

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 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 Raymond Rivas	Ward 5

Town Administrator- Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Captain Timmons
Director of Public Works – Mr. Addison

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Mayor announced that CM Allen-Smith

Approval of Agenda

CM Ewen motioned to approve the agenda.
CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson added #4 Legislative Item - First reading of an ordinance to amend the time between repeat offences for violation of the refuse, garbage and trash - Chapter 36.

Mayor's Report

- Most residents should have received the new appraised values of their home.
- State Legislature will begin its general session shortly. We will be watching the Maryland Municipal League acting on our behalf and
- Central Kenilworth Ave Revitalization will have a open house on February 4th @6:00pm – 8:30pm. @Pollo Fiesta (Kenilworth Ave.)
- January 14th @7pm– Tentative mtg. scheduled for Purple Line project.
- Mayor Archer and the town attorney have been working on some of the changes for the M-Square project.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

Sara Imhulse submitted the Treasurer's Report previously.
Budget as of December 31, 2009: Revenue = \$3,067,120.92, Expenses = \$2,120,601.60.

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

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

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Town Administrator's Report

- All Town employees have a new e-mail address first initial, last name@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Discussion: CM Lingua asked how the Town is getting the word out about the e-mail change. Sara replied that e-mails and website updates have gone out as well as auto responders that carry the new e-mail address. Auto responders will be in place until February 1st.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- New Year's Eve was relatively a quiet night.
- Speed Cameras – The cameras are set up on Good Luck Rd in one direction. The tickets average about 60-70/day. There have been some technical issues and the camera may have to be replaced.

Code Enforcement Issues

- Chief Chambers submitted a report previously.

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Mr. Addison previously submitted a report during work session.
- Trees will be collected during Wednesdays, the normal recycling day; Bates Trucking will pick them up and have them recycled.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked Mr. Addison if the streets have been inspected after the big snow storm. There have been complaints of pot holes. Mr. Addison responded that they were out today filling pot holes in the streets of Riverdale. Pot holes are NOT a serious issue in Riverdale Park as it is in other areas.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- Mayor Archer will make copies of the fire department report and distribute to Council.
- Hydrant Testing – Mayor Archer read a portion of the report of WSSC's response that states:
 - They are NOT aware of any problems in the area that require a specific test program.
 - They strongly prefer that the fire department do NOT perform hydrant testing.
 - We are welcome to give them a list of all hydrants and they will pull test records as time permits.
 - If we would like a specific test program there is a fee that the Town can pay.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

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Ward 1, CM Ewen, Economic Development Committee

- New bus route serving Route 1. CM Ewen encouraged residents to look it up on-line.
- Board of Education Mtg – about a month ago CM Ewen testified at this hearing about rezoning schools zones. The rezoning will help reduce overcrowding at Riverdale Elementary.
- Historic House Renovation – Who is interested in forming a Historic House Group? Hyattsville Preservation Association will meet on January 9th for their annual open house. This would be a great first opportunity to see what we have in common and possibly produce a joint effort.
- Blue House on Queensbury Rd – CM Ewen inquired about this burned out house. Capt. Timmons responded that the insurance company is seeking a construction company to renovate.
- If you want to be on snow alert sign up on NIXEL. Residents will receive an update through an e-mail or text message.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ewen Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- The phone number listed in the Crier for CM Thompson is wrong. The correct number is 301-927-**7407**.
- M-Square Development – CM Thompson is gathering comments about the building designated North of **Gosling** Pond.
- Finance Committee Mtg. - January 26th @7pm
- CM Thompson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Public Safety Committee Mtg. will be held on January 11th @7:15pm.
- Central Kenilworth Ave. Steering Committee mtg. this Thursday
- February 4th – Pollo Fiesta Event
- Housing values remains flat in the budget. We are trying to find out what this means to the County.
- CM Lingua has received calls about assessment of the streets and sidewalks.
- Happy New Year to you all!

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

- Thanked everyone for coming out to the Holiday Festival. Thanked the committee (Gabriel, Erik, Michael, Elvis and Antonio). Thanked everyone in Ward 5 for their

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patience during the snow removal. The community really pulled together to make sure everyone got their cars out.

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Community Affairs Committee

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Public Comments

- Sue Sheehan, 4707 Tuckerman – Thanked CM Thompson publicly for taking care of the snow issue she had after the storm. After one call to CM Thompson the snow was removed within 24hours.
- Festival of Lights – Jim Coleman reported the total cost of the Festival was \$5,278.84. Donations were approximately \$2,000 leaving an approximate expense of \$3, 200 for the Town. There were also donations of gift certificates that were given as prizes for the bake off and holiday light display. There was a mention to increase the lighting display awards to include an environmental category. Vendors were very happy with the one day allotted to sale their merchandise. CM Ewen asked if the date should be changed to a later date in December. CM Thompson asked how much does a mushroom heater cost. Jim responded that the mushroom heater is around \$150 - \$250 per unit.

Legislative Action

1. Approval of minutes for December 7, 2009 regular legislative meeting.

CM Lingua moved to accept the minutes.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson Ward 6 (pg 4) and parcel 9 (page 6). CM Lingua stated that the Public Safety Mtg. was on Dec 14th @7pm (pg 4). Mayor Archer asked that a note be inserted under Mayor's Report that he made his report under New Business.

2. Resolution 2010-R-1 to nominate members to the mixed-use town center (MUTC) local design review committee.

CM Ewen moved to approve the nominees as listed.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

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Discussion: CM Thompson – Chair, CM Ewen - representative, Brian Boettger, Jonathan W. Ebbeler – new member, C. Michael Arnold – representing property owners and businesses, Mark McGibbon – new member, Archie Palmore - attorney

3. Resolution 2010-R-2 to authorize a mutual aid agreement for police protection.

CM Lingua moved to approve 2010-R-2 as read.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Lingua read the resolution into record. Mayor Archer explained that the mutual aid agreement had to be re-authorized because there were a few new Towns added.

4. Adopt 2010-OR-1. First reading of an ordinance to amend the time between repeat offenses for violation of the refuse, garbage and trash in Town Ordinance, Chapter 36.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked for clarification of ‘repeat offense’ and ‘offense’. CM Thompson will review the wording over the next month.

New Business

- Jonathan Ebbeler greeted the Council and residents. He introduced himself as a one year resident of Riverdale Park who was drawn to Riverdale Park because of its historical presence.
- Economic Development Committee Mtg. on January 7th @ 4pm.

Unfinished Business

- CM Thompson asked about the traffic study on Lafayette Ave between Ravenswood and the northern **Terminus**. Mayor Archer responded that the collection devise has malfunctioned. They did not want to perform the count during the holidays. Mr. Addison will check on the equipment and when it’s possible to be re-instated.
- CM Thompson asked about the Litton building temporary parking lot. Mayor Archer stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Adjournment

CM Ewen move to adjourn 9:22pm

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

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