

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance

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

Town Administrator- Patrick J Prangley

Deputy Town Administrator- Penelope Mendoza

Police Department – Chief Chambers

Director of Public Works – Leonard Addison

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:12p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

CM Lingua Motioned to approve the agenda.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5 – 0

Discussion: CM Lingua added Resolution 2009-R-07 as Legislative Item #5. Mayor Archer added Nominations to the Appeals Board as item #6.

Election Judges for each Ward were sworn in by Mayor Archer.

Dennis Dewitt

Karyn Howard

Adele Brown Lee

Richard Henderson, Jr.

Mickie Gee

Jim Coleman

Mayor's Report

- There was a serious accident at the intersection of the CSX tracks and Queensbury involving a Metro bus. **WMATA** is conducting an investigation and will issue a report within fourteen days of the incident.
- The Mayor and staff are moving forward with the budget proposal for 2010. The budget will be released to the public no later than May 2, 2009.
- Dwight Holmes has accepted the nomination to moderate the Town Talk list.
- **Pres. Lampheir** of the fire department will be here to help work out the billing for the ambulance service. As mentioned in previous meetings the Riverdale fire department as well as other County volunteer fire departments has not received any funding from ambulance services.

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- PG Historic Preservation Reception – Held at Riverdale Mansion on May 31, 2009. Sponsorship has been solicited.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Prangley gave the Treasurer's Report:

Modified accrual report as of February 28, 2009: \$2,716,808.59 Revenues,

Budget as of March 31, 2009: Revenue = \$3,758,351.90, Expenses = \$3,200,528.43.

CM Sharpe move to approve per audit.

CM Lingua Second

Motion 5-0

Discussion: CM Sharpe asked about the power outage that prevented the QuickBooks Report. Mr. Prangley explained there was a temporary outage due to office construction. CM Sharpe would like to see the QuickBooks report via e-mail prior to meetings. CM Henry asked if the City of Riverdale Park would receive any funding from the Stimulus Package regarding any 'Green' projects. Mr. Prangley stated that the Town is aggressively perusing all funding resources. CM Henry asked about the status of the traffic light camera regulation. Mr. Prangley responded that it was implemented on Friday. CM Henry suggested that the Town of Riverdale Park purchase a UPS device to prevent a power outage. Mr. Prangley stated that the Town has a generator. Mr. Addison further explained that the computers may not be tied into the generator.

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- Thanked Chief Chambers for attending Public Safety Training on human trafficking. The session was very insightful.
- Representatives from Riverdale Park will meet with WMATA to discuss the F4 route.
- Mitigation Mtg. w/Dept of Environmental Resources - Riverdale Park is a strong candidate to receive mitigation. Mayor and Council have met with ICC previously to discuss.
- Community Development – Maryland Ave. to Rhode Island Ave. project. A grant was received and is funded thru Dec 2009. The Town is now in the process of implementing the Cool Cities program. 90% of project will be completed by end of April.

Discussion: CM Sharpe suggests that the Storm Water Channel be adjusted to a naturalized channel that may be better supported by funding sources. CM Henry asked if there were any funding from the stimulus package that the Town of Riverdale can obtain (ex. Going 'Green' projects). Mr. Prangley stated that the Town will go after any and all additional funding aggressively.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

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- 5507 Good Luck Rd – The County has found no fault of the property owner regarding the fence on this property.
- There have been dead chickens found along the railroad tracks. Chief Chambers concluded that this is happening due to a religious practice.
- Public Safety grants are being solicited on behalf of the Town by a student committee from the University of Maryland.
- We are pleased about the upcoming work session Briefing on Home Invasion.
- Chief Chambers provided a list of stock vehicles at the work session.
- Human Trafficking Session – The department has obtained new partnerships.
- I.C.E. (Information Customs and Emigration)

Discussion: CM Henry spoke to Colleen Ferrell about the property on 5507 Good Luck Rd. He suggested that gauge PEPCO. The fence may hinder access for their technicians.

Code Enforcement Issues

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- A report was submitted on activities in March at the work session.
- Taylor Rd between **Sheridan** and Tuckerman – Resurfacing has been completed. Clean up will be completed by the end of this week.
- Center for Watershed Protection – Mr. Addison submitted a grant a year ago and will receive \$320K of funding. Details for the grant are currently being reviewed.
- Dead Chickens – Dept of Public Works are working with the Police Department and Code Enforcement to make sure the area is kept clean.
- School Zone Parking – The Dept of Public Works put together a strategy to post signs in the area to help the parking situation in the school zone.
- Earth Day – April 18th 9am – Noon at the Anacostia a clean up. It will also be a spring clean up day for the entire town.

Discussion: Mayor Archer reinstated the Earth Day activities and encouraged residents to come out and help with the clean up activities. CM Lingua suggested that public works try to get on the same schedule with the police department on vehicle renewals. CM Sharpe asked if the vehicles were under a full coverage policy. Mr. Addison will have to check into it.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- There was a theft at the firehouse that was reported by Channel 9 News.
- The County may cut 56 career firefighter positions. This does not include vacant positions. Coverage will be slack and ability to respond to an emergency will suffer.
- Thanks the Town for paving the back lot. The County will put on a new roof as well.

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- Thanks the Mayor for his support to recover funds from ambulance service. There has been some progress. The revenue collections affect 11 volunteer fire departments as well as the entire County who expected over \$15M and only recovered approx \$1M.
- Systems for Firefighters Grants – sprinkler system, fire alarm systems and smoke detectors will be covered.
- The Arial Tower is back in service. Has been out of service for approximately one year.
- The fire department would like to congratulate Mr. Prangley for his 30 years of service.

