

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendance**

Mayor: Vernon Archer

<u>Exiting Council Members:</u>	<u>Incoming Council Members:</u>
Ward 1: Robert Oppenheim	Alice Ewen-Walker
Ward 2: Mary Donaldson	Kate Sharpe
Ward 3: David Lingua	David Lingua
Ward 4: Lawrence C. Taylor	Christopher Henry
Ward 5: Gerard Kiernan	Vacant
Ward 6: Jose Morales	Keelah Allen-Smith

Town Administrator: Patrick J. Prangley  
Acting Chief of Police: 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.

**Motion to Approve Agenda**

Motion- CM Donaldson

Second-(unknown)

**Approved**

**Swearing in of the Mayor and the new council members.**

Peggy McGee, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Performs the swearing in ceremony.

**Guest Speaker: Eric Olsson, County Councilman for 3<sup>rd</sup> District**

County Council person Olson welcomed and congratulated the new members of the council as well as the Mayor. He stated he looks forward to working with them. His door is always open for any questions and he and his staff will be glad to help them. Mr. Olson also congratulated the exiting council members for the great job that they did and mentioned he has been working a lot with Patrick Prangley, Town Administrator and Mayor Archer.

**Presentation of plans for empty lot on Quesada and Kenilworth**

Rigoberto Lopez is the owner of a home and two lots on Quesada and Kenilworth Avenue. All of which are zoned as Commercial Office spaces. He and his Attorney, Michelle Larroca, presented and distributed site plans and maps for a car wash he wants to build on his property.  
**No Action required at this time.**

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Vernon Archer presented an Award of Recognition to Tom Parker, Former Chief of Police. Chief Parker served the Town of Riverdale Park for 26 and ½ years and resigned to his position in order to retire and pursue other activities.

In his acceptance speech, Chief Parker thanked the exiting members of the council for their friendship and support to him and to the Police Department. He congratulated the incoming members of the council and said great things will come. He stated that he could've retired at the 20 year mark but decided to stay because he enjoyed working with the community of Riverdale Park.

Mayor Archer informed that the budget proposal that was put out for the public in May did not provide as much information as some of the constituents wanted. The revised document, titled "Line Item Summary for Fiscal Year 07-08," is available at Town Hall for any one who is interested in obtaining one. This new summary contains the same information the Council members receive except for the Individual salaries and other personal information. The council will continue to meet 2 times this week in order to set a new tax rate.

The Cafritz Property, located north edge of Riverdale Park between the railroad tracks and Route 1 before College Park. There was an information session from the developers on last Saturday in Riverdale ES. There will be another one held on Thursday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Those who are interested can go in and see what the early ideas are to develop this area and weigh in their hopes and concerns.

Mayor Archer informed that there have been a rash of break ins in our neighborhood.

*This concludes the Mayor's Report.*

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

Mr. Prangley also thanked the exiting council members and welcomed the incoming ones. He also thanked Councilman Eric Olson for his continued support.

He informed that Riverdale Park has received a grant of \$70,000 for street improvements. One of the largest recipients of the grant.

Mr. Prangley stated that there has been good feedback on the community workshops for the Cafritz property development from our neighbors: Hyattsville, College Park, and University Park.

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007**  
**REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

Treasure's Report:

Mr. Prangley gave the Treasurer's report and copies are available. The treasurer's report was not accepted at this point because committees had not been assigned. It will be further discussed in unfinished business.

Code Report:

Mr. Prangley also gave the Code Report and copies are available.

*This concludes the Town Administrator's reports*

**Police Department Report**

Acting Chief Timmons gave the police department report and copies are available.

He also informed of the increase of break ins and offered safety tips. He urged residents to report suspicious activities stating and assuring that calling the police was not a bother.

He informed that Officer Hayes is being deployed to Iraq and wanted to wish him the best.

*This concludes the Police Department Report*

**Public Works Report**

Ron Goff, Public Works Director, said he would miss Chief Timmons and shared that he had known him and his family for 20 years.

Mr. Goff informed that the Spring Cleanup Day was a success. 20 truck loads had been taken to the Dumpsters. He congratulated residents on doing a good job cleaning. As a safety measure, he also urged residents to trim their trees and bushes so as to leave their doors and windows exposed so as not to give people a chance to hide.

Mr. Goff informed that new asphalt and concrete will be placed on the railroad crossing by the town center. The signs informing of the construction have the wrong dates. The construction work is currently scheduled for Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> through the morning of June the 11<sup>th</sup>. If there are any changes he will inform by email.

The Mayor raised questions about the generator that is currently being rented. Mr. Goff informed that no bids had been received.

*This concludes the Public Works Department Report*

**Fire Department Report**

Steve Lambert of the fire Department also thanked the exiting council members, welcomed the incoming ones, and wished Chief Parker good luck.

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007**  
**REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

He gave the Fire Department Report and copies are available.

Mr. Lambert brought back the information presented in February about the Traffic Solution on Queensbury. He looks forward to working with the Public safety committee on this subject. He shared that they are also looking to purchase a generator for the fire station.

