

Town of Riverdale park  
Tuesday, January 3, 2012  
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

**Attendance**

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Raymond Rivas	Ward 5
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 8:11p.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 Rivas Second.  
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson would like to strike Action Item #7 since there was no meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor's Report**

- Thanked all that attended and participated in the Holiday Market and Holiday Party.
- Still working with neighbors of University Park and College Park and the Cafritz development team.
- Crossing at the CSX tracks – We are investigating, with the County, the alternative financing method (tax increment financing method) that would allow some of the additional new taxes of the development be constructed for the bridge.
- The Mayor and Council met in a closed session on December 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss a matter related to a business potentially relocating to Prince George's County.

*This concludes the Mayor's Report*

**Treasurer's Report**

Budget as of December 31, 2011: Revenue = \$4, 906,818.08, Expenses = \$2, 305,749.65.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.  
CM Lingua Second  
Motion passes 4-0

*This concludes the Treasurer's Report*

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**Town Administrator's Report**

- Thanked Mayor and Council for the Employee Holiday Party. Everyone enjoyed it!
- Special Legislative meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> to vote on the Cafritz Project.
- Planning Board Mtg. for the Cafritz Project will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> @12:30pm
- Town Hall offices will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Purple Line work session held by M-NCPPC will be at Town Hall on January 30<sup>th</sup> @8pm.

*This concludes the Town Administrator's Report*

**Police Department Report**

- The El Bucanas Dance Hall permit was granted and approved by the liquor board.
- The police department participated in many events: Crime Presentation for the Riverdale Park Business Association, William Wirt's Career Day and a number of food drives
- Congratulations to Sgt. Garcia made an on seen arrest for sexual assault.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked if the security plan was submitted to the police department by El Bucanas. Chief Morris replied that the 1<sup>st</sup> security plan was not approved. El Bucanas submitted a 2<sup>nd</sup> plan that was approved allowed them to receive their permit from the County. CM Lingua asked if El Bucanas next step would be applying to Town Hall and if they would have to go through the new process outlined in Chapter 25 of the code?

Administrator Imhulse answered that the next step would be to get their Use and Occupancy Permit changed. They have already started the application process with the Town

**Code Enforcement Issues**

- Continuing to monitor maintenance at Town Center and Jay's Auto.

*This concludes the Police Department Report*

**Public Works Report**

- Happy New Year!
- Christmas Trees – From this upcoming Wednesday thru the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of February Bates Trucking will pick up your trees (only on Wednesdays).
- Drop Off Schedule - Schedule is posted on the website and at the gate of the Department of Public Works. Next day is Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Leaf Collection – Program ends on January 13<sup>th</sup>. After this date they will need to be bagged and put out on Wednesdays.
- Thanked the residents on how they participated in the program. The program was completed a week ago.

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- Trash Collection will NOT be interrupted on Martin Luther's King's Holiday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

*This concludes the Public Works Report*

**Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department will forward a written report.

*This concludes the Fire Department Report*

**Ward and Committee Reports**

**Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee**

Not in attendance.

*This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report*

**Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee**

- Hopes everyone had a great break.
- Finance Committee met in December to discuss budget amendments. They also noticed a drop in revenue from the speed cameras. Next meeting maybe on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Cafritz Project – CM Thompson has attended all of these meetings and has worked diligently on this project. There is still more work to be done.

*This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report*

**Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee**

- Happy New Year!
- Central Avenue Revitalization Committee – Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> (6200 Sheridan Street) @7pm
- Purple Line – There will be a number of meetings held one being at Riverdale Park Town Hall. CM Lingua encourages residents to come out and participate in these meetings.
- Thanked Town Hall Staff and Public Works for decorating for the holidays and coordinating great Town Events.
- Public Safety Meeting – Would like to set a date soon.

*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**

- Thanked all of the volunteers and participants for a successful year of events in 2011. Thanked Shante Stokes from the University of MD who helped with the children from Park Tanglewood. Emily Fanning for the Doll Making Classes for the kids.
- Santa Clause was a big hit. Thanks to the Fire Department, Code Enforcement and the Staff. He was a big hit with the sick children's visits as well. Everyone was thankful.
- Jim Coleman, Nova Johns and the Arts Council are a great asset to our community.

*This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report*

**Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee**

- Hopes everyone had a nice holiday.
- Thanked Mayor and Council for helping him get adjusted with his new Council Role.
- Thanked Director Addison for the traffic calming devices that were installed in his ward.

*This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report*

**Public Comments**

- Joe Kelly, 2542 Tuckerman Street – Wanted to let Council know that 'NO' is an option for this development. (referring to Cafritz Project)

**Legislative Action**

**1. Request for a Class B, Beer and Wine license from Pollo Fiesta, 8408 Kenilworth Ave (Ward 4).**

CM Lingua moved to approve request for a Class B, Beer and Wine license from Pollo Fiesta, 8408 Kenilworth Ave (Ward 4).

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Lingua stated that the paperwork seemed in order and that he has visited this establishment and that they have been gracious host of town meetings in the past.

**2. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (CDC) for Route 1 Corridor Market Study.**

CM Thompson moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (CDC) for Route 1 Corridor Market Study.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson stated that MOU has been reviewed by the Town's lawyer. Administrator Imhulse added that #9 was changed at the request of Mayor and Council.

**3. Request to open franchise negotiations with Comcast.**

CM Thompson moved to open franchise negotiation with Comcast.

CM Rivas Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson explained that this does not authorize anybody to renew the contract. CM Lingua asked how long will negotiations last. Administrator Imhulse explained that this is the Town's only chance to negotiate before the contract is up for renewal.

**4. Approval to waive bid requirements to purchase a dump truck from K. Neal International Trucks, Inc., through an existing contract (piggyback) from Arlington, VA and Prince George's County, MD.**

CM Thompson moved to approve to waive bid requirements to purchase a dump truck from K. Neal International Trucks, Inc., through an existing contract (piggyback) from Arlington, VA and Prince George's County, MD.

CM Lingua Second

Motion 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson stated that this is an opportunity to save the Town approx. \$30K.

**5. Approval of minutes for regular legislative meeting on December 5, 2011.**

CM Lingua moved to approve the minutes for December 5, 2011, regular legislative meeting.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

**6. To approve minutes for December 12, 2011, special legislative meeting.**

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CM Rivas Second  
Motion passes 4-0

**New Business**

- Introduction of 2012-OR-01  
CM Thompson read the Ordinance into record.

Discussion: This will be discussed at the Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative Meeting. Administrator Imhulse added that the Town Attorney did such a great job writing this ordinance that the other municipalities are using this document to make changes to theirs.

- CM Lingua asked if Mayor and Council can write a proclamation for Stephanie Chapman, a teacher at Hyattsville Elementary who recently passed away. Joe Kelly knows her and her family well and offered to supply the Mayor and Council with her information.

**Unfinished Business**

**Adjournment**

CM Rivas moved to adjourn 10:00pm  
CM Thompson Second.  
Motion passes 4-0

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