Discussion: CM Walker brought up a concern mentioned at the Public Works meeting about a fire truck using a service road on 51st Street. The truck has been seen rolling over grass in that area.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Deputy Town Administrator's Report

This concludes the Deputy Town Administrator's Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Walker, Economic Development

- CM Walker asked Chief Chambers if the property on Queensbury has been condemned. Chief Chambers acknowledged some follow up and will report details at a later date.
- CM Walker has talked to a few property owners about having routes changed for the bus route on Queensbury.
- A ward report was submitted for entry into the Town Crier after the deadline.
- Farmer's Market – April 9th will be the first day of the Farmer's Market this spring. Please come out and support!
- CM Walker looks forward to talking to residents in the next few weeks as she is running for Ward 1 council again this year.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Walker's Report

Ward 2, CM Sharpe, Finance Chairman

- The budget will be dropped on May 2nd. CM Sharpe is working to make sure the budget processes are in good shape before her departure from Ward 2 Council Member.
- Encouraged Public Works to come up with a fleet management plan for turning over vehicles in the future.
- Thanks to Mr. Addison for the completion of the Taylor Road improvements. They look great!
- CM Sharpe reminded residents to maintain their lawns this spring and summer.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Sharpe's Report

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Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Works

- Public Works Committee Meeting - April 20th at 7:15pm.
- Thanks Mr. Addison for efforts on the native plant garden project. Also than Michael **Sevner** and Judy **Glaze** for working with us on this project.
- Earth Day – At Riverside Neighborhood Park on April 18th. There will be a soccer match after the clean up festivities.
- 47th Ave. (Industrial Park) – Excessive Speed on the stretch of Longfellow.
- Fence repair needed at **Thrift Yard**.
- Litter and Debris on Nicholuson Street.
- Best Wishes – CM Kimbrough did a commendable job for his one year of service. CM Sharpe will be missed and did a great job as Chair of the Finance Committee for the past two years.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Safety

- Madison Hill – Residents have concerns about gang activity in this area. A meeting will be held on April 13th at the high school. There has been a new webpage developed for this neighborhood. A link will be provided from the Riverdale website.
- Commends Chief Chambers, Lt. Adam and Corp. Alexander for dealing with the gang activities in the area.
- Kudos to Mr. Addison. People in Ward 4 are very happy with his service.
- Good Luck Rd – Working on having our footprint established in that area.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Timothy Kimbrough, Legislative

This concludes Ward 5, CM Kimbrough's Report

Ward 6, CM Keelah Allen-Smith, Public Affairs

- Apartment Managers Meeting on April 29th.
- Working with Code Enforcement to reduce signage in the area.
- Arts Festival – May 3rd.
- Thanks to Mr. Addison for quickly repairing a street light.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Keelah Report

Public Comments

- Allen Thompson – Announced that he will run for Ward 2 Council Member. Looks forward to representing the ward and meeting the residents.

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- Jeffery York – There is more lighting needed at 6201 Natoli Place. Safety is an issue. Mr. York's properties are rented to college students and parents have issued concerns about the lighting in the area. There are also a few low hanging branches that need to be trimmed.
- Jim Coleman – Looking into a grant for the Farmer's Market promotion. Suggests that the intersection of Rt. 410 and Rt. 1 would be a good place for a sign that would advertise other town events as well. Mr. Coleman asked Council Members for feedback and support for this project.

Legislative Action

1. Approval – Minutes for March 9, 2009 regular legislative meeting.

CM Walker moved to approve the minutes for March 9, 2009 regular legislative mtg.

CM Sharpe Second

Motion 5-0

2. Bid opening for Replacement of Fuel Pumping System.

CM moved to approve

CM Second

Motion 0-0

Discussion: Mr. Addison would like to allow more time to review the one bid before a vote.

3. Approval for a permit to hold the 3rd annual carnival to benefit the Riverdale Lions Club to be held on the Alamo parking lot from April 30, 2009 thru May 10, 2009.

CM Henry moved to approve a permit to hold the 3rd annual carnival to benefit the Riverdale Lions Club on April 30, 2009 thru May 10, 2009.

CM Sharpe Second

Motion 5-0

Discussion: Representative from the Lions Club thanked the Mayor and Council Members for past and continued support.

4. Approval for street closure on Sunday, May 3, 2009, for the Riverdale Park Arts Festival held from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Town Center.

CM Walker moved to approve the street closure on Sunday, May 3, 2009, for the Riverdale Park Arts Festival held from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Town Center.

CM Sharpe Second

Motion 5-0

5. Resolution 2009-R-XX – Pick up and Drop off Zone Designation for Riverdale Elementary School.

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CM Lingua moved to pass Resolution 2009-R-XX – Pick up and Drop off Zone Designation for Riverdale Elementary School.

CM Sharpe Second

Motion 5-0

6. Nominations for the Appeals Board.

Mayor Archer nominated Sarah McClullen

CM Walker nominated Rebecca Henry

CM Sharpe nominated Todd Whitehead

CM Lingua nominated Gregory Jenkins

Mayor Archer moved to approve the list of nominations.

Motion 5-0

7. \$750 for project to paint the overpass.

CM Sharpe moved approve the use of \$750 from the Town's social concerns fund to contribute to the overpass project.

CM Walker Second

Motion 5-0

8. Sponsorship for the Historic Preservation Month reception in the amount of \$300.

CM Sharpe moved have the Town of Riverdale sponsor the Historic Preservation Month reception in the amount of \$300.

CM Walker Second

Motion 5-0

9. Provide QuickBooks treasurer's report prior to Legislative Meetings.

CM Sharpe moved to direct staff to provide the QuickBooks report to Mayor and Council prior to the Legislative mtg.

CM Walker Second.

Motion 5-0

New Business

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Walker move to adjourn 10:14 pm

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CM Sharpe Second
Motion 5-0

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