

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, February 7, 2011
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen	Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3 (8 :25pm)
CM Raymond Rivas	Ward 5

Town Administrator- Ms. Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Capt. Patrick Timmons, Acting Police Chief
Director of Public Works – Leonard Addison
Fire Department – President Lamphier

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

Approval of Agenda

CM Thompson motioned to approve the agenda.
CM Ewen Second.
Motion passes 3-0

Discussion: CM Ewen would like to discuss the Legislative Items before the Ward Reports.

Mayor's Report

- 2010 Audit Report was detailed at the work session last week. The Town is comfortably at the minimal of two months of operating expenses in reserves. Things look brighter for the 2011 year. Several substantial projects at M-Square are happening, successful grants and the speed camera system.
- Moving forward with request for State assistance for youth and community wing at Town Hall.
- We received renderings from the neighborhood design center for the new youth community center.
- Mayor Archer would like to wish a friendly farewell to former police chief Theresa Chambers who has returned to the Nat'l Park Police after a court decision. We wish her well and look forward to working with Capt. Timmons as Acting Police Chief.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, 2011: Revenue = \$5,307,101.08, Expenses = \$2,699,117.93.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.
CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 4-0

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Discussion: The revenues are high due to the fact that the reimbursement for the speed cameras has to be made to the State.

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- The Town of Riverdale Park has requested a \$400K State grant for the design and construction of a community wing at Town Hall.
- The Shuttle UM Bill has moved through the PG House Delegation and is on the floor of the Senate.
- The Town has been awarded \$37K in grant funding from the Maryland Energy Administration through the EECBG Block Grant. This grant will go towards HVAC upgrades, improvements and replacements at the police department. We will bid this project within the next two months.
- After the violence in Arizona, administrator Imhulse encourages residents to get more involved with local activities. Anyone with a talent is asked to contact Administrator Imhulse to see how they can get involved.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Aggravated assaults numbers were not correct. The department has reviewed this information for the year end stats and has updated that information.

Code Enforcement Issues

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Happy Valentine's Day to all of the lovely ladies out there!
- President's Day, Monday Feb. 21st the office will be closed but it will not affect your trash collection.
- Saturday Drop – Off is on Feb 19th from 9am – 2pm. You can find the Drop off information on the back page of your Town Crier or you can call the Public Works Office.
- Leaf Collection program for this year is over (Jan 15th). 63 tons of leafs were recycled this season. Thanks to all residents for your cooperation.

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- Winter Season – Please park your car(s) in your driveways if you have one. The fewer cars on the road, the better the Public Works Department can get the streets cleaned. Park on the even side of the street if necessary.
- Snow emergency signs are going up. Thanks to the residents on Silk Tree for your cooperation.
- Spring Cleaning/Earth Day – Saturday, April 9th. Put your unwanted items out for pick-up and also participate in Earth Day activities.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked how the Town was disposing of CFC bulbs. Mr. Addison answered that people are throwing these bulbs out as trash. They are not supposed to but it is happening. The County has a facility at the landfill where this item can be separated out but most people do not take advantage of this resource.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- Statistical Reports were sent to Mayor and Council by e-mail.

Discussion: Mayor Archer asked if there were any news on additional revenues for the fire department for the upcoming fiscal year. President Lamphier responded that he was not aware of any changes at this point.

CM Lingua asked if there were any revenues for the ambulance. President Lamphier responded that the billing is doing 'OK'.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ewen, Economic Development Committee

- Snow Parking – There are several Ward 1 residents that live in cul-de-sacs. Residents should still park on the even side of the street. Police enforcement will happen for the cars parked on the odd side of the street. Regardless of how the vehicle is parked.
- Purple Line Meeting –
- Thanks to Chief Chambers. It was a pleasure working with her and her effect on the police department will last for a long time.
- CM Ewen will not be running for Ward 1 in the upcoming elections. John Ebbler will run in her place.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ewen's Report

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Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- Finance Committee did not meet on Jan 2nd due to snow and ice.
- Finance Committee meeting this Thursday, Feb 9th @ 7:30pm.
- CM Thompson saw people walking in the middle of busy streets during the snow days outside of Riverdale Park. He encourages residents to help keep the sidewalks clean in Riverdale Park so that people here don't have to walk in the street.
- Snow Parking – Some of the homes in Ward 2 do not have numbers on them. Please park on the West Side.
- It was a great pleasure working with Chief Theresa Chambers.
- CM Thompson plans to run in the upcoming elections and hopes he has the support of the Mayor, Council and residents.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Public Safety Meeting at Town Hall on Feb 15th @ 7:15pm. The Town policy for NIXEL will be discussed.
- Purple Line Meeting - St. Bernard's Church in the Crystal Room. All residents are welcome.
- C-KAR Business Outreach Event on Feb 24th. Locations TBD.
- Some of the homes in Ward 3 that were vacant or held by realtors were not cleaned up or addressed during the snow days.
- Attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Event in Annapolis, MD. Chief Chambers, shortly after getting word of her return to National Park Service, was there and was received well. CM Lingua was very proud to be there.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

CM Henry was unable to be in attendance.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

- Last week on Friday there were State Troopers on his property. CM Rivas asked them why they were there and they responded that they were policing the community and will be doing this on a regular basis.
- Volunteers Needed – We don't have enough volunteers to help with kid programs. If you would like to volunteer please contact CM Rivas @ 301-625-9435. We need volunteers to help with the spring and summer workshops for the children of Riverdale Park.

