

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

**In Attendance**

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor  
CM Jonathan Ebbeler, Ward 1  
CM Alan Thompson, Ward 2  
CM David Lingua, Ward 3 (arrived at 8:08 p.m.)  
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 legislative meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

CM Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Henry.  
Vote: 3-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

CM Thompson requested that Legislative Action Item #5 be removed from the agenda.

**Presentations**

Swearing-in of Officer Harris

Mayor Archer administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Officer Harris.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- Two General Government staff members have resigned and projects/tasks will need to be prioritized.
- The Code Department is still short staffed.
- Plans to attend the MML Fall Conference October 17-16.
- Will be speaking at the RBA dinner at Crescent Cities on October 9.
- Meeting regarding the Cafritz Bridge will be held on October 16.
- Special Legislative Meeting will be held on October 21 to take action on CDBG PY 35 and PY 36.
- The Trolley Trail groundbreaking/ribbon cutting is scheduled for October 23 at 4:00 p.m.
- Riverdale Park long-time resident and former Councilmember Mary Donaldson will be moving out of the area.

- Birthday book and gift bag program is going well at Riverdale Elementary School.
- Invited Council to visit the Casa de Maryland ESOL program at Northwood High School on October 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- Invited Council to tour the Welcome Center facility in Langley/Takoma Park on October 26 at 9 a.m.

### **Correspondence Summary**

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials. CM Thompson requested a copy of item # 2.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of 9/30/13 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$818,275.68

Expenditures: \$1,105,781.73

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:

- Riverdale Park Day was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event.
- Luncheon will be held for Verenice Ciciliano on Thursday, October 17.
- Mike Lightfield will be leaving at the end of October.
- CDBG PY 37 and PY 38 will be awarded contracts. PY 35 and PY 36 will have a bid opening in two weeks.
- Thank you to staff for their hard work on the CDBG projects.

### **Police and Code Report**

Police Chief David Morris reported:

- Attended the Maryland Chief Training Seminar September 8-12 in Ocean City with Lt. Col. Timmons.
- Congratulations to Officer Walsch who was recognized by the MD Highway Safety Office for his efforts in DUI enforcement.
- Reminder regarding new cellphone enforcement laws.
- Will be attending the RBA dinner at Crescent Cities on October 9 with Lt. Col. Timmons.
- Will be attending a luncheon for the 238<sup>th</sup> birthday for the U.S. Navy
- Will be attending the Madison Hill HOA meeting on 10/12.

### **Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- Saturday drop-off will be October 19.
- Please let the Public Works Department know if there is a tree in your area that needs to be trimmed. The Department is wrapping up the fall tree trimming.
- The Public Works Department has started planning trees in Town. Please let the Department know if you would like a tree in your area.
- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be on October 11.

CM Thompson thanked the Public Works Department for their response to recent requests and their service to the community.

### **Fire Department**

President Steve Lampier reported:

- The Department participated in Riverdale Park Day.
- Thanks to Capitol Heights VFD for use of the fire safety house.
- Membership recruiting
- Several internal Department projects are underway.
- It will be at least another month before the Tower is fixed.
- The new ambulance is scheduled to arrive in November.

### **Council Committee & Ward Reports**

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

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

- Dumm's Pizza will not be moving forward with the expansion at this time.
- The store front church at Town Center has departed. The space is now vacant.
- Update on Bikram Yoga build out. The studio has approximately 2-3 weeks of build out time.
- Update on Signage Grant Program: one application has been received and others are expected.
- Rinaldi's is now open.
- Working with the Belgian embassy regarding an additional Sister City.
- Engaged to Ms. Ashley Wilburn

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

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- Riverdale Park Day was great!
- The next finance committee meeting will be held on October 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. A major item discussed will be the staffing changes in General Government.
- The Dog Park MOU is in the process of being reviewed by Town Attorney Fred Sussman. There are some concerns regarding the policing statement.
- MUTC met last week and reviewed an application for 5731 Baltimore Avenue, formerly Jey's Auto. A decision will be made at the November meeting.
- There will be traffic issues related to overnight construction on Kenilworth Avenue (expected to take place over the next three months).
- Update from TDDP meeting on September 25.
- Met with University of Maryland regarding M-Square DSP and does not believe that a full Planning Board review is needed.
- Attended the PGCMA meeting on September 19.
- The rendering of the Cafritz bridge landing will be sent out by Friday.
- Still in the process of issuing an engineering contract to evaluate whether the bridge landing should end with a traffic circle or T intersection.

