

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen Walker	Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Raymond Rivas	Ward 5

Town Administrator-

Police Department – Captain Timmons

Director of Public Works –

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Mayor Archer announced that Mr. Prangley has retired; Mr. Addison is on vacation and Chief Chambers is away for several days at a Conference and CM Henry will not be in attendance tonight.

Approval of Agenda

CM Thompson motioned to approve the agenda.

CM Ewen Walker Second

Motion passes 4-0.

1. Discussion: Mayor Archer added a few additions to the Legislative items:
#7 Introduction of resolution 2009-R-14 Creation of Committee for Upcoming 2010 Census.
#8 Introduction of resolution 2009-R-12, Resolution of Direction. (Will be moved to Item #1)
#9 Street closure surrounding the Veteran’s Memorial
The Veteran’s Day Celebration
#10 Street Closure for Ward 2 Block Party.

Mayor’s Report

- Thanked CM Rivas for organizing an outstanding Riverdale Park Day. Also thanked police department, fire department and volunteers.
- Town Administrator will start on October 26th.
- Pat Prangley’s retirement party will be held at the Calvert House on October 16th 2:30pm – 5:30pm.
- Meeting for Restoration Drainage Project on Oct 22nd.
- There was a closed meeting on Sept 9th (7:30pm – 9:30pm) to interview Town Administrator candidates.
- Big thanks to CM Thompson, Mr. Prangley, Mr. Addison and local members of the Ipala organization for landscaping the Town of Riverdale Park.
- PFC Clay Alford was recognized as the 2nd State recognized Traffic Specialist.

This concludes the Mayor’s Report

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Police Department Report

- Riverdale Day was a success. The police department had plenty of stuff to hand out to the kids.
- Top Chef Event – There will be a big police presence at this event.

Code Enforcement Issues

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

This concludes the Public Works Report

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was submitted previously to Mayor and Council.

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

CM Walker Second

Motion passes 4-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

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Fire Department Report

- 321 incidents in Sept – 147 were EMS calls/60 were fire calls.
- The fire dept did participate in Riverdale Park Day. It went very well
- Goatman Hollow – the fire department participates in this event. It's a big fundraiser.
- 10 new members for the fire department. They will have to go through the town physical and background check. The department has never received 10 new members in one month.
- The County has given us direct access to the billing company where the department can get reimbursed for ambulance services in a timely manner.
- Raffle - December 25th the department will have 18 drawings (1-\$4000, 1-\$1000, 1-\$500 and 15 - \$100). The goal is to sale 5000 tickets in order to net \$12,000 for the fire department. Sales have started.
- Chief Rhymes reported logistical concerns for testing the fire hydrants. The hydrants were re-piped in late 1999/early 2000. A pedo-gauge set will need to be purchased to perform the testing. WSSC will notify the fire department if a hydrant needs to be serviced.

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Discussion: CM Lingua asked if a list of hydrants that are working and not working, as well as any updates on hydrants be made available to council members. Chief Rhymes stated that he could provide this information. Jim Coleman, resident, stated that it would be good if the town could perform testing every 5 years.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ewen Walker, Economic Development Committee

- Thanked CM Rivas for the fabulous job organizing the Riverdale Park Day. Sorry she couldn't be there.
- The playground located on the west side of the train tracks (between Sheridan and Tuckerman Streets) is being renovated. New playground equipment will be installed by late November. Kids and residents in the community participated in a small design session.
- Top Chef Event – Carla Hall, featured winner of the Top Chef competition will be here to participate in the event from 4pm – 5pm.
- Dog Park and Bike Trail – next two projects to move forward on.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ewen Walker's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- Riverdale Park Day was a beautiful day. We enjoyed good food, music and people.
- Community Center Public Hearing was held on September 19th. Discussed the idea of having a community center.
- M-Square Development – CM Thompson has information from the presentation that the University of MD gave to share with residents.
- Audit – Still figuring what to do about losing the State Highway's funding.
- Ward 2 Block Party October 18th (4:00pm – 6:30pm) at the corner of Sheridan and 48th. All are welcome!
- Enjoyed working on landscaping the Town Hall. Most muscles are no longer sore.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Thanked CM Rivas. Riverdale Park Day was quite a great day!
- Central Kennilworth Avenue Revitalization Steering Committee Report – Current zoning may need to change for Purple Line Metro project. The committee will meet on October 22nd.
- Prince George's Day Mtg – October 17th.

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- Holiday Market Festival of Lights is coming up. Volunteers will be needed.

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

- Riverdale Park Day was a success. The piñatas were really beaten up and the kids really enjoyed the fire department. The vendors did well. We needed more time. It was really fun.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Public Comments

Legislative Action

1. Introduction of resolution 2009-R-12, Resolution of Direction.

CM Lingua moved to introduce the Resolution of Direction 2009-R-12.

CM Thompson Second This resolution directs the mayor to have the Town Attorney draft an agreement between the Town and the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department such that the Town can co-sign a loan financing the purchase of a new pumper while protecting the Town's financial health and staying within the bounds of applicable law. This draft agreement will be presented to the Town Council for consideration at a future meeting.

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer clarified that the resolution by explaining that this will NOT approve the purchase of the fire engine.

