

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK  
MONDAY, JULY 2, 2007  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS MINUTES**

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen Walker	Ward 1
CM Kate Sharpe	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4
CM Vacant	Ward 5
CM Keelah Allen-Smith	Ward 6

Town Administrator- Patrick Prangle  
Chief of Police- Acting Chief Patrick Timmons  
Director of Public Works- Ron Goff

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:00p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda- CM Walker

Second- CM Sharpe

**Approved**

Maryland National Park & Planning Commission purposed a turf field constructed with lighting for Riverdale Community Park with presentation by Larry Quirk and questions were answered by Larry Quirk and Joe O'neil.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Archer stated that there will be an Executive Session with two items to be addressed following this meeting, first to discuss the response and how to resolve the issue with Riggs/PNC Bank and second, a personnel matter. Mayor Archer stated that Public Works has worked very successfully with the County Public Works to get the main storm water drainage system that crosses over University Park, down Tuckerman St., across the railroad tracks and down through East West Hwy. to the northeast branch, cleaned out, which was a wonderful step. Mayor stated that it is very apparent that the system is very ancient in poor repair, and inadequately built for a different time, and level of impervious surface in the area and the drainage that has to be handled is substantially increased. Mayor Archer stated that he discussed this issue in Ocean City at the Maryland Municipal League with University Park and has reached a point to ask the County to start now looking at a replacement, not rebuilding what is there but to improve and to be more friendly to the overall river system.

Mayor Archer spoke about the road and sidewalk work that is continuing at a very good pace and overall still working under the original cost estimates. Mayor asked that if any residents are having any problems regarding the street improvements such as parking, to

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please come to Town Hall and submit their problems. Mayor requested for the Council to hold a Special Legislative Meeting on July 11, 2007 at 7:25p.m. to talk about the Council approval on the Charter Amendment that allows us to cancel a special election that has no candidates, which takes affect on July 10, 2007. The Mayor spoke about the proposed MOU on receiving a grant for an interoperable police radio system. Mayor stated that it seems very clear that we want our Police Department to talk to other Police Departments in the area and will speak more on the issue at the July Work Session, on moving forward and signing on with a better price estimate for the final product.

*This concludes the Mayor's Report.*

#### Town Treasurer's Report/ Town Administrator's Report/ Code Enforcement Report

##### Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Prangley gave the Treasurer's Report. (Copies available)

Motion to approve, subject to audit- CM Sharpe

Second- CM Walker

**Approved**

*This concludes the Treasurer's Report.*

##### Code Enforcement Report:

Mr. Prangley stated that code enforcement has actively been issuing municipal infractions.

*This concludes the Code Enforcement Report.*

##### Administrator's Report:

Mr. Prangley stated that the Mayor & Council and Department Heads attended the Maryland Municipal League in Ocean City, which was a very good conference; the town's exhibit was informative; and received a lot of good comments regarding Riverdale.

CM Lingua: Requested that Code Enforcement have a report broken down for each CM.

Pat Prangley: That can certainly be generated for you.

CM Walker: Stated that there are three missing resolutions from the July edition of the Town Crier

Pat Prangley: They will be published in the next Town Crier.

*This concludes the Town Administrator's Report*

##### Police Department Report:

Acting Chief Patrick Timmons gave the police statistical report for June. (Copies available)

*This concludes the Police Department Report.*

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Public Works Report:

Mr. Goff stated that the street improvements are going well. Mr. Goff reported that WSSC has a water leak at Dupont Circle and is working with them to take care of the situation and fixing it.

CM Walker: Any updates on CSX?

Ron Goff: All that it looks to me that they have done is redoing the asphalt and it seems to have been elevated. I have put in some phone calls to Bill Hildabrant and am waiting for them to come back and repair, but it is still in the works and supposed to begin in late August.

*This concludes the Public Works Report.*

Fire Department Report:

Fire Department statistical report was given. (Copies Available)

It was stated that one thing they will do for the future meetings, is note the significance that was responded on. The Carnival was not unsuccessful but did not go as well as the past Carnivals, and will have to look further into it further for future carnivals. Federal Grant, finished the vehicle exhaust system today. The county CIP program is funding a new ramp for use, this fiscal year and will keep you informed. Commented on the railroad tracks damaging the fire trucks and is worse than before.

CM Lingua: The work they have done on the tracks is worse now than before?

Fire Department: Yes, that is what I have been told. I have yet to drive over them for myself.

