

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen	Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4
CM Raymond Rivas	Ward 5
CM Keelah Allen-Smith	Ward 6

Town Administrator- Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Chief Teresa Chambers
Director of Public Works – Leonard Addison
Fire Department – President Lamphier

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

Approval of Agenda

CM motioned to approve the agenda.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer added Item #8 Motion to approve expenditure for a building improvement for up to \$8K from the 06/07 fund.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Archer is working with staff to come up with a budget proposal by May 1st. They are reviewing a 5% reduction on Town assessments and a 75% reduction on State aid.
- There will be a Town wide trash pick-up and a river and outdoors clean up at Riverside Park from 9am until noon on April 17th.
- 3rd Annual Riverdale Park Festival will be held on May 2nd from noon – 6pm.
- Discussions with Hyattsville have been ongoing about the Arts District area.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

Sara Imhulse submitted a new DRAFT report from QuickBooks Treasurer's Report previously. Budget as of March 31, 2010: Revenue = \$3,983,924.00, Expenses = \$3,111,391.00.

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

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

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Town Administrator's Report

- The Census for has been delivered. Residents can contact Town Hall @ (301) 927-6381. For questions about the form go to www.2010census.gov.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Chief Chambers attended an award ceremony hosted by the Police Chiefs Associations of PG County. The following Riverdale Officers were awarded: Civilian of the Year – Communications Manager **Lani Lindsey**, Community Service Officer of the Year- Corporal Roland Alexander, and Officer of the Year – Private 1st Class Walter **Bustamante**

Discussion: Mayor Archer recalled Douglas **Jarman**'s, resident of Riverdale Park, suggestion for Riverdale Park to require a sticker permit to vendors and asked if there was any follow up with Code Enforcement. Chief Chambers has passed along her recommendation to Ms. Imhulse.

Code Enforcement Issues

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Follow-up from the Department of Public Works report submitted last week.
 - No Parking during snow emergency sign location. Mr. Addison provided a map to Council.
- Banners on street light poles – Welcome, Seasonal, Events and Town Ads are some of the ideas that the Town of Riverdale's Dept. of Public Works would like to experiment with. Mr. Addison also provided examples of the types of banners he would like to see posted and stated that the Town should start with generic version first.
- Earth Day & Spring Cleaning on Sat., April 17th – Volunteers are asked to meet @ 8:30am on Riverside Drive & Nicholson Street (Riverside Neighborhood Park). Mr. Addison encouraged residents to put out bulk trash and yard waste out the night before and come out to help clean-up their neighborhood. Residents should bag all leaves and bundle all branches, branches 4 inches in diameter should be chopped up first. Questions about disposal of yard waste should be directed to the Dept of Public Works.

Discussion: CM Ewen thinks the banner idea is a great one and suggested that Jim Coleman be consulted in this project. Jim Coleman explained that Mr. Addison is correct in suggesting the generic version of banners be placed first. CM Ewen suggested a 'Town Center' banner. CM Henry suggested a 'Welcome to Riverdale Park' banner and asked about a timeline for the banner production. Mr. Addison explained the process with be a lot quicker if the Town receive a grant for this project other than having to incorporate the expense in a budget. Printing and Shipping of

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the banners should take approximately 2 weeks and cost approximately \$130 per banner (under 10 banners) and \$80 per banner (over 10 banners). CM Henry asked how many banners will need to be ordered. Mr. Addison explained that banners would be placed on Rt. 1 to Town Center, in and around the Historical Mansion and Riverdale Road close to Kenilworth Ave.

Mayor Archer asked if there were any limitations on yard waste disposal for Earth Day. Mr. Addison replied that the same limitations found on the website apply on this day. Bamboo must be bundled and no longer than 5 feet in length. CM Lingua asked if electronics can be set out on April 17th. Mr. Addison replied "Yes".

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- 403 responses in March. A list will be sent to Mayor and Council.
- The County Executive presented additional funding for career staffing at the fire department's expense (volunteer budget will be cut by 2%)
- Ramp replacement will begin within the next 30 days.
- Point of Order - President Lamphier attended the Special Legislative Meeting on February 21st.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ewen, Economic Development Committee

- Pleased to participate in the Easter Celebration. It was quite an impressive event.
- There is a new Park & Planning Program taking place, Park Ranger Program, at the Riverdale Neighborhood Playground taking place on April 17th 11am – noon. They will have an animal show!
- Thanked staff for pursuing condemnation of several properties in town.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ewen's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- The Finance Committee did not have a meeting this month. CM Thompson has been reviewing the finances of the Town carefully. We are still looking pretty good for the year. CM Thompson is prepping for budget season which starts May 3rd. Meeting will start by May 20th. Hopefully the budget will be passed at the June Legislative Meeting.
- CM Thompson met with M-Square developers with Mayor Archer, Ms. Imhulse, the Town attorney and a fairly large delegation from the University of Maryland to talk about proposed solutions to issues of concern. A concrete legal agreement may come up to Council by the May or June legislative meeting.

