

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK  
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer Mayor  
CM Rob Oppenheim Ward 1  
CM Mary Donaldson Ward 2  
CM David Lingua Ward 3  
CM Lawrence Taylor Ward 4  
CM Gerard Kiernan Ward 5  
CM Alberto Morales Ward 6

Town Administrator- Patrick J Prangley  
Chief of Police- E. Thomas Parker  
Director of Public Works- Ron Goff

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

Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved  
Motion-(unknown)  
Second-(unknown  
Approved

Mayor's Report

Mayor Archer started out with his condolences to the Schmidlan family.  
Mayor Archer announced that a new business is moving in to the town center, an exotic pet store.  
Mayor Archer stated that he received a notice from Joe Caputo, asking for 7ft of additional space on the State highway. Mr. Caputo's notice stated that a left and right hand turning lane should make the traffic lighter.  
Mayor Archer announced that he is running again next term.

*This concludes the Mayors Report.*

Town Treasurer's/ Town Administrator's Report/ Code Enforcement Report

Mr. Prangley also gave his condolences to the Schmidlan Family.  
A community focus group "Bi County Transit Waste Study" will be held in Collage Park Wed March 7, from 7-9pm.  
Riverdale Park achieved best performance 2003-2006 with IWIF. 66% reduction on hazards, less accident and showing better safety.  
CBDG plans for construction have arrived, arranging for 54<sup>th</sup> Ave construction and grant 32 more. Mr. Prangley gave the Code Enforcement Report.

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**Second-(unknown)**

Some changes were made. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph under email list election policy, moved to introduction, says the same thing it's just now not a policy statement. In section 4-4 second sentence now says, All qualified candidates can provide such public contact information

Public Comments about the email list:

Roland Walker, Oliver St.

People already on the list do not agree.

Mr. Luke

Provide guidance free for all and with no rules, guidelines would put a kink on election and town issues.

**CM. Oppenheim- yes**

**CM Donaldson- no**

**CM Lingua- no**

**CM Taylor- no**

**CM Kiernan- no**

**CM Morales- no**

**Failed-**

#10 Proposal of Ordinance for Town Crier Candidate Forum.

Each person will have a title line and the text box will be 3.7 wide, 8.75 tall, 0.1 left to right. March 5 2007 the format will be ready by the editor for everyone.

Unfinished Business

CM Oppenheim stated that he had a receipt from last fall, for the Crier website for \$94.40. From Nov. 2005 to Aug. 2006 on his own credit card and has requested reimbursement.

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-(unknown)**

**Approved-**

CM Oppenheim mentioned that he has another receipt for \$155.68 the mileage to and from MML convention in June 2006.

**Motion- Oppenheim**

**Second- Taylor**

**CM Oppenheim- yes**

**CM Donaldson -yes**

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**Motion Changes to 55-4E Motion-(unknown)**

**Dies no Second**

#4. Approval of Ordinance Resolution 2007-OR-04

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-(unknown)**

Trying to allow unable bodies such as children and elderly not to be counted. Ages 21-65 can be counted in a dwelling unit. The rental unit property code doesn't address the limit of persons.

Motion(unknown) wanting to have 2 or more individuals related in 3<sup>rd</sup> degree in one sleeping quarter.

**Motion(unknown)**

**Dies no Second**

#5. Approval of Ordinance Resolution 2007-OR-05

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-(unknown)**

It needs to be a Town matter and to involve everyone.

**Approved**

#6. Approval for Ordinance Resolution 2007-OR-05

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-(unknown)**

Needs to be a town matter and it should involve everyone's thoughts. (Unknown spoke) That Code Enforcement can start enforcement of unsafe conditions, instead of calling in the county.

**Motion to be tabled**

**Tabled Approved-**

#7. Notice date 2/16/07 from Ev-Air-Tight, Shoemaker, Inc of intent to construct an antenna structure on its property-Ward 3.

**Will be brought up under unfinished business.**

#8. Consideration on a proposal for a Sound System.

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-(unknown)**

There is an estimate of \$8,302.62 for the system. Choice to make it an even 11,000 for the system in limit fund surplus.

CM. Oppenheim mentioned cassette tapes, finding a better way to record the meetings.

**Approved for the sound system-**

#9. Resolution for email list for election policy and procedure.

**Motion-(unknown)**

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#3. Approval for 12 ATHA Banners to be placed in Town.

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-(unknown)**

Banners can go on Pepco poles and on Route 1, ½ on the left and ½ on the Historic side.

Will need a copy of the design, banners will need to be clearly lit and polls accessible.

Allowing special amendment 57-12 can be placed/ weather approved

**Motion-Kiernan**

**Second-Lingua**

**Approved**

#4. Approval for Ordinance Resolution 2007-OR-03

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-Taylor**

Changes to chapter 55.

**CM Oppenheim makes a motion leave 55-4D as is.**

**Second-Taylor**

Public Comments to chapter 55

Mark Stafford, Ravenswood Ave.

If it is not allowed by the county, the town should have control. If there isn't a code to abide by 100% agree the town should have the ability and the best effect.

Al Dombroski, Riverdale Rd.

Nothing should be changed, Code Enforcement has the ability and they should.

Roland Walker, Riverdale Rd.

He has seen unfinished homes and apartments and the people who live in them. And Code 55 should be changed.

Mr. Luke, 4804 Queensbury Rd.

