

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2014
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4
CM Raymond Rivas, Ward 5 (arrived at 8:22 p.m.)
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
Patrick Timmons, Lieutenant Colonel
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Archer called the legislative meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of reflection.

Approval of Agenda

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Henry.
Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Reminder to residents that the left lane construction for north bound Route 1 is in its final phases.
- Thank you to the Council for continuing to work for better partnerships with local schools. The birthday book program and the parent education field trip for Riverdale Elementary School will continue in FY 15.
- Will not be able to attend the MML Convention this year. Discussion regarding the PGCMA run-off vote and voting procedures for the MML Convention.
- Chief Morris will graduate from the FBI National Police Academy on June 13, 2014. Chief Morris will also be the graduation speaker.

Presentations

Water supply failure at Riverdale Towers, 5600 54th Avenue (Ward 5)

Mr. Gary Gumm, Chief Engineer for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) discussed the cause of the water supply failure at Riverdale Towers (5600 54th Avenue) and the timeline for when the issue was reported to when the issue was resolved.

There was significant discussion from the Mayor, Council and staff regarding the response by WSSC and the amount of time that residents were without water. Mr. Gumm acknowledged that

there were several things that WSSC could have done better. CM Thompson suggested that a Root Cause Analysis be performed by WSSC and the results reported to the Council. Mr. Addison discussed concerns regarding the supervision of WSSC subcontractors and inspection of their work.

Mr. Michael Manzari, Property Manager and Jim Stanton, Engineer for Zalco Realty (Riverdale Towers) discussed the timeline for when the issue was reported to them to when the issue was resolved by WSSC. The Mayor and Council discussed ways that the property owners could have better assisted their tenants.

Mr. Brad Frome with the County Executive's office discussed how to report issues of this nature to the County.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Thompson requested an electronic copy of item 3 and item 9.

Treasurer's Report

As of 5/31/14 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 5,587,749.74

Expenditures: \$ 4,447,842.12

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Sara Imhulse reported:

- Will attend the MML Convention June 7 to June 11.
- Listening Session regarding the County Zoning Ordinance re-write will be held on June 5 from 6-8 p.m.
- Special Legislative Meeting on June 16 at 8:00 p.m. to adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-06 amending the FY 14 Budget. McInturff Architects will make their final presentation of the schematic design for the Town Hall renovation project.
- Update regarding the implementation of the new business license ordinance.

Police and Code Report

Lt. Colonel Patrick Timmons reported:

- Will attend the MML Convention June 7 to June 11.
- Will attend Chief Morris' graduation from the FBI Academy on June 13th
- National Night Out will be held on June 5th at Town Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Public Works Report:

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- Reminder to residents that the next Saturday Bulk Drop-off will be held on July 19th.
- Update: clock has been fixed.
- Potholes on Riverdale Road have been repaired.
- Emergency generator has been installed at DPW.

Fire Department Report

President Lamphier's report was included in the meeting packets. Town Administrator Imhulse reported that the new ambulance has arrived.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Sincere thank you to the Mayor and Town staff for their hard work during the budget process
- Farmer's Market is open on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Will attend the MML Convention June 7 to June 11

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Next CKAR meeting will be held on June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at 6201 Riverdale Road
- Will attend the MML Convention June 7 to June 11
- Attended memorial service for Waverly Pollitt's husband
- Discussion regarding April 1 as Riverdale Park Prank Day
- Reminder to residents to watch for children when driving

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry expressed his deepest sympathy to Waverly Pollitt and thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for their support and compassion as his family cared for his mother-in-law during her recent illness.

CM Raymond Rivas, Ward 5

CM Raymond Rivas did not have a report.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva did not have a report.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Closure of Town Center parking lot for National Night Out on August 5, 2014 from 2:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Ward 1)
2. Motion regarding Fence Permit Application: 4605 Riverdale Road, 4 foot wooden front yard fence (Ward 1)
3. Minutes from the May 5, 2014 Legislative Meeting

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Legislative Action Items:

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-05 regarding the FY 15 budget

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-05 regarding the FY 15 budget as substituted. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

CM Thompson made a motion to substitute and adopt the amended version of Ordinance 2014-OR-05 regarding the FY 15 budget. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Thompson outlined the changes in the amended version of the ordinance.

2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-04 regarding street improvements standards

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-OR-04 regarding street improvements standards. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Thompson discussed why the ordinance was needed.

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-08 regarding Riverdale Park M-UTC Zone

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-08 regarding Riverdale Park M-UTC Zone. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Thompson provided background information on why the resolution was needed.

4. Motion to approve a letter to the Planning Board regarding the Preliminary College Park-Riverdale Park Transit District Development Plan (TDDP)

CM Thompson made a motion for the Mayor and/or Town Administrator to submit a letter similar to the one included in the Council Packets with corrections made for wording and clarification only. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Thompson stated that the changes and comments outlined in the letter are in the interest of making the highest quality development without having negative impacts to the Town. CM Lingua thanked CM Thompson for the thoroughness of the letter as it included several concerns raised by Ward 3 residents as well.

5. Introduction of Ordinance 2014-OR-06 amending the FY 14 Budget

CM Thompson introduced Ordinance 2014-OR-06 amending the FY 14 Budget and read the purpose (fair summary) of the Ordinance.

Discussion:

Mayor Archer announced that a Special Legislative Meeting would be held on June 16, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. to address Ordinance 2014-OR-06 amending the FY 14 Budget.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business

- Resolution 2014-R-09 regarding Root Cause Analysis for water supply failure at Riverdale Towers

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R-09 directing the Mayor and/or Town Administrator to draft a letter to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Commissioners, Prince George's County Executive, and the Prince George's County Council requesting that WSSC conduct a Root Cause Analysis (RCA) for the water supply failure at Riverdale Towers (5600 54th Avenue) and furthermore requesting that the Prince George's County Executive and/or the Prince George's County Council be responsible for oversight of the RCA process. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Adjournment

CM Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.