TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS MINUTES

Attendance

Vernon C. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen Walker	Ward 1
CM Kate Sharpe	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4
CM Vacant	Ward 5
CM Keelah Allen-Smith	Ward 6

Town Administrator- Patrick Prangley
Chief of Police- Acting Chief Patrick Timmons
Director of Public Works- Acting Director Michael Scott

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:15p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve Agenda- CM Walker
Second- CM Sharpe
Approved

Mayor's Report
The Mayor stated that those who are interested in public safety concerning gang activity of youth, there will be a meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at William Wirt Middle School. Mayor stated that we have recently found out that former Council Member Gerard Kiernan has stomach cancer, and asks for your prayers and well wishes. He said that anyone who would like to give Jerry a card or flowers, are more then welcome to drop them off at Town Hall and we will deliver them to him.

This concludes the Mayors Report.

Administrator's Report
Mr. Prangley stated that in the Town Crier there is detail on what is going on with the County and the proposed tipping fee. He mentioned that he has received some good news that they are going to share on the disposal rebate in up coming months.

This concludes the Administrator's Report.

Treasurer's Report
Mr. Prangley gave the Treasurer's Report. (Copies available)
Motion to approve, subject to audit- CM Sharpe
Second- CM Walker
Approved

Code Enforcement Report
Mr. Prangley gave the Code Enforcement Report. (Copies available)

This concludes the Code Enforcement Report

Police Department Report
Acting Chief Timmons gave the Police Department Report. (Copies available)

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report
Acting Director Michael Scott gave the Public Works Report. (Copies available)

This concludes the Public Works Report.

Mr. Prangley stated that there will not be a representative from the Fire House tonight but the report will be given by the end of the week.
CM Lingua: commented that he saw one of the fire trucks at the Grocery Store, and was curious to know if this is something to be concerned about?
Mr. Prangley stated that certainly he would look into that for CM Lingua.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Walker, Economic Development
CM Walker stated that on August 14, 2007 she had a meeting with the building owner about the concerns the community has had about the Ravenswood Apartments and the area around Ravenswood and Lafayette Ave. CM Walker stated that the owner said that there will be some changes happened with the building, and to look for the changes more towards October. CM Walker requested that if you see any concerns around the building to please contact the Police Department. CM Walker commented on the CSX upgrades which have been discussed, and from her understanding the four-way gate will not be installed until late May or the latest next August.

CM Walked commented on the water leak that was on Cleveland Ave. which has been fixed now, by the help WSSC and Public Works, thank you

This concludes Ward 1, CM Walker's Report.

Ward 2, CM Sharpe, Finance Chairman
CM Sharpe commented that she will propose to raise the competitive bid, the cut off now is $5000.00 and she will be making a motion to raise the bid amount later on during the Action Items. CM Sharpe commented that in the Town Crier it states that the turf field that was proposed for the Riverdale Community Park will not be being built there, but MNCPPC will be coming back out to discuss with us the new plans on the park later on.
Mayor: stated the next meeting they are planning on coming to is on September 24, 2007 to the Work Session Meeting.
CM Sharpe: commented on the flyers that were handed out for the change in trash schedule due to the Holiday on this past Monday, thank you to Public Works. CM Sharpe stated that the soliciting signs on the telephone poles and medians are beginning to be a big problem and to please keep an eye out on trying to prevent people from putting them up. CM Sharpe commented on the broken door, at the University of Maryland building that is vacant and is a current crime risk. Mr. Prangley commented that Mr. Duncan is very much interested in seeing the building razed and is sure that he will take care of the problem.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Sharpe's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Works
CM Lingua stated that there is a Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for the 10th, but is considering to move it to September 19th, residents who are interested in coming check in the front of Town Hall for the definite date, later on this week. CM Lingua stated that there was a Grievance meeting on August 22, 2007 and the result of the meeting is being appealed and will come up for the full Council for their full consideration later this month. CM Lingua stated that there were 5 applications considered by the vetting committee for the Directors position for Public Works, and that the vetting committee has decided to advertise again, to try and get more applicants. CM Lingua commented on the curbs and sidewalks by the elementary school, and stated that were are trying to make it aware that it is an elementary school, so that fewer will speed through causing great danger to the children. CM Lingua stated that residents please have patience when passing through the area, and to please meet you kids at the crosswalks and have you children cross on the crosswalks rather then crossing in the middle of the street. CM Lingua commented on Michael Scott and the Public Works staff for doing a great job in taking care of everything, thank you.

