM Thompson for his exceptional loyalty and commitment for his work on the Council.
- Happy Holidays!

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

Not in attendance due to illness.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

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Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee

- Thanked Chief Morris and the police department for keeping the Town safe.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report

Public Comments

- On behalf of the River of Life Church of God, Mayor Archer read a letter from Prince George's County that they have been approved for their after school program. Mayor Archer will discuss with the Council how they can help their efforts financially.
- Bruce Warnick – New president of the Riverdale Park Business Association introduced himself. Jey's Auto has reached out to possibly change his business to a coffee shop. Working up a plan to preserve the **ERCO** building. A restaurateur from California is interested in putting a coffee shop at Jamal's Town Center. Invited Mayor and Council to the Calvert House gathering on December 12th @ 5:30pm – 8pm.

Legislative Action

- ~~1. Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter to the Planning Board recommending approval with conditions for 4-11010 Riverdale Park Subdivision, preliminary plan of subdivision, Property Address 5601 47th Avenue, Applicant Danner Development, represented by Nagy (Ward 3).~~
- ~~2. Motion to set a meeting for outreach to the Spanish-speaking community regarding the Town's Youth and Community Wing project.~~
- ~~3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-R-20 concerning speed hump policy.~~
4. Motion to reconsider the adoption of 2012-OR-11, to amend the FY 13 budget.

CM Thompson moved to reconsider the adoption of 2012-OR-11, to amend the FY 13 budget.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved to approve 2012-OR-11 as amended.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: In Section 1, Item #1 needs to be changed to \$800, 957.

5. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-OR-12, concerning an amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget.

CM Thompson moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-OR-12, concerning an amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Thompson offered the following friendly amendments: A-1017 – This property is known as Jey's Auto, Section #1, Item #1 – redundant type-o

6. Motion to approve street closing of Town Center parking lot for Holiday Market and Festival of Lights from midnight December 14, 2012 to 9pm on December 15, 2012.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve street closing of Town Center parking lot for Holiday market and Festival of Lights from midnight December 14, 2012 to 9pm on December 15, 2012.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 5-0

7. Motion to adopt 2012-R-21, a resolution concerning greater transparency and paperless governance of Town Council.

CM Ebbeler moved to adopt 2012-R-21, a resolution concerning greater transparency and paperless governance of Town Council.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler explained that this is an effort to move the Town toward using more technology and less paper to ensure the best use of budget and Town staff.

8. Motion to introduce charter amendment 2012-CR-03, amending chapter 619 to clarify what is included in the limit of indebtedness.

CM Thompson introduced charter amendment 2012-CR-03, amending chapter 619 to clarify what is included in the limit of indebtedness.

Discussion: To make clear there are no ambiguities between the State law and the Charter regarding TIFF districts. Administrator Imhulse added that this has been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

9. Motion to approve minutes for regular legislative meeting on November 5, 2012.

CM Thompson moved to approve minutes for regular legislative meeting on November 5, 2012.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Attendance: Jonathan (sp),

10. Motion to approve minutes for special legislative meeting on November 26, 2012.

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CM Thompson moved to approve minutes for special legislative meeting on November 26, 2012.

CM Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 5-0

Unfinished Business

New Business

- CM Lingua moved to appropriate \$250 to the River of Life Church for their after school program
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Lingua stated that he made this motion with the intension of endorsing this after school program and the \$250 is an initial contribution.

Adjournment

CM Thompson moved to adjourn at 10:01pm.

CM Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 5-0

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