2. Approval of minutes for September 8, 2009 regular legislative meeting.

CM Lingua moved to accept the minutes.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson's report – name spelled wrong, CM Rivas Report – Chg CM Kimbrough's name to Rivas, CM Walker – replace with CM Ewen Walker.

Approval for Ordinance Resolution 2009-R-02 concerning School Zone Speed Monitoring System.

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CM Lingua moved to approve Ordinance Resolution 2009-R-02 concerning School Zone Speed Monitoring System.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Lingua stated an Amendment to add in Chapter 4 Section 20 Paragraph E Sub points 3, 4 & 5. (Gives Council authority to add speed cameras).

Motion passes 4-0

CM Lingua added Amendment to add Section 2 (line 130 – 132). CM Thompson motioned to add the renumbering of the previous Section 2 be renamed Section 3.

Motion passes 4-0

CM Lingua Amended Page 1 line 7-8 – Title to Ordinance – Deleting “Authorizing” down to services in Line 8. Page 1 line 8 - Insert “Providing that for a certain period of time violations of speed limits recorded by speed monitoring service maybe enforced only by the issuance of a warning.”

Motion passes 4-0

Date of adoption will be October 25th.

3. Approval on support for the variance request #V-72 09, appeal to validate existing conditions and construct a one-story addition at 5004 Ravenswood Road. (Ward 2)

CM Thompson motioned to support variance request.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: The resident would like to expand the kitchen at his home. Lee Mack of 5004 Ravenswood Road passed out the plans for the expansion to council for review. CM Lingua appreciates seeing plans like this. It allows council to better plan as well as knocks out any issues that can come up later.

4. Introduction to a resolution 2009-R-11 concerning appointment of an acting Town Administrator.

CM Thompson read resolution 2009-R-11 into the record.

CM Lingua Second.

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer the separation of powers where elected Town officials cannot perform certain duties of a Town Administrator.

CM Thompson motioned to have stated that the Mayor shall inform all council members in writing for each appointment of an acting Town Administrator.

CM Lingua Second.

Motion passes 4-0

5. Introduction to a resolution 2009-R-13 to amend Enterprise Zone Map.

CM Ewen-Walker moved to amend the Enterprise Zone Map to the following inclusions

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- Rt. 1 properties from the Hyattsville border to the south boarder of the Wachovia Bldg, inclusion of existing bldgs. within the historic town center area (Dorsey Plumbing Bldg, SMJ, the bookshop bldg. and all other bldgs. in the town center),
- Inclusion of the Maryland Ave industrial corridor (Greg's Towing to **Pittcon**), inclusion of Natoli Place properties owned by the York Brothers
- Inclusion of the former Credit Union Bldg, **Dumm's** Corner Shop and **Dumm's** Pizza)
- Inclusion of all existing commercial bldgs. on Rt. 1 North of East West Hwy excluding the undeveloped **Cafritz** property
- Inclusion of all existing properties on Kenilworth Ave.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0 after amendments

Discussion:

CM Ewen-Walker amended the last bullet to state inclusion of all existing properties Kenilworth Ave up to River Rd.

CM Lingua Second

Amendment passes 4-0

CM Thompson motioned to remove the McDonald's, MD Bank and Rite Aid.

CM Lingua Second

Amendment passes 4-0

CM Ewen-Walker motioned to strike the second to last bullet and includes Postal Processing Facility, Church Bldg (north of post office) and Dental Bldg.

CM Thompson Second

Amendment passes 4-0

CM Thompson motioned to allow the Mayor and Town Staff to talk to commercial and residential property managers of Ward 4, 5 & 6

CM Ewen-Walker Second

Amendment passes 4-0

CM Lingua motioned to amend the previous motion to include Ward 3.

CM Ewen-Walker Second.

Amendment passes 4-0

6. Street closure from corner of Sheridan & 46th to M-NCPPC Park signs from 12pm – 6pm on October 11, 2009, for Ward 1 block party.

CM Ewen-Walker motioned for the street closure of Sheridan & 46th from 12pm – 6pm on October 11, 2009, for Ward 1 block party.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 4-0

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7. Introduction of resolution 2009-R-14 Creation of Committee for Upcoming 2010 Census.

CM Rivas moved to introduce resolution 2009-R-14 and read it into record.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson asked if CM Rivas wished specify membership in the committee. And /or Chair? CM Ewen-Walker suggested that someone from Town Code Enforcement Staff be included on the committee.

8. Resolution street closure surrounding the Veteran's Memorial for the events on November 11th for Veteran's Day.

Mayor Archer moved to for street closure surrounding the Veteran's Memorial for November 11th Veteran's Day events.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

9. Street closure from 48th and Sheridan on October 18th for Ward 2 block party

CM Thompson motioned for street closure from 48th and Sheridan on October 18th for Ward 2 block party.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

New Business

- Wednesday, October 7th – CM Rivas reminded council that there is a managers meeting. Mayor Archer will attend.
- There were no registered candidates for vacant seat in Ward 6.

CM Thompson motioned to cancel special election.

CM Lingua Second

Motion 4-0

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Thompson move to adjourn 10:11 pm

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

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