

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, April 2, 2012
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

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| Vernon S. Archer | Mayor |
| CM Jonathan Ebbeler | Ward 1 |
| CM Thompson | Ward 2 |
| CM David Lingua | Ward 3 |
| CM Christopher Henry | Ward 4 |
| CM Raymond Rivas | Ward 5 |
| 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 8:09 p.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 Thompson Second.
Motion passes 6-0

Mayor's Report

- Budget Season – Our revenue stream is relatively flat. We should be able to maintain good service for the Town.
- Testified in Annapolis on March 10th to get additional funding for the Youth and Community Wing. We've got \$150K coming from Senate. We expect to get fewer funds from the House side.
- Park and Planning Budget – Planning to purchase our old Boys and Girls Club. The Town will take those funds and reinvest them into the Youth and Community Wing.
- Cafritz Project – On April 11th, the District Council will have a meeting to discuss this project.
- Small Town Energy Partnership – University Park has asked Riverdale Park to partner with them. This will be discussed in the legislative items.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Correspondence Summary**Presentation**

Chief Morris and Mayor Archer presented certificates to Sgt Jeremy Emmerick and Corp. Hayes and Sgt. Slattery of the Town of Riverdale Park's Police Department.

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Treasurer's Report

Budget as of March 31, 2012: Revenue = \$5,460,215.93 , Expenses = \$3,486,280.74.

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

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 6-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 7th at Riverdale Mansion from 1pm – 3pm. Rain or shine.
- Purple Line Mtg – MTA will host a meeting on April 12 at Town Hall from 7pm – 9pm and April 18th at Park and Planning will host a meeting at St. Bernard's from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Information will be posted on the Town's website.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- April 12th PG Chief's association will hold its Annual Awards Banquet. Officer Charmaine Green and office manager Ms. Anna Windland will be there.
- On March 17th a vehicle got stuck on the CXS tracks. A train struck the vehicle and tow truck. No one was hurt but the driver was charged with a DUI.
- 6100 Block of 44th Avenue – On March 20th there was a domestic situation where a stabbing took place.
- On March 21st a search warrant was served on the 5600 block of 54th Ave. – Marijuana and cash were confiscated, three people were arrested.
- Burglary at Dum's Corner on March 22nd. The suspect caught was also charge with a burglary on 5900 Block of Lafayette Ave.

Discussion: CM Ebbeler asked

Code Enforcement Issues

- 4710 Somerset Road – Code Enforcement has been working with the bank that owns that property. The property has fire damage. Demolition should start in a couple of weeks.

This concludes the Police Department Report

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Public Works Report

- Easter Sunday – Trash service will not be affected.
- Saturday, April 21st – Community Clean Up (please put your items out on Friday night), Earth Day (Anacostia Watershed Society and Town of Riverdale Park will clean up Riverside Neighborhood Park from 9am – noon. Refreshments provided.), Christmas in April (Clean up of a property at 4713 of Queensbury Road in Ward 1. Refreshments provided.) Thanked Code Enforcement for finding a resident for the Christmas in April clean-up. Bulk Trash Drop off on this day as well.
- Tree Trimming – Department of Public Works are going around the town trimming trees back from lighting.
- Mosquito Spraying – We are hoping the Dept. of Agriculture decides to start this program by June. We will let you know when a date is made to start the spraying. For more information call 301-422-5080

Discussion: CM Ebbeler asked if there was going to be an e-waste service for cleanup day. Director Addison will call around to find out if the company from a previous year will come back out. CM Lingua asked about the sweeper that is shared with the town. Director Addison stated that his department is ready to put forth funds to have it repaired but is not sure when it will get done.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

Chief Lamphier is not in attendance.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

- Town Center Market is making progress. They should open sometime in April.
- Farmer's Market – This weekend is the season opening of the market. CM Ebbeler would like to see more town support for the market. He thanked Jim Coleman for all of his work to keep the market open.
- College Scholarships – CM Ebbeler will be issuing out a Riverdale Park Scholarship to college bound students. Details aren't finalized. It will be disbursed this fall.
- The Cafritz family will be donating their boundary marker to the Riverdale Mansion. They may also donate other items of historical value to the Town.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report

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Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- East West Highway paving should start soon.
- Budget – An Amendment will be brought up in the legislative item. CM Thompson proposed the following dates for budget meetings May 15th, 17th, 22nd and 23rd at 7:30pm.
- Happy spring!

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Committee Mtg. – April 10th @ 7pm at 6200 Sheridan Street, Riverdale Heights, MD.
- Encouraged residents to attend the Purple Line meetings on April 12th as well as the one on April 18th.
- Bike Round – Great event that CM Lingua participated in last year. It will be held in May.
- Happy Birthday to CM Ebbeler and CM Thompson!

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Department of Public Works has been doing a great job. Even when the staff is sick they often call in and work from home. Thanks to all staff for their commitment.
- Christmas in April – CM Henry would like to see more residents take advantage of this help as well as local businesses to donate and/or contribute in some way to this program.
- Looking forward to seeing Janice come back to work from her illness.
- Public Works Committee meeting on April 13th.
- Commends Police Department and Chief Morris for bringing a new vigor into the Town.
- Speed Bumps/Signage – Working on these initiatives.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

- Apologizes for missing the last few meetings due to a work conflict.
- Community Work w/Kids – Thanked Emily Fanning for continuing the Doll Club on Wednesdays. The kids really love this class.
- There is small recreational area in Park Tanglewood, 5309 Riverdale Road Contact CM Rivas at 301-625-9435
- Easter Egg Hunt – The entrance for the bunny rabbit will be at 1:30pm. More volunteers needed for this event.