CM Lingua stated that another thing that is happening in Ward 3 is the concern of multiple ice cream venders.
CM Lingua commented that he had heard that a little girl had been getting free ice cream from one of the venders and stated that to him it sounds like a red flag. CM Lingua stated that we need to make sure that the venders are allowed in the town and are licensed.
CM Lingua commented on the Joseph Property owned by Mr. Danor, is wanting to give a presentation on what he would like to do with his property. If you are interested in hearing on what he is proposing to do, you will be informed later this week on exactly when this meeting will be. CM stated that he would like to say welcome to the new residents that have just moved in and is looking forward to meeting everyone.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report.

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Safety
CM Henry commented that there was a wonderful community day on August 19, 2007 and took some wonderful photos. CM Henry stated that we live in such a metropolitan are, that we are finding everyone is in a rush to go no where, and people are just speeding everywhere. CM Henry stated that we need to cure the speeding especially on Good Luck Rd., which is where we have lost a number of lives. CM Henry stated that there is a Public Safety meeting on September 22, 2007 at 11:00a.m. CM Henry thanked Public Works for handing out the flyers concerning the trash change in schedule. CM Henry commented on noticing a number of out of state license plates in the community and hoping that he is becoming concerned for no reason it is just people on vacation. Acting Chief Timmons commented in saying that every now and then a number of out of state tags come in the area, that it is a never ending process but he is more then happy to look into that for CM Henry.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report.

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Community Affairs
CM Allen-Smith stated that the graffiti on Kenilworth Ave. has been removed, thank you. CM Allen-Smith stated that the week of September 17-21 all apartment buildings are being exterminated for roaches, bed mites, etc. Those who are interested please speak with your building managers to find out which days they are coming to your building.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith's Report

Fire Department Report
A representative from the Fire Department gave the report and apologized for being late. (Copies available)

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Public Comment

Legislative Action

#1-4. Approval for May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th Legislative Meeting minutes.

CM Walker- made a motion
CM Sharpe- second
Approved

Mr. Prangley thanked the Mayor and Council for the resolution last month, and thanked Ashley Kiernan for beginning to take the minutes for the following meetings.

#5. Amend budget for PNC/ Riggs Settlement.

We have reached a confidential settlement with PNC/Riggs Bank regarding their amended tax return filing for the years 2003-2005. To make our first payment to PNC/Riggs, we now need to amend our budget so we can make our first payment, to move $100,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus and move it to the appropriated surplus. We will create another line item in the budget under miscellaneous for this payment.

CM Sharpe- made a motion
CM Walker- second
Approved (with five affirmative votes)

#6. Request for departure from parking and loading standards waiver of 7 spots of the required 22 parking spaces at the Superstore on 5506 Kenilworth Ave.

CM Allen-Smith- made a friendly amendment to post a sign stating that there is parking in the back of the building and to work with the church to get additional parking.
CM Allen-Smith- made a motion
CM Henry- second
Approved

#7. Resolution 2007-R-04 on policy for Electronic Mailing Access.

Mayor: documents #1 and #2 to be treated as separate.
A motion to divide the resolution into two separate pages.

CM Lingua- made a motion
CM Sharpe- second
Approved

Motion to divide the resolution into two separate pages.
CM Lingua- made a motion
CM Sharpe- second
Approved

#7a. Publishing and Archiving Electronic Documents.
CM Walker- made a motion
CM Sharpe- second
Approved

#7b. Retroactive Publication and Archiving of Electronic Documents
CM Walker- made a motion
CM Sharpe- second
Approved

#8. Action on §623 Competitive Bids of the Town Charter start at $25,000.00
CM Sharpe read a proposed charter amendment into the public record. The proposed charter amendment read:

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverdale Park strives to operate as efficiently as possible, and

WHEREAS, the competitive bid limit has not been adjusted for inflation over the past two decades,

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 623 of the Town Charter should be amended to read:

"All expenditures for supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements, or contractual service involving more than $20,000.00 shall be made on written contract."

#9. 2007 R-05 new MUTC Nominations
CM Lingua- move to approve the nominees submitted by the Mayor for the MUTC.
CM Sharpe- second
Approved