

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 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 – Captain Timmons

Director of Public Works – Leonard Addison

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:05p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

CM Walker Motioned to approve the agenda.

CM Sharpe Second

Motion passes 4 – 0

Mayor's Report

- CM Kimbrough gave Mayor Archer notice that he would not be able to attend the meeting.
- The fire department improvements are going forward. Despite the County's ongoing furlough they do not expect any direct impact on the Riverdale station.
- Mayor Archer thanked the fire department's volunteers for stepping up and making sure the station is operable 24/7 during the County furlough.
- The expansion of Town Hall is moving forward.
- More ground work on Rt. 1 - All permits have been obtained and now the construction at Wachovia Bank is moving forward.
- The police department has developed an action plan to protect Riverdale Elementary from an active shooter. The training will take place March 18, 25 and 28th.
- 2nd Annual Riverdale Park Arts Festival coming up on May 3rd.
- Big Welcome to Archie Edwards Blues Society has leased space in 'the Book Store'. They are there to promote the continuation of the blues. The public are invited to come by to listen and possibly learn. They expect to move into the Riverdale Post Bldg later in the year.
- Mayor Archer intends to run again for the position of Mayor of Riverdale Town Park.

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- Mr. Prangley is celebrating 30years of service for the town of Riverdale Town Park.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Prangley gave the Treasurer's Report:

Modified accrual report as of January 31, 2009: \$2,855,615.34 Revenues,

Budget as of February 28, 2009: Revenue = \$3,615,598.24, Expenses = \$2,932,309.69.

CM Sharpe move to approve per audit.

CM Walker Second

Motion 4-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- 2010 Appropriation's Bill – Working with Congressman Hoyer's office. We are seeking \$1.5M for the remaining infrastructure in the town, library community center, new public works facility, etc.
- University of Maryland project – The second spec bldg has shown progress.
- NOAA Bldg should be completed by spring and dedication will take place soon after.
- Thanked Mayor Archer and the Council for working together and identifying infrastructure problems of the town and spearheading improvements.
- Mr. Prangley is proud to serve the Town of Riverdale Park for 30 years. It's been a real thrill!

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Voice recording equipment – recently installed and working fine.
- FBI Training – Along with County Police and a Special Operations Unit, the Riverdale Country police will be involved in training.

Code Enforcement Issues

This concludes the Police Department Report

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Public Works Report

- Congratulations to Mr. Prangley for his 30 years of service.
- New Fuel Pump Contract – Bids were due on March 2nd. There has been an extension due to the weather.
- First major snow event on March 1st – (22 tons of salt, 98 man hours) Mr. Addison thanks residents for cleaning their walkways and removing cars for street cleaning.
- Road Work (intersection of Rt1 & East West Hwy– Temporary stripping has been done on the westbound side of traffic.

Discussion: CM Sharpe asked Mr. Addison to mention to MNCPPC that there was too much salt used in the Riverdale Park area. Large mounds of salt maybe hazardous to the river. CM Henry asked about the fence on Good Luck Rd. that needs to be pushed back on the property. Mr. Addison is working to contact the business owner to take action.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

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Deputy Town Administrator's Report

This concludes the Deputy Town Administrator's Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Walker, Economic Development

- Congrats to Mr. Prangley. 30 years is a long time!
- There is an unsafe structure on Rt. 410 that needs to be condemned. CM Walker would like to see this structure condemned ASAP.
- Property on Queensbury - Shays Construction has started to perform a clean up of the property.
- CM Walker would like to reduce the appearance of emptiness. There are more and more vacant homes popping up in Riverdale Park.
- April 9th – Farmers Market is opening a few weeks early. There are a number of new vendors (Dairy, Meat and more Veggie vendors). There will be a kids corner of the market that will be a marked off for children to run around and play while parent shop.
- March 12th meeting with the **Cafritz** community.
- March 9th – Economic Development meeting. Focused on developing more programming (supporting Farmer's Market and workshops for residents).
- CM Walker asked that the Code Enforcement be reviewed.

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- Spring is coming – More volunteers are needed for Farmer’s Market, Easter Activities, Spring Clean up and more.
- Thanks to Mr. Addison for a successful snow day.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Walker’s Report

Ward 2, CM Sharpe, Finance Chairman

- Encouraged Ward 2 residents to contact CM Sharpe for any code violations.
- CM Sharpe will be moving out of the country for a year and will not be up for re-election. Encouraged residents to consider her position on the council.

Discussion: Mayor Archer stated that it has been a pleasure having CM Sharpe serve on the council.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Sharpe’s Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Works

- March 16th – Public Works meeting
- Kenilworth Ave Steering Committee – Next meeting will take place on April 2nd. We are: monitoring county and state MNCPPC budget, reviewing action plans, strategic planning, developing advisory board to help with grant and funding proposals.
- Block Party – Tentatively schedule for late May.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua’s Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Safety

- Commended CM Sharpe for her work on the council.
- Thank you to Code Enforcement Team for coming out and dealing with the oil stains and abandoned trash.
- Madison Hill has been going through some side walk improvements. Residents thank Mr. Prangley.
- CM Henry will be running for Ward 4 Council again!
- Commended Mr. Addison and his team for spending the night at Town Hall and making sure our streets are clean.
- Robberies on the Kenilworth Corridor – Please be extra cautious. If someone asks for your keys or wallet please give it up. Do not resist. It is not worth your life.
- If you see trash in your community please pick it up.
- Encourages residents to take advantage of the Farmer’s Market and thanked CM Walker for her hard work to make it a great experience. Please support your local businesses.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry’s Report

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Ward 5, CM Timothy Kimbrough, Legislative

This concludes Ward 5, CM Kimbrough's Report

Ward 6, CM Keelah Allen-Smith, Public Affairs

- There are a number of signs in public areas and personal properties. CM Allen-Smith agrees with CM.
- February Apartment Managers Meeting – concerns with lighting was the topic of discussion.
- Spring is coming. Please be safe on the street and obey the traffic signs and watch out for children.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Keelah Report

Public Comments

- Louis King – Noticed that parking around intersections is hazardous for residents in wheelchairs. Asked the council to take a look at that.
- 1 Year Anniversary of the Train Club – Thanks to the residents and council of Riverdale Park for continued support. There will be a 1 Yr Anniversary Show on March 20 – 22nd at Riverdale Elementary.
- Raymond Rivas announced that he is running for Ward 5 Council.

Legislative Action

1. Approval – Minutes for February 2, 2009 regular legislative meeting.

CM Walker moved to approve the minutes for February 2, 2009 regular legislative mtg.

CM Henry second

Motion 5-0

Discussion: CM Sharpe would like the February minutes to reflect the correct spelling of NOAA Center on page 2.

2. Approval – Minutes for March 5, 2009 Special Legislative Meeting.

CM Walker moved to approve the minutes for March 5, 2009 special legislative mtg.

CM Sharpe second

Motion 5-0

3. Approval of Election Judges

CM Allen-Smith moved to nominate **Denise Dewitt** for election judge.

CM Henry Second

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New Business

Adjournment

CM Sharpe move to adjourn 9:13 pm
CM Allen-Smith Second
Motion 5-0

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