The Government has the ability to protect the living situations,

Amendment to leave 55-4D as is

**CM Oppenheim-yes**

**CM Donaldson-no**

**CM Lingua- no**

**CM Taylor- no**

**CM Kiernan- no**

**CM Morales- yes**

**Denied**

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Correspondence Summary

Mayor Archer Stated that workman's comp. is looking good and that we have a great track record.

Public Comment

Mayor Archer reminded the audience that if they wished to comment on a Legislative item when that item is brought up they can comment then. However, if they wish to comment on something not on the agenda they may comment now.

Danielle Glaros, Sheridan St.

We are looking for some folks to come to the Elementary to speak to the children for "Career Day". 30 min's to share what you do, May 31 and you can email her at [dmglaros@gmail.com](mailto:dmglaros@gmail.com)

The Historic Preservation group will be meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, featuring 6 houses and the Mansion. The Historic Preservation group meets every second Thursday every month, at 4707 Oliver St., The Lynch house.

Also would like pricing on the Historic Signs and would like the signs by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Alice Walker, Oliver St.

Alice Walker stated that she will be running for Ward 1 Council Member seat

Mr. Landry, Oliver St.

Thanked the Public Works Department for keeping the streets clear in this stormy season. "Great Job"!

Legislative Action

#1. Approval of minutes for November 6, 2006.

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-(unknown)**

**Approved**

#2. Approval of minutes for February 5, 2007.

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-(unknown)**

**Approved**

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*This concludes Ward 1, CM Oppenheim's Report*

Ward 2, CM Donaldson, Finance Committee

CM Donaldson mentioned that she reviewed the financial funds and there is over 1 million in the funds. "We have a strong financial town".

CM Donaldson States that she appoints Susan Luis, of 4710 Ravenswood St. as the Ward 2 representative on the recreational committee.

*This concludes Ward 2, CM Donaldson's Report*

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Works

CM Lingua thanked Mr. Goff and the employee's at Public Works for the improvements around town. CM Lingua stated that there will be a Public Works Committee Meeting on March 26 at 7pm. Homeowners Guide will be out, with names and address's of whom to get in contact with if residents should have any questions. CM Lingua reminded residents that March 31 is the Easter Egg Hunt and encouraged all to come out for a fantastic Day.

*This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report*

Ward 4, CM Taylor, Economic Development

CM Taylor stated that on March 29<sup>th</sup> there will be an Economic Development meeting. A summary will be sent out to all participants. CM. Taylor mentioned that with the good Police Presence and response Madison Hill has been a lot better.

CM Taylor said he will not be running next term.

*This concludes Ward 4, CM Taylor's Report*

Ward 5, CM Kiernan, Public Safety

CM Kiernan discussed the traffic in front of the Firehouse and how it can be reduced by putting up a sign that says "Do Not Enter" 24 hrs. Or the option would be to specify certain hours in the morning

*This concludes Ward5, CM Kiernan's report*

Ward 6, CM Morales

CM Morales stated that he is looking for someone to run for Ward 6.

*This concludes Ward 6, CM Morales's Report*

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Treasure's Report:

Mr. Prangle gave the Treasurer's Report. (Copies available)

**CM Donaldson made a motion to accept the treasure's report subject to audit  
CM Taylor second.**

**Approved- subject to audit**

*This concludes the Town Administrator's reports*

Police Department Report

Chief Parker explained the "Child is Missing" program stating that it is a program in Florida that is looking for Departments to group together when a child or elderly person is missing. Through a large data base, phone numbers that are listed in the phone book will be called when there is an incident. 1000 numbers can be called within one minute  
[www.cim.org](http://www.cim.org)

On March 14 all police officer will have completed the " National Safety Council Defense Driving Course", hosted by LGIT. Soon all officers will attend three day training in "Emergency Vehicle Operating Course" also hosted by LGIT. The training will take place at the State Training Center in Sykesville. This is a pro active step and will help in safety.

February 2007

Chief Parker gave the police incident report (copies available)

*This concludes the Police Department Report*

Public Works Report

Director of Public Works, Ron Goff stated that the Town of Riverdale Park has received, the Green Level Plant Award from the Forest Community for 2006. Director Goff stated that Public Works has filled 19 holes this week, including 54<sup>th</sup> alley way.

Spring Clean Up is on May 29<sup>th</sup> and the Farmers Market will be starting May 17 from 3-7pm

*This concludes the Public Works Department Report*

Fire department Report

For the month of February:

1 house fire in Riverdale Park and Total calls in Riverdale- 83, Total calls outside- 178

Total Calls- 261

*This concludes the Fire Department's Report*

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Oppenheim, Community Affairs

Cm Oppenheim stated that he will be heading to Annapolis to testify on the R&R crossing enforcement bill.

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**CM Lingua- yes  
CM Taylor-no  
CM Kiernan-yes  
CM Morales-yes  
Approved-**

CM Kiernan mentioned to get a resolution, eliminating illegal structure to chapter 55.

Mayor Archer Stated that he would like a town wide traffic study.

**Motion-(unknown)  
Second-(unknown)  
Approved-**

A Council Member mentioned that they would like to look into appropriate and possible benefits and insurance for Council. Mr. Prangley mentioned that for Town Employees Health benefits the Town pays 75% of the cost.

**Adjournment**

**Transcribed by March Video Tape offers no picture- just sound- speakers not always identifiable.**