

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, December 5, 2011
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler	Ward 1
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
Fire Department – President Steve Lamphier

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:11 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 Ebbeler Second.
Motion passes 5-0

Mayor's Report

- The Council had a meeting with Senator Pinsky, Delegate Ross, representatives from College Park and representatives from the Cafritz project to discuss issues related to Council's move for a site agreement.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

Budget as of November 30, 2011: Revenue = \$1, 776,087.80, Expenses = \$1, 806,559.94.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.
CM Ebbeler Second
Motion passes 5-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- There is a new process for the County concerning Dance Halls called a 'Special Entertainment Permit'. In order to have dances, DJs and live entertainment people must go through the County 1st to obtain an entertainment permit before coming to Town Hall to obtain a use and occupancy permit.

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- Seniors Lunch @ Crescent Cities – Thursday, December 8th 12:30pm – 1:30pm. All are welcome. Please RSVP at the Town Hall.
- Council Work Session – Monday, December 19th @8pm.
- Town Hall will be closed December 26th and January 2nd.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- On November 18th the police dept. joined residents of the C-Kar. Residents were generally pleased.
- November 30th, Capt. Timmons and Chief Morris met with officials from the Opti Traffic group.
- Maryland Remembers Memorial will be held in Annapolis this Wednesday.
- The police department will be on hand at the Festival of Lights.
- Code Enforcement has completed 85% of the rental inspections. Apartment inspections have started.
- Interviewing for the Code Enforcement position.
- Police Department conducted a covert operation regarding CDS activity in Wards 1 & 2. A number of arrests were made for both possession of controlled dangerous substance and paraphernalia.
- Last month the police department made 27 full custody arrests and 319 traffic enforcement actions.
- Holiday Food Basket Program – 27th consecutive year of participation. The police department has taken the lead in collecting food items from residents of Riverdale Park. There are 41+ families in Riverdale Park who will benefit from the food drive.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked about the police cars that were lined up for the Shop with a Cop Program. Chief Morris explained that there were a slew of children who were given gift cards of \$100 to go shopping with a police officer. Outback hosted a luncheon for them. CM Ebbeler gave Chief Morris a heads up that he would ask Code Enforcement to watch the commercial proprietors in Town to make sure all outstanding issues are taken care of. CM Thompson noticed a few innovative techniques to control crime that have been incorporated in Town since Chief Morris has come aboard.

Code Enforcement Issues

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This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Last Drop of on Saturday, December 15th 9am- 2pm

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- Leaf Collection – Way ahead of schedule. Residents are doing an excellent job at getting the leaves out there. Please remember to move your cars so that Public Works can get to the leaves.
- Snow and Ice Removal – There is information on the website.
- New water line system in Ward 1 – Bordering East Baltimore Ave. to West 43rd Ave. to North East West Hwy to South Oliver St. WSSC is in the process of rebuilding their sanitary line as well as replacing some of the water lines. This won't take place until 2013. Meetings are being held now. Residents are encouraged to take part in the meetings.
- Resurfacing of East West Hwy – Phase I is completed (base repairs). They are also replacing guard rails. Mr. Addison has asked the State to stagger the replacements so to not hold up traffic.
- Tree Trimming – Contractors are out trimming trees now. There was an inaccurate note put out to residents that they were cutting down trees. There are only trimming the trees in Riverdale Park. There is one dead tree that will be cut down.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department will forward a written report

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

- Continuing efforts for the Arts and Entertainment designation. Emily Fanning, Arts Council, informed CM Ebbeler of the Town grants from the NEA.
- Congratulations to Jim Coleman for his efforts with the Town's Farmer's Market.
- Saturday, December 10th Festival of Lights – All day event with local vendors.
- Economic Development Committee – may or may not have a meeting this month. Depending on the availability of the Council members.
- Thanks to the **Spiropoulos** Family for their work on the Town Center.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- Children's Holiday Party – Attended on Saturday. It was a great party.
- Decorations are coming along in Ward 2.
- Finance Committee Meeting – December 19th @7:15pm
- Cafritz Project – Making progress but not where we want to be in negotiations.

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- MUTC Committee will meet on Wednesday night at 7:30pm to discuss signage at the new and improved Dunn's Market.
- Happy Holidays!
- Happy Birthday to CM Lingua.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Central Kenilworth Ave – Meeting tomorrow night @7pm.
- Purple Line Planning Meeting on December 7th @ 7pm at St. Bernard's. The ball is rolling on the design and layout of this project. M-NCPPC needs community input.
- Thanked CM Rivas for putting together the Children's Holiday Party at Town Hall. Also thanks to Alexis, Lucy, Obu and Michael for lending a hand. Thanked Blue Sky Puppets for putting on a good show.
- Festival Lights and Holiday Market this weekend. Suggested donation for the trolley ride is canned goods which will be donated to a worthy project in Riverdale Park.
- Thanked Town Hall staff, Mr. **Sussman** for all the input, long hours and late nights working on the Cafritz Project.
- Administrator Imhulse added that folks working on the Purple Line will be attending Town Hall meeting in January, February and March. Residents are encouraged to attend.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Thanked Chief Morris for the recent community walk through. Thanked Director Addison and Administrator Imhulse for their continued efforts toward the Town.
- Asked that speed cameras be reinstalled back on Good Luck Rd. Chief Morris is on top of it.
- Looking forward to the EMS Holiday show (for the kids)
- Commends CM Ebbeler, Thompson and Lingua for their work on the Cafritz project.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

Not in attendance.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee

CM Silva does not have a report for Ward 6.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report

Public Comments

- Lenny **Wertz** (C-Kar) – Announced the C-Kar meeting tomorrow @7pm.

