

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, March 5, 2012
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4
CM Alejandro Silva	Ward 6

Town Administrator – Sara Imhulse
Police Department –Police Chief David Morris
Public Works Department – Director Addison

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Discussion: Mayor Archer added Item #1B – Permit Request for Two Curb Cuts at 4805 Queensbury Road (Daycare)., Item #1C - Nomination of Sarah Domin McClellan to serve on the Ethics Board. CM Thomson would like to have Item #8 brought up at another time if Item #9 is delayed.

Mayor's Report

- Cafritz Hearing before the District Council will be on April 11th.
- Mayor Archer read a letter from the Mayor of University Park about the Step up Energy Program.
- Mayor Archer will be testifying, along with Administrator Imhulse, to seek funding for the Youth Building in Annapolis this Saturday.
- Beginning the Budget process for 2013.
- Park and Planning has been in contact about the Trolley Trail construction which should start in two months.
- Easter Egg Hunt on April 7th @ 11am (tentative). This event will be posted in the Town Crier.
- Latin American Youth Council – Wants to paint a mural of Cesar Chavez on March 30th.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

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Treasurer's Report

Budget as of February 29, 2012: Revenue = \$5, 802,460, Expenses = \$3, 069,928.

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

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- Route 1 Bus – Meeting this Friday @2pm – 6pm at Town Hall to select the three finalists for the design of the bus wrapping.
- METRO F4/F6 Meeting – March 21st 6pm – 8pm at the Hyattsville Public Library
- M-Square Project – Meeting this Thursday. Administrator Imhulse will attend.
- Easter egg Hunt – April 7th 1pm – 3pm at the mansion.
- Correspondence Log – Has been implemented and is included in the Mayor and Council's handbooks.
- Volunteers are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Arts Council is in need of volunteers for the Doll Club. Contact Emily Fanning.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Council of Governments is sponsoring a Pedestrian Safety Initiative – emphasis on education and enforcement to reduce pedestrian injuries.
- Lt. Powell is in his 3rd week of training at Northwestern University and is due to graduate in April.
- Captain Timmons and Chief Morris were in Annapolis last week to testify on Police Impersonation (increase penalties for this crime), Auto Theft (covering items on or in the car as well as the car itself)

Code Enforcement Issues

- Baltimore Ave Corridor – Trash and Debris issues
- Jey's Auto – has been boarded up and monitored
- Trainings – Riverdale Park Code Enforcement and County Code Enforcement has been in trainings.

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Report submitted at Special Legislative Meeting
- Public Drop off – March 17th

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- Community Clean Up – Saturday, April 21st 9am – 2pm
- Earth Day Celebration – Saturday, April 21st 9am – 2pm with Anacostia Clean Up Committee. E-Mail Director Addison for volunteer opportunity - laddison@riverdalepark.md.gov
- FEMA – Between the Department of Public Works and the Police Department they anticipate recoup \$15K from the expenses during the latest tropical storm.
- The lobby and restrooms will be repainted at the Town Hall this month.

Discussion: CM Thompson thanked Director Addison for filling in last week in Administrator Imhulse's absence.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

Chief Lamphier submitted a report previously

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

Not in attendance.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- CM Thompson would like to see the soccer nets put in place. People are playing already.
- Finance Committee Meeting – The process for adapting the budget will have some procedural changes this year.
- Charter Amendment – Discussion at the Finance Committee attended by CM Lingua as well.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Central Kenilworth Revitalization Committee – Meeting at 6200 Sheridan Street (Multi Cultural Center) on March 6th @ 7pm.
- Volunteers are needed – As posted in the Town Crier, volunteers are important and needed to make the Town's programs and events a success.