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

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR will be meeting on October 8 at 6200 Riverdale Road.

- E-mail from Marty Newman from the CKAR CDC regarding the Town's position on the Alamo's application for a special entertainment permit.
- Riverdale Park Day was great!
- Rinaldi's is now open and all lanes are brand new.

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

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Best wishes to CM Ebbeler on his recent engagement.
- Congratulations to Verenice Ciciliano and Mike Lightfield.
- Thank you to Chief Morris and Director Addison for keeping him informed during his absence.
- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be on October 11 at 8:30 a.m.

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

CM Alejandro Silva reported that the residents of Ward 6 had been notified of the roadwork in the area.

#### **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. Minutes from legislative meeting on July 1, 2013
2. Minutes from legislative meeting on September 3, 2013

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

#### **Legislative Action Items:**

1. Motion regarding Building Permit Application: Crescent Cities Health & Rehabilitation Center request for 6' chain link fence, 7' high block retaining wall (Ward 1)

CM Ebbeler made a motion to suspend the rules to allow discussion of Legislative Action Item #1. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

There was significant discussion regarding Legislative Action Item #1. CM Ebbeler updated the Council on recent conversations with the applicant.

CM Ebbeler made a motion to approve the building permit application with the following amended conditions: the 7-foot masonry wall shall be finished with stucco and the chain link fence shown on the application shall be replaced with a 6-foot metal picket fence constructed of steel or aluminum or a fence similar in structure to the fence surrounding Riversdale House Museum. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

There was significant discussion regarding the language used in the conditions for approval. CM Ebbeler made a motion to amend conditions in the original motion. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-22 regarding the Town's Community Legacy application

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-22 regarding the Town's Community Legacy application. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-23 to confirm and ratify the Town Administrator's appointment

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-23 to confirm and ratify the Town Administrator's appointment. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-24 regarding the purchase of police vehicles

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-R-24 regarding the purchase of police vehicles. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

- ~~5. MOU for governance of Dog Park (Ward 2)~~

6. Motion to award a contract for CDBG PY 37 project, Jefferson Street Road Improvements

CM Silva made a motion to award a contract for CDBG PY 37 project, Jefferson Street Road Improvements, to VMP Construction, Inc. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

Town Administrator Imhulse gave an overview of the bid tally sheet for PY 37.

7. Motion to award a contract for CDBG PY 38 project, Spring Lane Road Improvements

CM Silva made a motion to award a contract for CDBG PY 38 project, Spring Lane Road Improvements, to VMP Construction, Inc. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 5-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

Town Administrator Imhulse gave an overview of the bid tally sheet for PY 38.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business discussed.

### **New Business**

CM Ebbeler discussed the University of Maryland golf course redevelopment efforts. CM Ebbeler requested that the application come before the Council once it is formally accepted by Park and Planning.

CM Henry requested a status report on the cable channel situation. Town Administrator Imhulse gave an update on the status of the equipment repair.

CM Ebbeler requested an update on the Youth and Community Wing project. Town Administrator Imhulse explained the need to re-bid the design and engineering for the project.

CM Lingua discussed a parking issue that he was made aware of at Riverdale Park Day. Mayor Archer will send a letter to the Mayor of Edmonston requesting clarification regarding the denial of the resident's request for a parking permit.

### **Adjournment**

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

*Typed from notes by JEB.*