*This concludes the Fire Department's Report*

**Ward and Committee Reports**

**Ward 1, CM Walker, Economic Development**

Mrs. Walker thanked the residents who voted for her. She states that residents can call her or email her with their concerns. She asks for people to call her if they have any requests on traffic calming (speed bumps) requests.

She thanked the Code Division and Ron Goff for their help in resolving matters concerning her ward.

She informed that there is Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for June 9.

*This concludes Ward 1, CM Walker Report*

**Ward 2, CM Sharpe, Finance Committee**

Thanked voters for their support and Mary Donaldson for her many years of service and looks forward to getting advice from her.

She stated that so far the road work being conducted in her ward has been a good experience. She asks for residents to call her with their concerns.

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

**Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Works**

Mr. Lingua thanked voters for their votes. He said he has a list of the concerns that residents brought to him during his campaign. Some of the concerns have been taken care of and he will work on addressing the rest (some will take a short time and others require more time). He thanked the Code Division, Mr. Prangley, and Ron Goff.

Mr. Lingua requested an update about a property on his ward that had to be vacated.

He thanked Chief Parker for his years of service and wishes him the best. He also thanked the exiting council members and said he enjoyed working with them.

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007**  
**REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

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

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Safety

Mr. Henry voters for their support. He thanked the exiting council members. He thanked Councilman Taylor for a great job. Mr. Henry thanked his wife for all her support. Mr. Henry stated he is here to bring change. His is deeply concerned about the crime and safety issues in his ward. He looks forward to working with the town staff and the other incoming council members.

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

Ward 5, Vacant

No report

*This concludes Ward5,*

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Community Affairs

Thanked residents who voted for her and the exiting council members. She stated that she will work to address issues that came up during her campaign.

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

Correspondence Summary

None reported.

Public Comment

Mr. Walker thanked Jerry and Mary for their many years of service. He said he was sorry to see them go but hopes to be able to call on them for any tips.

Legislative Action

**#1. Motion to approve Mayor Archer's nominations of committees' chairs and members**

**Motion:** Alice Ewen-Walker

**Second:** David Lingua

**Approved**

**Finance Committee Chair - Katherine Sharpe**

Alice Ewen Walker

Christopher Henry

**Public Safety Committee Chair - Christopher Henry**

David Lingua

Keelah Allen-Smith

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**Public Works Committee Chair - David Lingua**

Keelah Allen-Smith

Alice Ewen Walker

**Legislative Committee Chair – Vacant**

Kate Sharpe

Keelah Allen-Smith

**Economics Development Committee Chair – Alice Ewen Walker**

Katherine Sharpe

Vacant

**Community Affairs Committee Chair – Keelah Allen-Smith**

David Lingua

Vacant

**#2. Motion to appoint Alice Ewen-Walker as Deputy Mayor**

**Motion:** David Lingua

**Second:** Kate Sharpe and Christopher Henry (simultaneously)

**Approved**

**#3. Motion to Declare Vacancy for Ward Five (5)**

**Motion:** Keelah Allen-Smith

**Second:** Kate Sharpe

**#4 Motion to set Special Election date for July 19, 2007 to fill vacancy for ward 5**

**Motion-**Christopher Henry

**Second-**David Lingua

**Approved**

**#5 Motion to approve plans to build a house on 5004 Ingraham Street**

**Motion-**

**Second-**

**Motion is denied until more plans are received.**

**#6 Motion to approve 5004 Ingraham Street Carport**

**Motion-**Kate Sharpe

**Second-**Alice Ewen-Walker

Approval was not reached because there was concern that the new carport would be larger than what the county allows. However the carport would be replacing on that had already existed. Motion to be approved pending confirmation that the new carport will be the same dimension as the one it is replacing.

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**#7 Motion to approve Carnival with extended hours, additional police officer, and waiver of permit fee**

**Motion-Alice Ewen Walker**

**Second-Kate Sharpe**

**Approved**

**#8 Motion to approve Block Party at the 4700 block of Nicholson through Lafayette**

**Motion-David Lingua**

**Second-Alice Ewen-Walker**

**Approved**

**#9 Motion to change work session to June 18th**

**Motion-Keelah Allen Smith**

**Second- Alice Ewen-Walker**

**Approved**

**#10 Motion for a 10 minute Recess**

**Motion-David Lingua**

**Second-Kate Sharpe**

**Approved**

Unfinished Business

**#12 Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report**

**Motion-Kate Sharpe**

**Second-Alice Ewen-Walker**

New Business

**#11 Motion to approve Alice Ewen Walker representative to board of trustees of Defined Benefits Plan**

**Motion-David Lingua**

**Second-Alice Ewen-Walker**

**#13 Motion to approve Block Party at 45<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, and Sheridan Streets for August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Motion-Alice Ewen-Walker**

**Second-David Lingua**

**Approved**

**#14 Motion to approve special permit for Wachovia Bank parking spaces**

**Motion-Alice Ewen-Walker**

**Second-David Lingua**

