

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2015
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4
CM Eber Rosario, Ward 5
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
David Morris, Chief of Police
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Archer called the legislative meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

CM Ebbeler made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson.
Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Legislative Action Item 5 was removed from the agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Reminded residents that there is an article in the Crier regarding stormwater management as it relates to Wells Run and the Cafritz Project.
- The Town received a letter from the 7-Eleven project attorney indicating that they plan to file under the special permit process with Park and Planning. An overview of the special permit process was given.
- Constant Yield public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 p.m.
- Four teachers from our Sister City of Ipala, Guatemala will be arriving tomorrow night.

Presentation

Mayor Archer swore-in CM Eber Rosario, Councilmember Ward 5 at 8:07 p.m.

Police Department Annual Report

Police Chief David Morris presented the Riverdale Park Police Department 2014 Annual Survey.

Upcoming Community Walks are scheduled for March 14th (Ward 1) and April 18th (Ward 2) beginning at 10 a.m. at Town Center Market.

Discussion:

Jo Arnone, a resident of Riverdale Park, asked how many officers are employed by Riverdale Park. Chief Morris outlined the staffing for RPPD.

CM Thompson and Chief Morris discussed CrimeReports.com and CrimeStar.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 2/28/15 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 51,165,538.76

Expenditures: \$ 3,133,914.04

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Sara Imhulse reported:

- Welcomed Michael Jarquin and Boy Scout Troop #252 to the Meeting. Scout Jarquin is working on his Community Merit Badge.
- Earth Day events will be held April 25th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. More information is in the Crier.
- Snow reminders: park on even side of the street to assist with snow removal. Public Works has worked every day this month.
- Election/candidate packets are now available at Town Hall (Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 28th from 1-3 p.m. at Riverside Neighborhood Park. The new location will provide more space and parking. Please help get the word out regarding the change in location.
- Washington Gas rates have been renegotiated resulting in a savings for the Town.
- Update on status of FY 15 business licenses

Discussion:

CM Ebbeler stated that the Council is open to recommendations/improvements to the business license process.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Leonard Addison was unable to attend the meeting.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department's report was included in the meeting materials. President Lamphier gave an overview of the report included in the meeting materials.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1

- Welcome to CM Rosario

- Beale Circle Beautification Project: will need to revisit discussions with owners of Wells Fargo
- Public Art Initiative: first location has been set and the artist has been chosen. Installation is expected within the next 12 to 18 months.
- Riverdale Rooster Coffee House: Sundays from 9 am to 2 pm. Winter Farmers Market on Thursday afternoons from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Discussion regarding the special permit filing by 7-Eleven. Overview of the Special Permit Process.

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- MUTC meeting is cancelled because there are no applications
- With regard to the proposed 7-Eleven, will need to wait to see what is submitted.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR CDC will be meeting on March 3, 2015 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 6201 Riverdale Road. Delegate Washington will be attending.
- CDC will be working to secure funding to hire fulltime staff.

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Welcome to CM Rosario
- Outstanding report by the Riverdale Park Police Department
- Public Works has done an outstanding job of maintaining the roads and clearing snow/ice.

CM Eber Rosario, Ward 5

CM Eber Rosario stated that he did not have a report yet and that he was thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Council.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva reported that residents in Ward 6 are very pleased with the work performed by the Public Works Department.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Jo Arnot, 6306 46th Avenue, stated that Public Works has done a fantastic job this winter. She also stated that she lives two blocks from the proposed 7-Eleven. She outlined her concerns regarding the impact of a 24 hour a day and 7 days per week business on the neighborhood. She stated that a 7-Eleven does not belong at the proposed location.

Melina Flores, 6309 46th Avenue, cited concerns regarding crime and vandalism as it relates to a proposed 7-Eleven near her community. She stated that a 7-Eleven would change the area and does not blend or fit with the existing community.

A resident of 6304 46th Avenue stated that community members have attended the MUTC meetings regarding the proposed 7-Eleven.

The Council outlined the timeline for the Special Permit Process.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda item:

1. Carnival Permit Request for Taylor and Sons Inc.- Fundraiser for Christian Life Center (Ward 4)
2. Street Cut Permit Request for Riverdale Park Station for Maryland Avenue to install 38x24 inch storm drain line from sediment basin to culvert at Wells Run (Ward 1)
3. Minutes from February 2, 2015 Legislative Meeting

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-10 regarding the Mayor's nomination for Ward 5 representative

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-10 regarding Mayor Archer's nomination for Ward 5 representative. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-08 regarding MUTC design review committee nominations

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-08 regarding MUTC design review committee nominations. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Mayor Archer outlined his nominations.

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-09 to appoint election officials for Ward 1 and Ward 5

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R-09 to appoint election officials for Ward 1 and Ward 5. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

4. Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter of support to M-NCPPC staff regarding DSP-13009/05, Cafritz Property

CM Ebbeler made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter of support to M-NCPPC staff regarding DSP-13009/05, Cafritz Property. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Town Administrator Imhulse stated that the letter included in the meeting materials reflects the recommendations made by MUTC. She also stated that Planning Board staff informed the Town that the Council also needs to weigh in order to complete the record.

5. ~~Motion to waive bid requirements for the purchase of a rear loader for the price of \$112,259.64 from Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems in accordance with the pricing structure,~~

~~terms, and conditions of National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Rider Contract 060612-ESG.~~

6. Introduction of Ordinance 2015-OR-01 regarding building permits

CM Thompson introduced Ordinance 2015-OR-01 regarding building permits and read the summary of the ordinance.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 6-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.