

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2016
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5

Leonard Addison, Acting Town Manager and Director of Public Works
David Morris, Chief of Police
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

Call to Order

CM Thompson called the legislative meeting to order at 8:05 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 Dixon. Vote: 3-0 (favorable), CM Thompson abstained.

Discussion:

CM Lingua requested that Legislative Action Item 3 be removed from the agenda. CM Dixon requested that the presentation be removed from the agenda and asked that all reports be moved to the end of the agenda.

Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Treasurer's Report

As of 8/31/16 (subject to audit),
Revenue: \$ 397,497.23
Expenditures: \$ 939,870.82

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

Town Manager's Report

Acting Town Manager Leonard Addison reported:

- MML Fall Conference: October 12-15, please let Town Clerk know who plans to attend
- Discussion regarding Town e-mail migration to Microsoft 365
- Reminder: Town website will be down on September 7th for maintenance

Police Department Report

Chief David Morris reported that two new officers will be sworn in on September 26th and another application for the Chief's Community Advisory Committee has been received.

Public Works Report

Director of Public Works Leonard Addison reported:

- Bulk trash drop-off will be held on September 17
- Discussion regarding tree work in Town

Fire Department Report

Fire Department President Steve Lamphier reported:

- Two house fires in Ward 2 in August
- Four false alarms also in August
- Department will be at Riverdale Park Day and also participated in National Night Out
- New recruitment video on Department website

Council Committee & Ward Report

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Marsha Dixon reported:

- On the Agenda with CM Dixon is held on Saturdays prior to Legislative Meetings at Town Center Market
- Overview of July 30th discussion regarding relationship between police and residents
- Will schedule a Legislative Committee meeting by the end of the month

CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Two house fires in Ward 2 in August and collection for those families
- Meeting to discuss future of Field of Dreams will be scheduled next month
- Waggertail Dog Park is open for business and registration will be taking place soon
- Discussion regarding Doug McElrath's (Ward 2 resident) graduate-level course at the University of Maryland on researching historic structures

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- The next CKAR meeting will be held on September 12th at 5801 Kenilworth Avenue.
- Discussion regarding mosquito prevention

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5

CM Colleen Richardson reported that she had been busy working on Riverdale Park Day.

Public Comments

Sue Sheehan of Tuckerman Street discussed concerns regarding changes to parking permits. Ms. Sheehan gave an overview of the reasons why permit parking was requested for the 4700 block of Tuckerman Street and the concerns shared by her neighbors. Ms. Sheehan asked the Council to reduce the price for parking permits. Ms. Sheehan also wanted to know the number of houses that need parking permits and Mr. Addison stated that he would send the requested information via e-mail. CM Lingua discussed how permit parking had impacted his Ward.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Resolution 2016-R-13 regarding a Resident Agent for Riverdale Park
2. Termination and Release of Covenants for remaining Riverside Subdivision properties and authorize the Mayor to execute Termination and Release of Covenants on behalf of the Town
3. Fence Permit Request for 6-foot wooden backyard fence at 5807 Sora Lane (Ward 4)
4. Fence Permit Request for 6-foot PVC backyard fence at 6311 51st Avenue (Ward 2)
5. Street Closure Request for September 17, 2016, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. for 43rd Street between East-West Highway and Queensbury Road for Block Party (Ward 1)
6. Minutes from June 20, 2016 Special Legislative Meeting
7. Minutes from June 20, 2016 Public Hearing regarding RISE Zone
8. Minutes from July 5, 2016 Legislative Meeting

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

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-14 regarding recommendation to appoint CM Dixon to MUTC Committee

CM Richardson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-14 regarding a recommendation to appoint CM Dixon to MUTC Committee. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

2. Motion to direct Department of Public Works perform a traffic study for the 4500 block of Sheridan Street (and other affected streets) specific to concerns regarding parking and additional traffic from proposed 7-Eleven

CM Dixon made a motion to have the Department of Public Works start the process to create permit parking for the 4500 block of Sheridan Street. The motion was second by CM Richardson. Vote: 3-0 (favorable) CM Lingua abstained.

Discussion:

CM Dixon discussed her reasons for seeking permit parking for the 4500 block of Sheridan Street over a traffic study.

Sarah Michael of Sheridan Street asked how permit parking would work. She also asked that the Town consider making Sheridan Street a one-way street (out) and make the permit parking 24hours a day and 7 days a week.

Theresa Rivers of Sheridan Street discussed her concerns regarding the cost of parking permits and future increases to the cost of parking permits. She also stated that stated that the Town may need to consider hiring parking enforcement as the Town grows.

Joe Kelly of Tuckerman Street stated that the parking permit option may be misguided because most customers of 7 Eleven will only be there for 5 minutes thus making parking permits irrelevant. Mr. Kelly stated that the options needed to be weighed (one-way street versus cost of parking permits).

Heather Cronk of 46th Avenue stated that parking on Sheridan Street was already a problem and permit parking would help to avoid compounding the issue. She also stated that residents that she has spoken with realize that parking permits will not solve everything but it is a start.

Stephan Rodousaris of Sheridan Street stated that he was strongly in favor of a one-way street on Sheridan Street but also supported parking permits.

The Council and staff had the opportunity to make comments. CM Thompson stated that most urban designers agreed that parking on both sides of the street slows traffic. CM Lingua discussed his concerns regarding enforcement of a parking permit area. Chief Morris discussed parking enforcement and best practices.

~~3. Motion regarding crosswalk from Queensbury Road to east of Lafayette Avenue~~

Unfinished Business

The Council discussed options regarding a crosswalk from Queensbury Road to east of Lafayette Avenue. The Council agreed that further discussion was needed.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

Typed from notes by JEB.