

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, November 7, 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 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 8:02 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 Ebbeler Second.
Motion passes 4-0

Proclamation to Lorrie Armfield, teacher at William Wirt Middle School
Mayor Archer presented Lorrie Armfield with a plaque.

Mayor's Report

- Town Hall is collecting coats for the Christian Life Center. Please drop your donations off at Town Hall.
- Met Chris Cornado, new administrator of Crescent Cities Nursing and Rehabilitation Center here at Riverdale Park. They talked about ways that the Town and the Center can integrate for the benefit of the neighborhood along Queensbury.
- Veteran's Day Commemoration at the Veteran's Memorial on this Friday at 11am.
- Youth and Community Wing – Looking forward to a request for qualifications.
- Empty and Foreclosed homes have declined in Riverdale Park (from 48 to 37).

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

Budget as of October 31, 2011: Revenue = \$1, 535,838.990, Expenses = \$1, 512,341.95.

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

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

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Town Administrator's Report

- Council work session on Wed, Nov 9th @ 8pm to review Cafritz Project.
- Administrator Imhulse will attend a meeting with Park and Planning on the Cafritz Project. The Cafritz Team maybe submitting revised plans on Wed or Thurs.
- Grant from Maryland Clean Energy Center – We are gathering estimates from contractors. Final responses are due Wednesday.
- The PGCMA legislative dinner will be on Thurs, Nov 16th. Tickets needed.
- Colonel **Lauer** will be the guest speaker at the Veteran's Day Memorial.
- Town Hall will be closed Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Oct 31st – The police dept supplied a crime report for the last 6 months. It showed that crime has decreased in Riverdale Park.
- Halloween Night – Very busy and very uneventful. It was an overall safe night.
- Principle **Hughes**, Riverdale Park ES, expressed gratitude for repaving the stripes in the parking area.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked if the yellow stripping (curb marking) should be monitored. Chief Morris stated that it will be monitored.

Code Enforcement Issues

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This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Saturday Drop off – November 19th
- Closings – Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Trash collection will be interrupted and will resume on the following Monday.
- Leaf collection will officially start on November 15th thru January 15th. Mondays and Thursdays – Ward 2 and Ward 4. All other Wards will be taken care of on Tuesdays and Fridays. If the leaves are bagged they can be placed curbside on Wednesdays for the contractor to service.

Discussion:

This concludes the Public Works Report

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Fire Department Report

- Statistical Reports were e-mailed to Mayor and Council.
- The fire department participated in Riverdale Park Day.
- The big renovation project will start in March after the winter months. There is storage outside of the firehouse where all of the janitorial items will be stored away from the HVAC room.

Discussion: Mayor Archer asked about the purchase of a new ambulance. Chief Lamphier is working to get the bid out.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

- The Economic Development Meeting – Talked about the reaching out to Jay's Auto in terms of the purchase of that property.
- Attended the MML last week. Met with a vendor who suggested the Town become certified sustainable in Maryland.
- Marc Bridge Crossing – a board continues to break. CM Ebbeler witnessed a pedestrian stumble across it recently.
- Thank you to all veterans and current serviceman for all of the hard work they do.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- METC committee will be making recommendations at the December meeting.
- No Finance Committee meeting this month
- Attended a Public Works Committee mtg. where they talked about PODS, policy for approval of speed humps and illegal signs
- Patching of East West Hwy has begun.
- Halloween – Saw lots of great costumes and gave away lots of candy.
- Appreciate the veterans and plans to attend the memorial.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Central Kenilworth Ave. Revitalization Committee Mtg. – M-NCPPC and Ho Young Garland are presenting. Engineering has been approved on this project. Next is a series of meetings with the community. On Tuesday, Nov 15th 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ Beacon Heights Elementary School a Purple Line meeting will occur.

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- CM Lingua worked with the PTA to plant new trees and remove old ones. They also did some trimming and beautification.
- Thanks to the folks who came out to Novella **Sargussine** home to help decorate.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

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

Legislative Action

- 1. To approve a letter of support with conditions for a variance request at 6308 51st Avenue (Ward 2).**

CM Thompson moved to approve a letter of support with conditions for a variance request at 6308 51st Avenue.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson met with the applicant twice. His wife is in a wheelchair and the expansion is needed for her use.

- 2. To approve traffic calming at the 5400 block of Jefferson Street (Ward 6).**

CM Silva moved to approve traffic calming at the 5400 block of Jefferson Street.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

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Discussion: The residents understand that rumble strips will be installed instead of speed humps

3. To approve traffic calming at the 5500 and 5600 blocks of 54th Avenue (Ward 6)

CM Silva moved to approve traffic calming at the 5500 and 5600 blocks of 54th Avenue.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Director Addison stated that the rumble strips will look differently from the ones on Jefferson Street and that his department will have to look at the project more closely. Also, WSSC will be digging in that same area within the next year. Dir. Addison will look into the schedule for this project and report back to the Mayor and Council.

4. To approve the letter regarding the Cafritz project.

CM Ebbeler moved to take the motion off the table and present it to Council.

CM ?? Second

Discussion: CM Ebbeler moved to recess so that copies of the 3rd version of this letter can be copied and supplied to the Mayor and Council. CM Ebbeler read the letter into record.

CM Thompson moved to amend the letter as follows – remove 1st bullet on page 2 and add bullets to subsidiary bullets starting “in addition we request...”