Legislative Action

1. To approve a request to 22nd Delegation for funding for Town Hall Youth and Community Wing project.

CM Thompson moved to approve a request to 22nd Delegation for funding for Town Hall Youth and Community Wing project.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer stated that the Council will need to get an RFQ out and get quotes on the best design. Administrator Imhulse stated that last year the Town asked for \$400K and were given \$200K. This year the Town will ask for another \$400K in hopes to obtain enough funds to have the project completed.

2. To approve closing Town Center parking for Holiday Market.

CM Thompson moved to approve closing Town Center parking for Holiday Market from Friday, December 9th at 5am thru Saturday, December 10th at 10pm.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

3. Resolution 2011-R-28 reauthorizing 2001-R-23, concerning continuation of current financial processes while Charter changes are in the legislative process.

CM Thompson pointed out the differences in this amended letter.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

CM Ebbeler moved to reinstate the language.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 3-2 (CM Ebbeler and CM Lingua opposed)

Discussion: CM Ebbeler would like the language back in the Resolution because he pointed out that the invoices would already have been expensed to the Town by the time they sign off if it's not put back into the Resolution. CM Henry agrees that the

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chairman of this committee should be the one who signs off on these issues for proper oversight.

4. Discussion of a Letter to Planning Board regarding the Cafritz project.

CM Thompson moved to send this letter to Planning Board regarding the Cafritz project.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion 0-0

CM Ebbeler moved to add bike storage facilities to sub item #6.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 5-0

CM Ebbeler moved to attach the language ‘connects to the proposed Cafritz street grid as proposed in the original Riverdale Park Cafritz Town Vision.’ to Item #2, III, #5.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved that the Riverdale Park Cafritz Town map as of December 11th be added

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

CM Thompson moved for a short recess while he makes copies of the map.

CM Lingua Second.

Discussion: CM Thompson introduced the most recent draft and backup materials. CM Lingua had a question about Item #2/III/#5 (top of page 3) – The Town is providing a conceptual drawing, should we have language to reflect that this is different from the street grid provided? CM Thompson would like to add “connects to the proposed Cafritz street grid as proposed in the original Riverdale Park Street grid.” CM Ebbeler stated that the Council cannot add Addendums that are not yet public record. CM Thompson would like to add the map as an attachment. CM Thompson asked for a recess to make copies of the map. CM Thompson would like to schedule a Special Work Session to talk about this letter again due to all of the changes made tonight. Mayor Archer would like to give the applicant(s) present a chance to talk. Ralph Bennett stated that some of the items in the letter have taken him by surprise. He had some questions about the feasibility and changes in block 11 & 12. He will need to study these changes more closely. Mr. Kelly (4522 N Tuckerman St.) would like Council to add to the letter language that states what if they don’t comply with the letter. CM Ebbeler agreed that similar language should be inserted at the beginning of this letter. The Special Work Session for this item will take place on December 9th @6pm.

CM Thompson moved to postpone further discussion of this letter for a Special Work Session on Friday, December 9th @ 6pm to be voted on Monday, December 12th @8pm during the Special Legislative Meeting.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

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5. To approve minutes for October 3, 2001, regular legislative meeting.

CM Thompson moved to approve the minutes for October 3, 2011, regular legislative meeting.

CM Henry Second
Motion passes 5-0

6. To approve minutes for November 7, 2011, regular legislative meeting.

CM Thompson moved to approve the minutes for November 7, 2011, regular legislative meeting.

CM Ebbeler Second
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Page 3/Ward 2 – MUTC, Page 5/3rd Paragraph from bottom – Mr. Kelly, Page 10 – CM Thompson's motion was postponed to an indefinite time.

7. To approve minutes for November 17, 2011, special legislative meeting.

CM Henry moved to approve the minutes for November 17, 2011, special legislative meeting.

CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 5-0

New Business

- CM Thompson would like to announce the various closed meeting held:
November 21st
November 28th
December 1st – Discussed legal matters with attorney and Whole Foods.
- CM Thompson has a resident concerned about handicap parking. Director Addison will look into having it removed since the resident using that space has since passed away.
- CM Ebbeler would like the Town Administrator to look into having plug-ins for laptops installed in the Mayor and Council table due to the hazard of all the cords on the floor.

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Thompson moved to adjourn 10:00pm
CM Lingua Second.
Motion passes 5-0

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