

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Special Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**May 7, 2013**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor  
CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1 (arrived at 8:08 p.m.)  
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2  
CM David Lingua, Ward 3  
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4  
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator  
David Morris, Chief of Police  
Leonard Addison, Director of Public Works  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

**Call to Order**

Mayor Archer called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of reflection.

**Approval of Agenda**

CM Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson.  
Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

**Discussion**

- Move all reports to the end of the agenda, after the legislative action items.
- Hold the presentation of the proclamation for Ben Gardener until he arrives.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- A letter was received from the University of Maryland approving the "J Crossing" for the Cafritz Project.
- A letter from CSX was also received approving the "J Crossing" for the Cafritz Project.
- A Special Legislative Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. regarding the Cafritz Project PPS.

**Presentations**

Proclamation for Ben Gardenhour

Mayor Archer read a proclamation recognizing Riverdale Park resident Ben Gardenhour's achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Proclamation for National Police Week

Mayor Archer read a proclamation regarding National Police Week.

### Cafritz Project Update, PPS 4-13002 and DSP-13009 (Ward 1)

Town Administrator Imhulse gave a brief update on the status of the Cafritz Project. Ms. Imhulse reported that the staff reports for the Cafritz Project are available on the Town's website. Ms. Imhulse also reported that the PPS Planning Board hearing would be May 16 and the DSP Planning Board hearing would be May 23.

### **Correspondence Summary**

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Thompson requested a copy of item 6 from the Correspondence Summary.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of 4/30/13,

Revenue: \$5,917,085.93

Expenses: \$3,893,911.57

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Town Administrator Sara Imhulse reported:

- The Town received a reduction of \$53,000 in IWIF rates for next year. Ms. Imhulse explained why the IWIF rates are lower for the Town next year.
- The Town was awarded a Community Park and Playground Grant for \$195,000 for the Riverdale Road Park. Public meetings will be held in the future.
- The Town's Bond Bill for the Youth and Community Wing Project (\$250,000) was approved by the General Assembly. The total amount of funding from the State of Maryland is \$816,000.
- State Comptroller Peter Franchot met with 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classes at Riverdale Elementary School on April 24.
- The next MUTC meeting will be May 8 at 7:30 p.m.
- A Purple Line Open House will be held on May 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Riverdale Elementary School.
- The TDDP Listening Session will be May 9 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at College Park City Hall.
- The Town Center Open House will be held on June 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **Police and Code Report**

Police Chief David Morris reported:

- Recently attended an Active Shooter Conference hosted by Howard County with Captain Timmons.
- In the process of establishing a Chief/Citizen Advisory Council.
- Will be reinstating the Public Safety Community Walks as the weather gets warmer
- Update on recent incidents in Town and the response of the Riverdale Park Police Department.
- The Code Department has been focusing on junk motor vehicles and proactive approaches to parking enforcement.
- The Code Department will also be gearing up for their Safe, Clean and Beautiful Quality of Life initiative.

## **Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- The next Saturday Drop-off will be May 18
- There will be no trash collection on Memorial Day, May 27. The next trash pick-up will be May 30.
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Community Clean-up: over 8 tons of materials were picked-up (bulk trash, yard waste, etc.)
- Over 45 volunteers helped with the April 20<sup>th</sup> Earth Day event: 100 bags of recyclable materials, 80 bags of trash, 20 tires, 7 car seats and two bowling balls were collected.
- The Christmas in April event was also successful. Thank you to everyone who helped.
- The recyclable oil depository has been reopened after being closed for repairs.
- Thirty new trees have been planted in Town. Residents should contact the Public Works Department if they would like to have a tree planted on Town property near their house.
- The Field of Dreams has been reopened after being seeded, aerated and fertilized in April.
- Several old pieces of equipment were sold through the GovDeal website which brought in more money than expected.

## **Fire Department**

Mayor Archer reported that there are no paid fire fighters at the Riverdale Park station and the volunteers are working hard to keep coverage.

## **Council Committee & Ward Reports**

### **CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1**

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

- Thanks to residents for coming out to vote.
- RPAC Arts Fest was a success.
- The Lions Club is waiting for a final financial report from the carnival held in early May.
- The Town Center Open House will be held on June 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The Economic Development website is in the process of being updated.
- Discussion regarding a potential business incentive (signage grant).

### **CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2**

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Thanks to residents for coming out to vote.
- Thanks to staff, departments and Election Judges for their work with the recent election.
- Arts Fest was great!
- Update on recent Dog Park meetings.
- Finance Committee Meeting on May 18 at 1:00 p.m. re: FY 14 Budget

### **CM David Lingua, Ward 3**

CM David Lingua reported:

- Thank you to residents for coming out to vote.
- Thank you to staff for their efforts regarding the Town election.
- CKAR met on May 7.
- Arts Fest went very well.

### **CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4**

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Thank you to the residents for coming out to vote.
- Congratulations to council colleagues for the re-election.
- Thank you to Public Works Director Addison for his assistance.
- Public Works Committee will meet on June 7 at 9 a.m. at Town Hall
- Madison Hill Movie Night will be May 31 starting at 8:30 p.m. The movie will be Wreck-it-Ralph.
- Thank you to those who helped with Christmas in April.
- Kudos to Town Administrator Sara Imhulse for all of her hard work.
- Thank you to Chief Morris for the police presence in Madison Hill.

### **CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6**

CM Alejandro Silva thanked the voters for coming out to vote and thanked the police department for their efforts in Ward 6.

### **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items**

There were no public comments on non-agenda items or consent agenda items.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Request for a temporary business license for Teresa's Garden Center to sell flowers and gifts at 6111 Kenilworth Avenue (Ward 4)
2. Minutes from regular legislative meeting on April 1, 2013
3. Minutes from special legislative meeting on April 24, 2013

CM Ebbeler made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

### **Legislative Action Items:**

1. Introduction of Ordinance 2013-OR-04, regarding the FY 14 budget

CM Thompson read Ordinance 2013-OR-04 into the record.

2. Motion to adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 2013-CR-01 concerning debt limitation

CM Thompson made a motion to postpone the consideration of Charter Amendment Resolution 2013-CR-01 until the legislative meeting in June. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

3. Motion to waive bid requirements for financial services and selection of Davenport & Company as the financial consultant for preparation of TIF bonds

CM Thompson made a motion to waive bid requirements for financial services and selection of Davenport & Company as the financial consultant for preparation of TIF bonds. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

4. Motion to send a letter recognizing CM David Lingua as the ATHA Governing Board representative for Riverdale Park

CM Henry made a motion to send a letter recognizing CM David Lingua as the ATHA Governing Board representative for Riverdale Park. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable) Abstain: CM David Lingua

5. Motion to approve the minutes from the special legislative meeting on April 29, 2013

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from the special legislative meeting on April 29, 2013. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business discussed.

### **New Business**

- CM Lingua stated that Chief Morris is seeking nominations from the Mayor and Council for the Police Advisory Committee. Chief Morris discussed the qualifications for nominees. Names should be submitted to Chief Morris by May 31, 2013.
- CM Henry made a motion to close Silk Tree Drive on May 31, 2013 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)
- CM Silva made a motion to appoint Kate Kelly as the Ward 6 representative on the Board of Election Appeals. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)
- CM Ebbeler and Town Administrator Imhulse discussed a potential grant opportunity through the Redevelopment Authority. It will come before the Council at a future meeting.
- CM Ebbeler asked for permission to pursue Brasschatt, Belgium as a second Sister City.

### **Adjournment**

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Typed from notes by JEB.*