

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2016
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
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 Lingua made a motion to approve the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Mayor Archer moved the reports and Correspondence Summary to the end of the agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Thank you to Town staff for the exemplary service to the community over the last week during the snowstorm. Special thanks to the Department of Public Works for removing/moving snow.
- Thank you to Town Administrator and General Government.
- Thank you to the Fire Department and Police Department. Mayor Archer read a portion of President Lamphier's report detailing the number of calls for service during the blizzard.
- DPW worked tirelessly to keep the roads clear for first responders.

Presentations

Swearing-In Ceremony for Officer Amaya

Mayor Archer swore-in Officer Amaya.

Hotel at Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park, SE-4775

Larry Taub and Mark Regulinsky discussed the proposed hotel at Riverdale Park Station.

Mr. Taub explained that special exception approval is needed for a hotel at Riverdale Park Station and the original approval of the overall project was subject to the special exception approval. He also stated that they had filed a request for two variances.

General Government Presentation, Sara Imhulse

Town Administrator Imhulse gave an overview of the accomplishments of General Government.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Thompson requested a copy of item #1.

Treasurer's Report

As of 1/31/16 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 5,244,356.39

Expenditures: \$ 2,981,805.76

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Town Administrator Report

Town Administrator Imhulse reported:

- Town Hall and Public Works will be closed for President's Day on February 15
- Ward 5 Special Election on February 16: Voting will be at Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Town staff worked 24 hours a day during the recent blizzard
- DPW was short staffed during the blizzard but still got the job done!
- PD also did a wonderful job responding to calls for service during the recent blizzard
- Thank you to the Council

Police Department Report

Chief of Police David Morris reported:

- RPPD is within one officer of full staffing.
- Overview of legislation introduced during the General Assembly Session
- Discussion regarding rampant number of bomb threats at the national level but no known threats.

Discussion:

- People are driving over the Field of Dreams to circumvent the closed "cut through".

Public Works Report

Director of Public Works Leonard Addison reported:

- Saturday bulk trash drop-off will be on February 20 at DPW
- Thank you to staff for time put in to address snowstorm. DPW staff is very dedicated.
- Appreciated that the RPPD was there when needed by DPW
- Town Administrator Imhulse was on the phone making it happen and keeping DPW updated
- Thank you to the residents for their cooperation- DPW can't do it without you!
- Overview of blizzard: 24 inches of snow, 150 man hours, 50 tons of salt, 14 pieces of equipment and very dedicated employees. Hats off to DPW staff and residents!
- Currently working with Town Administrator Imhulse to see if some money can be recovered from MEMA.

Discussion:

Mayor Archer stated that senior staff will review the Town's response to the blizzard to continue seeking ways to improve.

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:

- Thank you to DPW for doing such a fabulous job during the recent blizzard. All Departments were working together- great job!
- Residents were also a great help- working together and taking care of each other. Thank you to everyone!
- Dog Park is currently under snow.
- "Cut through" is closed- do not attempt to circumvent the closure or drive through the Field of Dreams.
- MUTC meeting on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. Public is welcome to attend. Town Attorney Fred Sussman and Paul Mortensen will also attend.
- Happy birthday to Town Administrator Imhulse

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Next CKAR meeting will be held on February 2
- ATHA Managing Board Meeting will be held at 6 pm on February 2
- Staff did a great job managing the snow storm!
- Staff and Director were all in good spirits.
- Reminder to residents to clear sidewalks and to stay out of the way so DPW can do their job.
- Happy birthday to Town Administrator Imhulse. Belated birthday wishes to Mr. Addison and Chief Morris!

CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

CM Alejandro Silva thanked DPW, General Government and RPPD for outstanding work in Ward 6. He reported that the residents are very happy.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

Jennifer Hare thanked the Public Works Department for their outstanding snow removal efforts.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Minutes from January 4, 2016 Legislative Meeting

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-02 regarding time and place for Ward 5 Special Election

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-02 regarding time and place for Ward 5 Special Election. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-03 authorizing use of paper ballots for Ward 5 Special Election

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-03 authorizing use of paper ballots for Ward 5 Special Election. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-04 to appoint Ward 5 election judge for Ward 5 Special Election

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-04 to appoint Ward 5 election judge for Ward 5 Special Election. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

The former Ward 5 election judge resigned in order to run for election.

4. Motion regarding Fence Permit Application for 4806 Madison Street for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 3)

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the Fence Permit Application for 4806 Madison Street for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson.

CM Lingua made a motion to postpone the item until the legislative meeting on March 7, 2016. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson.

The applicant stated that they would reduce the height of the fence thus Council Action would not be required.

CM Lingua made a motion to withdraw his previous motions. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

5. Motion regarding Fence Permit Application for 4805 Somerset Road for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 2)

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the Fence Permit Application for 4805 Somerset Road for a 6 foot wooden backyard fence (Ward 2). The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

6. Motion to authorize Town Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Inter-Municipal Bikeways Working Group

CM Lingua made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Inter-Municipal Bikeways Working Group. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

Town Administrator Imhulse gave an overview of the MOU.

- ~~7. Motion to waive bid requirements and authorize purchases with Hadeo Lighting to retrofit streetlights~~

Mayor Archer stated that not enough council members were present to vote on Legislative Action Item 7. He stated that it would be moved to a special legislative meeting on February 29, 2016.

8. Motion to authorize Town Administrator to send a letter of support for PG 305-16- Alcoholic Beverage Licenses- Riverdale Park Station

CM Thompson made a motion to authorize Town Administrator to send a letter of support for PG 305-16- Alcoholic Beverage Licenses- Riverdale Park Station. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Discussion:

CM Thompson discussed the reasons for his position.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- Request for a temporary business license for Teresa's Garden Center to sell flowers and gifts at 6111 Kenilworth Avenue on February 12-14, 2016 and May 6-8, 2016 (Ward 4)

CM Thompson made a motion to approve both the requests for a temporary business license for Teresa's Garden Center to sell flowers and gifts at 6111 Kenilworth Avenue on February 12-14, 2016 and May 6-8, 2016. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

- Discussion of Possible Charter Amendment regarding Council-Manager Form of Government

CM Thompson discussed an early draft of legislation to change to a more Council-Manager form of government. CM Thompson stated that he would be making changes to the draft legislation and seeking input from Council.

Adjournment

CM Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.