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- Purple Line Meeting – April 18th @ St. Bernard's Church (6:30pm – 8:30pm). CM Lingua strongly suggests that residents attend.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Public Works Meeting on March 16th @1pm.
- Speed Humps – Director Addison asked that the Council develop a policy. Parking permits have been implemented. Thanked Director Addison, Janice, Administrator Imhulse and Colleen Ferguson for their work.
- Christmas in April – For any residents that need their yard cleaned.
- Prayers go out to Janice from Department of Public Works and the Volunteer Firefighter who was recently injured.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

Not able to attend.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee

- WSSC is replacing pipes throughout the street in Ward 6 which has delayed the speed hump installations.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report

Public Comments

Legislative Action

1. **Permit request for 6 ft. rear yard wood fence located at 6107 43rd Street. (Ward 1)**
CM Lingua moved to approve the permit request for 6 ft. rear yard wood fence located at 6107 43rd Street. (Ward 1)
CM Henry Second
Motion 4-0

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Discussion: CM Lingua thanked the resident for applying for the permit before actually installing the fence. He hopes that other residents will follow suit.

1B. Permit Request for Two Curb Cuts at 4805 Queensbury Road (Little Workers of Sacred Hearts Nursery).

CM Thompson moved to approve two curb cuts at 4805 Queensbury Road (Little Workers of Sacred Hearts Nursery)

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Henry asked Chief Morris to comment on this item. Chief Morris sided with the Daycare that the curb cuts be approved.

1C. Nomination of Sara Domin McClellan for the Ethics Committee.

CM Thompson moved to approve the nomination of Sara Domin McClellan for the Ethics Committee.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Ms. Domin McClellan introduced herself as working for the US Attorney's office for the Dept of Justice.

2. Approval of Carnival Permit Request for Riverdale Park Volunteer Fire Department and waiver of application fee. (Ward 6)

CM Silva moved to approve the Carnival Permit Request for Riverdale Park Volunteer Fire Department and waiver of application fee. (Ward 6)

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: The security plan is in place for this event. Residents who signed the petition were thanked for doing so.

3. Introduction of Ordinance 2012-OR-02 an ordinance amending certain regulations relating to the issuance of parking permits.

CM Henry introduced 2012-OR-02 and read it into the record.

4. Approval of Resolution 2012-R-01, a Resolution concerning Madison Hill parking permit area.

CM Henry moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-01, a Resolution concerning Madison Hill parking permit area.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson offered a friendly amendment to replace the hash marks of this Ordinance to '02'. The parking is creating a hazard for residents and a swell of parking in the

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streets. This Resolution will 'map' to 2012-OR-02. CM Lingua asked if this will affect parking on the street. CM Henry answered that residents of Madison Hill will be able to park on their property as well as on the street. CM Lingua asked what the fine is for a non-permitted person parking on the street at Madison Hill. Administrator Imhulse answered Chapter 64-13 states that violators would receive a parking ticket. Chapter 64-17 states the amount to be \$25 or \$50 which will be clarified in an amendment before 2012-OR-02 is passed. CM Henry intends to amend the fine to \$50. CM Lingua asked Mr. Sussman, Town Attorney, what is the definition of a permanent resident? Mr. Sussman responded that it is somebody who is not transient but established at that residence. CM Lingua brought up the point that to vote a person has to be a resident for 6 months and asked that this would apply 'residency' as far as applying for a parking permit. Mr. Sussman replied that the voting guidelines have nothing to do with this piece of legislation. CM Thompson suggested that they amend to add 'resident' after the word 'permanent' in Chapter 64. CM Henry accepts as a friendly amendment.

5. Introduction of an Emergency Ordinance 2012-OR-03 concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on residential property.

CM Henry introduced 2012-OR-03 and offered a summary of the ordinance for the record.

Discussion: Mr. Sussman explained why this Ordinance is treated as an Emergency Ordinance. CM Lingua asked how we differentiate between a storage receptacle and a storage shed. Mr. Sussman explained that this language was taken from legislation used by College Park and that the Town of Riverdale Park can choose to use different language. Director Addison pointed out that we are talking about temporary structures for storage and/or trash.

6. Introduction of Ordinance 2012-OR-04, concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on public property.

CM Henry introduced Ordinance 2012-OR-04 and read it into record.