CM Ebbeler considers this a friendly amendment.

CM Ebbeler asked the Administrator Imhulse reinsert the language about the kilowatt hours into this version of the letter. CM Thompson accepts this as a friendly amendment. CM Lingua would like to strike the language on option 3, page 2 “such as a police substation...” CM Ebbeler happily accepts this change.

Mr. Keller would like to see language about keeping the trail open. CM Ebbeler is happy to accommodate this request. CM Thompson stated that the Council has requested traffic studies. The Council will study the traffic patterns over the next few weeks

Jane Cafritz thanked the Mayor and Council for all of their efforts and time spent on this project. She ensured that they are committed to this project for the long haul. Jane has been working with Whole Foods for 6 years. Although the parking area is not the desired parking specs that Whole Foods desire, Jane feels that this project will still be a great compliment to the community.

Jim Volsky - 200 of the 800 parking spots are considered ‘teaser parking’. There is a parking lot that will have tickets that need to be validated by Whole Foods which can be a deterrent for others who are visiting other facilities/shops. Whole Foods also does not want a kiosk in the

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front of the building that may take away parking from their store. They are willing to share the 'teaser parking' with the other shops.

Ralph Bennett can attest to the commitment that the Cafritz family has put into this project and the expertise of Jim Volsky.

Mayor Archer explained that there will be a special session on Wed, Nov 9th where the Cafritz project will be discussed in great detail. He encouraged Ralph, Jim and Jane to come out to the meeting on Wednesday.

CM Ebbeler would like representatives from Whole Foods to come and speak to the Mayor and Council about their non-wavering requirements for parking.

CM Thompson would like the 2nd paragraph replaced by the language from 2nd version of the letter.

Administrator Imhulse and Council go over all changes to the letter.

CM Lingua would like the 4th bullet from the option 1 letter to be put back into the option 3 letters. CM Ebbeler agreed.

5. To approve a letter of support for CB-53-2011, County legislation regarding TDOZ

CM Lingua moved to approve a letter of support for CB-53-2011, County legislation regarding TDOZ.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler moved to amend this item to include a letter of support CB-52-2011. CM Thompson considers this a friendly amendment. CM Thompson moved that the item was a CD not CB. CM Ebbeler Second Motion passes 4-0

6. To approve Resolution 2011-R-25, a resolution regarding ATHA membership dues.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-25, a resolution regarding ATHA membership dues.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

7. To approve a MOU with M-NCPPC for hiker/biker trail.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve a MOU with M-NCPPC for hiker/biker trail.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

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8. To approve a request for a waiver of bid requirements to use a piggyback bid to purchase emergency equipment (lights, sirens, etc.) from Breckford to be installed in new police vehicles.

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CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson asked if this item came from Capt. Timmons. Capt. Timmons wrote it for Chief Morris.

9. To support Town's CDBG Program Year (PY) 38 grant application.

CM Thompson moved to support Town's CDBG Program Year (PY) 38 grant application.

CM Ebbeler Second
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse explained that this is for a paving project on the 5400 Block of Spring Lane (sidewalk, curb and gutter).

10. To approve the minutes for the regular legislative meeting on October 3, 2011.

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

CM Thompson Second

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse stated that the version of the minutes supplies to the Mayor and Council were the wrong set of minutes.

CM Thompson moved to postpone indefinitely
CM Ebbeler Second
Motion Passes 3-1 (CM Lingua opposed)

CM Lingua moved to approve the minutes from the meeting that were provided at the last meeting subject to Council review within the next seven days.

CM Silva Second
Motion fails 2-2 (Mayor Archer voted against the motion)

11. To approve the minutes for the special legislative meeting on October 13, 2011.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve the minutes for the special legislative meeting on October 13, 2011.

CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 4-0

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New Business

- Resolution 2011-R-26,

CM Ebbeler moved to approve 2011-R-26

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler read the resolution into record. CM Thompson is concerned about the overlap of the Cool Cities program and this program. CM Ebbeler stated that the members will have to take a three hour Green Team training. It requires an audit. This opens up grant opportunities for the Town. Administrator Imhulse has not had a chance to check out the information that CM Ebbeler has sent to her yet. Mayor Archer proposed that Council wait 30 days before making a decision. The next Green Team training starts December 10th, space is limited.

CM Lingua moved to table this item.

CM Silva second

Motion passes 3-1 (CM Ebbeler opposed)

- Resolution 2011-R-27, to purchase the property known as Jay's Auto.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve resolution 2011-R-27, to purchase the property known as Jay's Auto.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler read the resolution into record. CM Lingua asked if Fair Market Value is a good way to go. Mayor Archer explained that Fair Market Value is the correct legal term to use for this matter.

- Approve a professional services agreement to be presented to the Cafritz development.

CM Ebbeler moved to accept the professional service agreement.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse explained that contract was drafted by the Town's Attorney and have been back and forth with their attorneys. CM Ebbeler asked if this can be reimbursed retroactively. Administrator Imhulse answered that all billing, even if the project is extended, up to \$25K can be reimbursed to the Town.

- CM Lingua asked about drafting a letter to M-NCPPC so that there is vehicular access on the walkway at the park. Administrator Imhulse spoke with Ilene Niveras about this problem and are internally looking into it.

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Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Thompson moved to adjourn 10:47pm

CM Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 4-0

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