

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, February 6, 2012
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler	Ward 1
CM Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Alejandro Silva	Ward 6

Town Administrator – Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Police Chief David Morris
Public Works Department – Director Addison
Fire Department – President Steve Lamphier

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

CM Thompson motioned to approve the agenda.
CM Ebbeler Second.
Motion passes 4-0

CM Lingua motioned to change the agenda.
CM Thompson Second

Discussion: Mayor Archer would like to move Legislative Item # 4 to the top and switch Legislative Item #6 and Item #3.

Proclamation to Ms, Christine Wilson, teacher at Northwestern High School.

Mayor Archer presented Ms. Wilson with a plaque.

Mayor's Report

- The Cafritz proposal has passed the Planning Board. Next step is that it will go before the County Council on April 16th. Administrator Imhulse will put together a timeline for the project to ensure no missed deadlines.
- Nominations for the Mixed Use Board – An announcement has been placed in the Town Crier. Letters of interest should be sent to Mayor Archer.
- Town Ethics Board – A stronger State Legislation was recently passed. Mayor Archer is working on nominations for the 3 standing positions as well as alternates. Please contact the Mayor for any potential nominations.
- Speed Cameras – Recent data has shown that people are starting to slow down in the areas around Riverdale Park's schools.
- Budget – Working with staff and Council on the 2012 budget.
- RFQ – New Youth and Community Wing for Town Hall.
- Organizing the Sister City Teacher Exchange for the 4th year.
- Congrats to Jim Coleman for his efforts towards the Farmers Market. Thanks to Douglas Development for the space.

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- Recognized Peggy Higgins from the school board. She expressed gratitude to the Mayor and Council for their recognition of teachers. She encouraged the residents of Riverdale Park to contact her directly if they have questions and concerns. PG County had a major contribution towards the state of Maryland being #1 in testing for the 4th year in a row. White Hall school, in Bowie, was recognized as a White House Blue Ribbon School. No school will have more than a 4% loss in their budgets. Ms. Higgins will be working with Administrator Imhulse to coordinate meeting with the local school principles with the Mayor and Council.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

Budget as of January 31, 2012: Revenue = \$5,549,577.00, Expenses = \$2,848,351.11.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- Cafritz – The planning board's staff is working on the conditions. Once that document comes back to the Planning Board the document will be posted on the Town's website.
- Montgomery County Consortium – As of July 2012, the rate will be \$0.06.4/per kilowatt per hour for the next three years.
- Riverdale will be saving \$12K/yr for bringing payroll in house.
- Defined Benefit Meeting was held in January and was attended by many Town retirees.
- HVAC units were replaced in December. The units at the Police Department were replaced in January.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Lt. Andy Powell was accepted to attend the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Scholarships were obtained for this training.
- Thanked Administrator Imhulse and Director Addison for the new HVAC system.
- 8 cruisers have arrived and are equipped.
- Working on the final 2011 Crimes Prevention Report.
- The Dept. of Justice conducted an audit of the COPS grant. The Police Department has been in compliance

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Code Enforcement Issues

- Problems in the following areas: Baltimore Ave Corridor – Trash issues
- Vacant Code Enforcement position
- Attended Training – Jan 24th hosted by PG County Department of Environmental Resources and Property Standards.

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Drop off on Saturday February 18th from 9am – 2pm.
- Holiday – President's Day on Monday, Feb 28th. Regular trash collection will NOT be interrupted.
- Sam Sabas retired on Jan 21st. He had 10 years of service at Riverdale Park. He will be missed.
- Snow on Jan 20th – Public Works used 3 employees to plow and salt the streets.
- Earth Day/Spring Cleaning – April 21st – The event is getting popular. Residents are urged to come out and help clean the river and/or street. Please contact Public Works Dept if you would like to volunteer.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- Distributed the statistical report to Mayor and Council.
- The County Executive changed the structure of the Fire Department in October. President Lamphier has met with the County Executive's Office to help streamline changes for the Fire Department
- Renovation of the Fire Stations will start soon.
- BINGO – at the Moose Lodge on Meseratt Rd since September 1st.

Discussion: Mayor Archer asked if the signs "Safe Place" and "Beware of Dog" can be placed where they are not on top of each other. The sign seems to be oddly placed together. Chief Lamphier has been looking into the meaning of the "Safe Place" sign. CM Lingua asked if there have been an recent changes in officers? Chief Lamphier gave him an update of the changes.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