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- Soccer for the kids – CM Rivas has received requests from local kids to form a soccer team. He would really like to have someone help facilitate this idea.
- CM Rivas will run for Ward 5 Council for this upcoming election.
- Apologies for not providing a Ward 5 Report in the current Town Crier.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Legislative Committee

CM Allen-Smith was unable to be in attendance.

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

Public Comments

William Worth Elementary School received a framed picture of Thurgud Marshall that was contributed by the Town. The principle wrote to thank the Town of Riverdale Park for the framed print.

Jonathan Ebblar, 4711 Oliver St., announced his candidacy for Ward 1 in the upcoming election. He also expressed to CM Thompson that he would be more than happy to lend a hand in budget planning/issues and to CM Rivas that he has played soccer all of his life and knows of other local residents who played soccer in college and would love to help out with the soccer team efforts. Administrator Imhulse also stated that the Boys and Girls Club are always looking for more coaches. Mr. Ebblar also added that he is involved with the aero squadron and Civil Air Patrol who is looking for partnerships to obtain grant monies for Anti Drug Campaign.

Legislative Actions

1. Approval for January 3, 2011, minutes for regular legislative meeting.

CM Thompson moved to accept the minutes.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 3-0

2. Approval of Resolution 2011-R-06, a resolution to determine the time and place for Town elections on May 2, 2011.

CM Thompson moved to approve of Resolution 2011-R-06, a resolution to determine the time and place for Town elections on May 2, 2011. Time and Place for Town elections on May 2, 2011 at Town Hall during the hours of 7am - 8pm.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 3-0

3. Approval of Resolution 2011-R-07, a resolution to authorize paper ballots for Town elections on May 2, 2011.

CM Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-07, a resolution to authorize paper ballots for Town elections on May 2, 2011.

CM Ewen Second
Motion passes 3-0

4. Approval of Resolution 2011-R-08, a resolution to appoint judges for Town elections on May 2, 2011.

CM Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-08, a resolution to appoint judges for Town elections on May 2, 2011. Mayor Archer and Council will like to appoint the following judges: Chief Election Judge - Kay Marcus, Deputy Election Judge - Geraldine Gee, James Coleman – Ward 2, Karen Howard – Ward 3, Curtis Simpson – Ward 4, Crystal Jack – Ward 5, and Denise Dewitt – Ward 6.

CM Ewen Second
Motion passes 3-0

5. Approval of Resolution 2011-R-09, a resolution to establish the fee for any candidate filing a petition for any town elective office.

CM Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-09, a resolution to establish the fee of \$25 for any candidate filing a petition for any town elective office.

CM Ewen Second
Motion passes 4-0

6. Approval of Resolution 2011-R-10, a resolution to establish the deadline for any candidate to file a petition for any town elective office as part of the elections on May 2, 2011.

CM Thompson moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-10, a resolution to establish the deadline of April 7th @ 5pm for any candidate to file a petition for any town elective office as part of the elections on May 2, 2011.

CM Ewen Second
Motion passes 4-0

7. Motion to support grant application to Maryland Clean Energy Center.

CM Thompson moved to support the Town's grant application to Maryland Clean Energy Center.

CM Ewen Second
Motion passes 4-0

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Discussion: Administrator Imhulse was contacted by the MML about stimulus funds from the Maryland Clean Energy Center that can help reduce energy consumption. This grant will support upgrade to the HVA system at the Town Hall building.

New Business

- Next steps in developing plans for the community and youth. The neighborhood design center was very helpful with submitting plans for the new youth community center. Mayor Archer would like to narrow the options down (3-6 options) with Council and Town staff before introducing them to the public.
- We received a request from Bladensburg High School's student government for a contribution for their activities (prom, graduation activities, after party, senior breakfast) in the 2011 year. Most of the high school students in this area go to this school. Mayor Archer would like to see the Town of Riverdale Park make a token donation of somewhere around \$100. CM Ewen likes the idea. CM Rivas doesn't think \$100 is enough. Mr. Ebbler suggested that the students perform some type of community service for the donation to instill the value of the donation. Mayor Archer stated that the student government is the kids who have and are putting in time and effort already and to ask them to put in more work would not be fair to them.

CM Rivas moved to grant \$100 to Bladensburg High School for their 2011 senior activities and Prom night.

CM Lingua Second.

Motion passes 4-0

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Lingua moved to adjourn 9:45pm

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 4-0

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