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- Thanked CM Rivas and the Rec. Board for an outstanding Easter event.
- This is the season for Building Permits and Variances has started. Please be sure to have all of your permits lined up. Thanked Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson for sending a detailed description of the processes.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Encouraged residents to fill out Census forms and mail them in.
- Dead roosters have been left on the train tracks. Residents should report any activity like this to the police. While CM Lingua also noticed a lot of gang 'tagging' along the train tracks. CSX will be contacted to remove tagging.
- The Riverside Neighborhood Park is experiencing an influx of vendors. The police department is working with the park police to abate illegal vendors and public intoxication at the park.
- Central Kenilworth Ave. Revitalization Committee met on April 1st.
 - Letter of interest for the EPA's Smart Growth Initiative Assistance – Thanked Ms. Imhulse and Dannielle **Glaros**, with Councilman's Olson's office for helping to put together this letter.
 - Next meeting on April 20th @7pm at Town Hall – Discussion of candidates for the Community Development Board. Regular meeting on May 6th from 7pm – 9pm at the East Pine Civic Association (5819 East Pine Dr.)
- Public Safety Meeting – Please e-mail available dates to CM Lingua.
- Happy Birthday to CM Thompson!

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Hope residents had a happy Easter!
- Kudos to Mr. Addison. The landscaping looks fabulous.
- Congratulations to all award winners of the Police Chiefs Associations of PG County ceremony. Civilian of the Year/Communications Manager **Lani Lindsey** – CM Henry has seen a change and a more professional image presented, Community Service Officer of the Year/Corporal Roland Alexander – He does an outstanding job. The neighborhood watch has blossomed, and Officer of the Year/Private 1st Class Walter **Bustamante** – An outstanding officer and very professional. Compliments to Chief Chambers as well.
- Public Works Meeting on April 16th @9am – Revising the town ordinance, stepping up maintenance of snow vehicles.
- Happy Birthday to CM Thompson! “Thank you for your efforts and the time you've put into the Town. Your dedication is appreciated!”

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

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Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

- CM Rivas has been putting a lot of time in keeping the youth of Riverdale Park busy.
- CM Rivas read his Town Crier Ward 5 report for the record.
- The Arts Committee has a showcase of art work at the Town Center.
- Extreme Teens Slam Fest in Berwyn Heights Elementary School is coming up on April 30th.

Discussion: Mayor Archer suggested a Town Hall meeting dedicated for the children of Riverdale Park.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Legislative Committee

- Apologized for recent absences due to death of a loved one.
- Springtime reminders – Be considerate of bikers and pedestrians.
- Please put trash inside of the dumpsters.
- Good job to CM Rivas for the Easter Event. The children of Riverdale Park had a great time.

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

Public Comments

Legislative Action

1. To approve minutes for regular legislative meeting held on March 1, 2010.

CM Thompson moved to accept the minutes.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 6-0

Discussion: CM Thompson stated 2 changes (pg 2/Town Administrator's Report – 'Sara will testify in committee tomorrow' and insert 'Mr. Lamphier presented a report at the work session and was not able to attend the Legislative Session.' On pg3/Fire Dept Report.

2. To approve minutes for special legislative meeting held on February 22, 2010.

CM Thompson moved to accept the minutes.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 6-0

3. To approve permit for Taylor & Sons Inc. to hold a fundraiser carnival from April 8, 2010 – April 18, 2010 at 5550 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD.

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CM Allen-Smith moved to accept the minutes.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 6-0

CM Allen-Smith moved to waive the fee of \$150.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 6-0

4. To introduce Ordinance 2010-OR-03 concerning changes to Chapter 68 Weeds.

CM Henry read Ordinance 2010-OR-03 into record.

Discussion: CM Thompson stated the last sentence of the paragraph 68-1 should be capitalized to indicate the inserted material.

5. To introduce Ordinance 2010-OR-04 concerning changes to Chapter 25 Dance Hall.

CM Lingua read parts of Ordinance 2010-OR-04 into record.

6. To approve Ordinance 2010-OR-02 Speed Zone Monitoring System.

CM Lingua moved to approve Ordinance 2010-OR-02 Speed Zone Monitoring System.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 6-0

7. To discuss banners in Town Center.

8. Motion to approve expenditure for a building improvement up to \$8K from 06/07 fund.

CM Thompson moved to approve expenditure for a building improvement up to \$8K from 06/07 fund.

CM Ewen Second.

Motion passes 6-0

Discussion: There are some necessary renovations. The fund has been earning interest. The principle of the fund will be untouched. CM Henry asked what specific repairs this refers to. Mr. Addison responded that repairs need to be made to the restroom, shower, utility tub and things like holes in the walls of the Dept. of Public Works. CM Henry would like to see an area of relaxation implemented. CM Lingua asked "What is the surplus from the fund?" Ms. Imhulse responded that this allocation will take up all of the interest that is left from the fund.

New Business

- One day liquor license for Arts Fair on May 2nd – Mayor Archer, Ms. Imhulse and others from the Arts Council had a phone conference. The plan is that the liquor license will go through the Town. Next year the Arts Council will have their 501 (c)(3) designation and will be able to obtain their own licensing.

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Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Henry moved to adjourn 10:00pm

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 6-0

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