- Continuing to have talks with the Douglas Development. If the Cafritz Project makes it through the District Council proceedings it is highly likely that the Town Center will get attention.
- Jays Auto – There has been a response.
- Route 1 Ride – Riverdale Park has joined with seven other municipalities. There is a RFQ out for the wrapping of the bus.
- Farmer's Market will continue through the winter thanks to Jim Coleman.
- Town Center Market will open in late March.
- Thanks to Town Staff for reaching out to Douglas Development.
- Crime – There have been a series of thefts and break in around time. Any suspicious behavior should be reported to the police.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- Cafritz Project – Attended the Planning Board Meeting last Wednesday. They were glad to see all the conditions by Riverdale Park and other surrounding municipalities.
- Finance Committee Meeting – discussed Modified Procedures (budget), Charter Change (New Business) and Speed Camera revenue drop.
- Jim Reed passed away. He was a devoted resident of Riverdale Park. He was a driving force on the Traffic Study Committee. He will be missed.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Thrifty Ironworks has approached Mayor and Council about redeveloping the adjacent property for parking for their employees.
- Residents at 4700 – 4900 Oglethorpe Street are considering getting a petition together for speed humps for this street.
- Attended the Governing Board Meeting for the Anacostia Trails. They need funding and are asking for municipal and state funding.
- CM Lingua had the opportunity to serve with Jim Reed on the Traffic Study Committee for a few years.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

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Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

Not able to attend.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

Not able to attend.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee

CM Silva did not have a report.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report

Public Comments

Legislative Action

1. To approve members for Ethics Board.

CM Thompson moved to nominate Kay Sharpe to the Ethics Board.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion 4-0

Discussion: Former CM Sharpe thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve in this role for the Town.

2. A request for a permit to replace an existing chain link fence with a wooden 6ft. fence located at 6305 45th Place, Riverdale, MD. (Ward 1)

CM Ebbeler moved to grant a request for a permit to replace an existing chain link fence with a wooden 6ft. fence located at 6305 45th Place, Riverdale, MD.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler asked why the permit was not pulled at first. Mrs. McDuggle replied that she has 3 big dogs and her neighbor has children. CM Ebbeler asked is she has ever been in Code Violation before? NO.

3. Revised Detailed Site Plan for M Square, University of Maryland, DSP-09028.

CM Thompson moved to send the letter dated February 7, 2012 Revised Detailed Site Plan for M Square, University of Maryland, DSP-09028 with the following changes : 1st Page -
*provide details including plant type and quantity for the four court and parking lot islands
*provide location, number and specifications for amenities such as benches, trash cans and lighting for the central green area and parking lot islands
*provide evergreen plantings of various heights to fully screen surface parking.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: This item has been discussed for months. There are no remaining concerns from Ms. Claire Zales. CM Ebbeler asked Ms. Claire Zales about any phasing issues in the parking structures. For example, will Phase III happen if Phase II doesn't, etc.? Another concern CM Ebbeler has is the Trip Caps; seems like a significant amount of traffic. The trip cap is based on 200K office spaces. All of the road improvements have been done and/or bonded. CM Ebbeler is concerned that this development will be car driven and not pedestrian friendly and that Phase III will be a hard sale. According to Thomas Howell, attorney for the project, the developer is working hard to make this an attractive investment for someone to come in and be more than willing to invest in Phase III w/parking. CM Ebbeler stated that the Bike Share Program has shown success in DC and would like to see it incorporated in this project. CM Thompson agreed to a friendly amendment to add before 'Consideration' - 'consider support and participation in a Capitol Bike Share Program'.

4. Hyattsville CDC Market Study.

Administrative Imhulse explained that this is a discussion item in the agenda that would normally be discussed in a Work Session. CM Ebbeler and CM Thompson has already provided some feedback to Stuart ??

Not Completed:

- o Assessment of University Spending Behavior – takes a look at student expenditures.
- o Market Leakage – asked for expansion and more definition.
- o Commercial Sub-Areas
- o Assessment of Households – How many square feet of retail space can be supported by a new dwelling unit?
- o Communication – assessing some target demographics

5. To approve Ordinance Resolution 2012-OR-01, an ordinance concerning revisions to new ethics ordinance.

CM Thompson moved to approve Ordinance Resolution 2012-OR-01, an ordinance concerning revisions to new ethics ordinance.

CM Ebbeler Second

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6. To approve minutes for the regular legislative meeting on January 3, 2012.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve the minutes for January 3, 2012, Regular Legislative Meeting.
CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor's Report 3rd bullet - ...that would allow some of the additional new taxes from the development to be used for the construction of the bridge.

7. To approve minutes for the Special Legislative Meeting on January 9, 2012.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve the minutes for January 9, 2012, Special Legislative Meeting.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Public Comments #1 - CM Thompson moved to postpone to January 10th meeting,

8. To approve minutes for the Special Legislative Meeting on January 10, 2012.

CM Thompson moved to approve the minutes for January 10, 2012, Special Legislative Meeting.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Change to Tuesday, January 10th. Page 2 - MUTC

9. To approve minutes for the Special Legislative Meeting on January 30, 2012.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve the minutes for January 30, 2012, Special Legislative Meeting.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Add Fred Sussman in attendance. Administrator Imhulse pointed out that Item #1's motion by CM Thompson is stated wrong. She will consult her notes for the correct amendment.

New Business

- CM Thompson introduced Resolution to the Charter Amendment – Purchasing and Procurement. CM Thompson read the Resolution into record.
- CM Ebbeler asked we have an official correspondence log. The Town has had that in the past and would like to see it reinstated.

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Thompson moved to adjourn 10:19pm

CM Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 4-0

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