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- Arts Council Event – May 6th @11am – 6pm. Artists are welcome to display their goods. Applications are at Town Hall.
- Youth Group – The first group of 10 kids have all gone their separate ways. CM Rivas is now working with a new group of kids that are like a breath of fresh air.
- Volunteers are needed to assist and implement more programs for the kids in the community.

Discussion: CM Ebbeler stated that CM Rivas has been doing an outstanding job with the kids in the community. Mayor Archer also stated that CM Rivas has done a lot of good things with the kids and that Town needs him and to hang in there. CM Lingua suggested that CM Rivas contact the Mayor of Hyattsville about his involvement with soccer.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee

CM Silva has no report.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report

Public Comments

Legislative Action

1. To approve Mayor's nomination to Ethics Board.

CM Thompson moved to approve the Mayor's nomination of Laura Kats and former Mayor Michael Herman to the Ethics Board.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion 6-0

Discussion: Laura Kats introduced herself to the Council.

2. To approve Ordinance 2012-OR-02, an ordinance amending certain regulations relating to the issuance of parking permits.

CM Henry moved to substitute the amended Ordinance 2012-OR-02, an ordinance amending certain regulations relating to the issuance of parking permits.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 6-0

CM Henry moved to adopt the amended Ordinance 2012-OR-02, an ordinance amending certain regulations relating to the issuance of parking permits.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-2 (CM Rivas and CM Lingua voted against the motion)

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Discussion: permit = \$25, fee = \$50. CM Rivas asked a series of questions as to why residents are getting charged to park, who enforces the parking and why is the permit being raised from \$2 to \$25. CM Henry and Mayor Archer explained that the residents of this area have requested the permit process for parking in that area because a lot of non-residents were parking there. The police department and code enforcement are the ones who will enforce the parking permits in that area. The rise in permit fees is to cover the decal and processing.

3. To approve Emergency Ordinance 2012-OR-03, an emergency ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on residential property.

CM Henry moved to substitute the amended Emergency Ordinance 2012-OR-03, an emergency ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on residential property.
CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 6-0

CM Henry moved to adopt the amended Emergency Ordinance 2012-OR-03, an emergency ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on residential property.
CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 0-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler thanked CM Henry for adding and explanation of the Ordinance.
CM Thompson moved to amend with the following change to #50-16 changed from \$100 to \$25.
CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 6-0

CM Lingua moved to amend with the following change to #50-16 permits shall not expire ... from 60 days to 90 days and that an extension can be granted for an additional 90 days. Also, insert (7th line) 'A permit maybe purchased for an additional fee of \$25 for an additional 90 days'. Replace Director of Public Works with Town Administrator.
CM Second

CM Thompson moved to postpone this Ordinance
CM Ebbeler Second
Motion passes 5-0

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4. To approve Ordinance 2012-OR-04, an ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on public property.

CM Henry moved to substitute the amended Ordinance 2012-OR-04, an ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on public property.

CM Thompson Second

CM Henry moved to withdraw his motion to substitute the amended Ordinance 2012-OR-04, an ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on public property.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 5-0

CM Ebbeler moved to postpone Ordinance 2012-OR-04 until the Special Legislative Meeting on April 30th.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

5. To approve Resolution 2012-R-06, supporting public works mutual aid agreement.

CM Henry moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-06, supporting public works mutual aid agreement.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Thompson asked if the Town is required to respond to all the municipalities in this document. Mayor Archer stated that we are not required to respond.

6. To approve a letter to District council regarding the Cafritz project.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve a substantially similar letter that we supplied to the Planning Board letter to District council regarding the Cafritz project.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler asked if there were any significant changes since Feb 2nd?
CM Thompson stated that there were some minor modifications from the Planning Board.

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7. To waive bid requirements for architect services for Town Hall Youth and Community Wing project.

CM Thompson moved to waive bid requirements for architect services for Town Hall Youth and Community Wing project.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: This applicant has gone through the screening process. CM Thompson recommends that the Council waive the bid requirements.

8. To amend FY12 budget.

CM Thompson moved to amend FY12 budget as follows:

- Increase expenditures in the Economic Development Budget from \$50, 253.17 to \$90K
- Decrease revenues in the Capitol Improvement Project by \$39,746.83.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: We had many extra expenses coming out of the Economic Development Budget:

- The Cafritz Project – Advice from external entities
- Hyattsville Community Organization – Market Study

9. To authorize mayor to draft and sign a letter of intent to the town of University Park to partner with STEP-UP program.

CM Ebbeler moved to authorize mayor to draft and sign a letter of intent to the town of University Park to partner with STEP-UP program.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 5-0

10. To approve minutes from the regular legislative meeting on March 5, 2012.

CM Lingua moved to minutes from the regular legislative meeting on March 5, 2012.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 6-0

Discussion: Pg. 7 - Paul Mortison (misspelled)

11. To approve minutes from the special legislative meeting on March 26, 2012.

CM Henry moved to approve minutes from the special legislative meeting on March 26, 2012.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 6-0

New Business

- CM Henry would like have a hearing to create a parking district in Madison Hill on Saturday, May 12th @ 10:30am in Town Hall.
- CM Ebbeler would like to start the application process for the Arts and Entertainment District in May.

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Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Lingua moved to adjourn 10:23pm

CM Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 6-0

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