*This concludes the Fire Department Report.*

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Walker, Economic Development

Encouraging block parties, please contact us if interested. CM Walker stated that there is a Cafritz property meeting on July 26, 2007 at 7:30p.m. and please attend, it is a major development. Also stated that the Economic Development Committee meeting is on July 9, 2007 at 7:30p.m. CM Walker commented on the Riverdale's Visitor Centers gardens look amazing and strongly suggests everyone to stop by and take a look.

CM Walker stated that Code has given a licensing fee to a resident on Oglethorpe for operating a rental house, when it is only a roommate situation.

CM Walker requested for that to be looked into and removed if seeming appropriate.

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

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#### Ward 2, CM Sharpe, Finance Committee

CM Sharpe commented on a couple of code issues concerning PODS. CM Sharpe would like to inform the residents that the POD issue is being addressed. CM Sharpe commented on the abandoned Noah building on the corner of Lafayette and River Tech Ct. that another door has been broken on the second floor. CM Sharpe stated that there is a new daycare on the 4800 block of Queensbury Rd. CM Sharpe would like to echo CM Walker to go and see the Riverdale's Visitor Centers gardens they look amazing. CM Sharpe stated for the Finance Committee that we passed the Budget.

*This concludes Ward 2, CM Sharpe's Report.*

#### Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Works

CM Lingua stated that there was a Public Works meeting last month. CM Lingua stated that the generator for the Police Department is under order and looking forward to installing. CM Lingua commented that the Public Works building is looking better and better each day. CM Lingua stated that there is a Block Party on July 14<sup>th</sup> on the 4700 block of Nicholson St. and that Ms. Maffit is expecting the Mayor to show up.

*This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report.*

#### Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Safety

CM Henry stated that there will be a Public Safety meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. on how we are going to move forward with the criminal activity. CM Henry commented on Kudos for Officer Doherty who came to the rescue at a fire at Dumm's Corner Rooming House. CM Henry stated that the new radio system is very important and it will allow the police department the ability to communicate with other officers in the area. CM Henry thanked Mr. Goff for planting trees on Silk Tree Dr. and stated that he is doing a wonderful job. CM Henry asked Mr. Prangley to follow up on the enforcement of the traffic lights to lessen the speed on Good Luck Rd. and Kenilworth Ave.

*This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report.*

#### Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Community Affairs

CM Allen-Smith thanked everyone for allowing her to attend MML in Ocean City; CM Allen-Smith stated that it was very educational and informative. CM Allen-Smith thanked Ms. Ferguson for doing a wonderful job at our town booth display at MML. CM Allen-Smith stated that she would like to sit down with Mr. Prangley and Chief Timmons on the loitering situation and to discuss what can be done. CM Allen-Smith requested approval for a 6ft chain link fence for Rigg's Grocery on Kenilworth Ave.

*This concluded Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith's Report.*

#### Correspondence Summary

Mayor Archer stated that there is a letter to clarify a key word missing, is that the Trolley Trail feasibility study is informing us that there is \$100,000.00 available to continue

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process to get our piece of the Trolley Trail to connect with College Park going to Hyattsville.

#### Public Comment

##### **Al Dombrowsky**

Mr. Dombrowsky informed the residents that there is a petition going around in regards to the stream assessment and restoration and stated that if you are interested in the project to please sign. Mr. Dombrowsky stated that he spoke with DNR and said that an assessment has to be given before we can apply for grant money. Mr. Dombrowsky displayed what is in subject to be fixed and what is included in the project.

#### Legislative Action

#1. Approval for a 6ft fence permit, for Ms. Freda Morgan at 5717 Sora Ln.

CM Henry- made a motion

CM Walker- second

**Approved**

#2. Approval for a 6ft privacy fence permit, at 5405 Kenilworth Ave/Riggs Rd.

CM Allen-Smith requested for more information and will get together with Code Enforcement to answer questions. Will be put on next months agenda.

#3. Approval of June 7<sup>th</sup> Special Legislative Meeting minutes

CM Walker- made a motion

CM Lingua- second

**Approved**

#### Unfinished Business

CM Walker proposed an ordinance resolution which would amend section 57-26 street improvement minimum standards. To allow an exception to that wave five affirmative votes by the council.

CM Lingua requested a resolution on 4700 block of Nicholson St. for speed humps, no less than two and no more than four.

CM Lingua- made a motion

CM Walker- second

**Approved**

CM Walker moved to go into executive session to involve the Riggs/PNC Bank issue and a personnel issue.

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CM Henry- Second

**Approved**

**Adjournment**

*Transcribed into summary form based on the July 2, 2007 Legislative Meeting Video Tape.*