

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016
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 Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works
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 Thompson made a motion to approve the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Mayor Archer suggested that all of the reports be moved to the end of the meeting. CM Lingua requested that Legislative Action Item 1 be removed from the agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer did not have a report.

Presentations

Police Department Years of Service Recognition

Chief Morris recognized Patty Austin (5 years), Officer Emerick (10 years) and Patti Butler (15 years) for their dedicated service to the Riverdale Park Police Department.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 12/31/15 (subject to audit),
Revenue: \$ 4,639,522.73
Expenditures: \$ 2,487,632.88

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Police Department Report

Chief of Police David Morris reported:

- Overview of holiday events that RPPD participated in.
- Upcoming Community Walks and Code Enforcement Initiatives
- Annual RPPD presentation will be done in February
- Vandalism reported at Riversdale Mansion. If residents see something, please call 911.
- Happy New Year!

Public Works Report

Director of Public Works Leonard Addison reported:

- Saturday bulk trash drop-off on January 16th at DPW
- Trash will be collected on January 18th (MLK Day)
- Leaf collection program ends on January 15. Over 420 cubic yards of leaves have been collected so far.
- Doors have been replaced at Train Station and are operating properly.
- Snow preparation: DPW did snow preparation exercise before Christmas.
- Thank you to RPPD and Fire Department for everything that they do for our community around the holidays.
- Holiday Market was a success. Holiday lights and wreaths will be removed in preparation for winter months.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department's report was included in the meeting materials.

Council Committee & Ward Report

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Ward 2 holiday decorations looked great!
- Enjoyed Holiday Market and Festival of Lights
- Bridge construction has started, cut though is closed and Field of Dreams will be reconfigured.
- Discussion regarding parking at the dog park will speak with residents in the area (further discussion in February)

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Next CKAR meeting will be January 5th at 7 p.m.
- CKAR was awarded \$90,000 from Community Legacy for Edmonston Road Rain Garden (anticipated completion in fall 2016)
- Holiday Market and Festival of Lights events were wonderful.
- Staff holiday party decorations were lovely and demonstrated how well the departments of government are working together.

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Happy New Year!
- Thank you to Chief for efforts towards Toys for Tots
- Reminder: if you see something, say something!
- Thank you to DPW for leaf removal efforts

- Thank you to FD for bringing Santa around
- Hope Mayor is feeling better soon!
- WSSC trucks are doing damage to Silk Tree Drive and resurfacing will be needed in the near future. Also, there is degradation to private driveways because they are being used as turnaround areas.
- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be April 8th at 8:30 a.m.

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva stated that he did not have a report as many of the residents in his ward are still returning from holiday vacations.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Minutes from December 7, 2015 Legislative Meeting

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

Legislative Action Items

1. ~~Motion regarding Fence Permit Application for 4806 Madison Street for a 6-foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)~~
2. Motion to adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 2015-CR-01, a charter amendment to decrease the minimum age of a person to serve as a council member

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 2015-CR-01, a charter amendment to decrease the minimum age of a person to serve as a council member. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Thompson discussed how the Charter Amendment Resolution will increase opportunity, openness, and the ability for more people to be involved. CM Henry congratulated CM Thompson for his common sense approach.

3. Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Prince George's County Department of the Environment for storm water management project on Longfellow Street

CM Lingua made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Prince George's County Department of the Environment for storm water management project on Longfellow Street. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Public Works Director Addison discussed the project and MOU.

4. Motion to approve the Mayor's nomination and appoint Jennifer Hare to Riverdale Park Ethics Commission as an alternate

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the Mayor's nomination and appoint Jennifer Hare to Riverdale Park Ethics Commission as an alternate. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

5. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-01 regarding a nomination for the Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Design Review Committee

CM Henry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-01 regarding a nomination for the Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Design Review Committee for Jennifer Hare. CM Thompson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Thompson stated that Ms. Hare's expertise is greatly needed on the MUTC Committee.

6. Motion to accept letter of resignation from CM Eber Rosario and declare a vacancy in Ward 5

CM Henry made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from CM Eber Rosario and declare a vacancy in Ward 5. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

The Council stated that they were sorry to see CM Rosario leave and will miss his insights.

7. Motion to set date for special election in Ward 5

CM Thompson made a motion to make Tuesday, February 16 the date for the special election in Ward 5. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

The Council discussed election preparations and potential difficulty finding a candidate in Ward 5.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

CM Thompson discussed the two basic forms of municipal government: Council-Manager and Strong Mayor. CM Thompson stated that he will be working towards a charter amendment to move Riverdale Park to a Council-Manager form of government.

Adjournment

CM Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.