Discussion: The Fair Summary will be published in the Town Crier.

7. Approval of Resolution 2012-R-02, to begin a joint negotiation, with Prince George's County and other municipalities, of the Comcast cable renewal.

CM Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-02 to begin a joint negotiation, with Prince George's County and other municipalities, of the Comcast cable renewal.

CM Henry Second
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson explained that this resolution authorized the Mayor and Town Staff to enter into negotiations with other municipalities to get a lower price from Comcast.

8. Approval of Resolution 2012-R-03, extending time limits on a previous resolution ensuring the stable and efficient operation of Town Government while correcting

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a recently identified but long standing ambiguity of section 622 of the Town Charter.

CM Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-03, extending time limits on a previous resolution ensuring the stable and efficient operation of Town Government while correcting a recently identified but long standing ambiguity of section §622 of the Town Charter.

CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 4-0

9. Approval of Charter amendment 2012-CR-01, concerning purchasing and procurement.

CM Thompson moved to defer consideration of this item until the Legislative Meeting in July.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson explained that the previous amendment gave council until the end of July to make a decision. CM Thompson will not be available during the months of April and May to discuss.

10. Approval of Charter amendment 2012-CR-02, concerning issuance of debt.

CM Thompson moved to approve Charter amendment 2012-CR-02, concerning issuance of debt.
CM Henry Second
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: This Charter amendment was passed last year, word for word. CM Thompson is reintroducing this because there was a deficiency of subsequent legal actions.

11. Approval of Mayor's nominations for MUTC committee (2012 – 2014)

Mayor Archer is not ready to make nomination at this time.

12. Approval of the minutes for the regular legislative meeting on February 6, 2012.

CM Lingua moved approve the minutes for the regular legislative meeting
CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 4-0

New Business

- Resolution 2012-R-04, granting the Town Administrator permission to enter into a contract with Paul Mortinson Architect to provide design services for the Youth and Community Project.

CM Thompson move to adopt Resolution 2012-R-04, granting the Town Administrator permission to enter into a contract with Paul Mortinson Architect to provide design services for the Youth and Community Project.

CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 4-0

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Discussion: This will allow the Town to get started on the design of this project.
CM Thompson would like to make a friendly amendment to include an addition “whereas clause” stating that Paul Mortensen Architects was selected through a competitive Request for Qualification (RFQ) process in October 2011.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

- Step Up – Mayor Archer would like to partner with University Park for their Energy Program.
- Cesar Chavez Mural – Thomas Wertz, Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Committee, is not sure that there is a place along Kenilworth Avenue that would be good for the mural.

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Thompson moved to adjourn 10:20pm

CM Lingua Second.

Motion passes 4-0

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**Town of Riverdale Park
Monday, March 26, 2012
Special Legislative Meeting Minutes**

Attendance

Mayor Vernon Archer
CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator
Leonard Addison, Public Works Director
Chief Morris, Police Department

Motion to go into special legislative session at 9:20 p.m.
Motion made by CM Lingua, with the second by CM Ebbeler
Motion passes: 3-0

Motion to approve the agenda
Motion made by CM Ebbeler, with the second by CM Silva
Motion passes: 3-0

Legislative Action

1. Motion to approve Resolution 2012-R-05, a resolution regarding a MARC scheduling change, which downgrades service to the Riverdale Park MARC station.

Motion made by CM Ebbeler, second by CM Lingua
Motion on the amendment passes: 3-0

Dwight Holmes, resident of Riverdale Park, explained that he had a petition with 40 signatures in opposition to the scheduling change. Dave Johnson, Chief of Customer Communications Office for MTA, answered questions from the Council about the proposed changes.

CM Ebbeler requested to add "copied to other parties of interest" after the word "MTA" in the first sentence of the section that begins with "therefore."

Motion passes: 3-0

Adjournment from Special Legislative Session

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adjourn at 9:57 p.m.
CM Silva made the second.
Motion passes: 3-0