

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 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  
CM Raymond Rivas, Ward 5 (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)

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 8:05 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

*Discussion:*

CM Thompson requested that Legislative Action Item #3 be removed from the agenda.

**Presentations**

Mayor Archer presented a proclamation to Mary Donaldson.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Vernon Archer reported:

- “Going 5-0”, a new initiative for community policing in Riverdale Park.
- Attended the Trolley Trail groundbreaking ceremony.
- The Christian Life Center will be holding their annual Coat (Hats and Gloves) Drive. Donations can be delivered to Town Hall.
- The Christian Life Center will be hosting a free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Alamo from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.
- Recently visited to two Casa de Maryland sites: Welcome/Employment Center in Langley Park and ESOL classes at North Ridge High School.

**Correspondence Summary**

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

## **Treasurer's Report**

As of 10/31/13 (subject to audit),

Revenue: \$ 3,195,174.86

Expenditures: \$ 1,607,170.86

CM Thompson made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

## **Town Administrator's Report**

Town Administrator Sara Imhulse reported:

- Update on CDBG Projects.
- Plan Prince George's 2035 Public Hearing will be held on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Marlboro.
- The Planning Board date for McDonalds will be November 14.
- Will be participating in Career Day at William Wirt on November 15.
- The Cable Channel is now up and running.

## **Police and Code Report**

Police Chief David Morris reported:

- Command Staff attended the IACP Conference in Philadelphia October 20-23.
- Distracted Drivers Initiative is ongoing.
- There have been several thefts from cars at gas stations. Reminder to be vigilant.
- 5-0 in the Community Outreach Initiative.
- Annual Speed Camera testing/maintenance scheduled for November 8.
- Thank you to the Town Administrator for her hard work.

## **Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Leonard Addison reported:

- Next Saturday drop-off is November 16.
- Trash will be picked up on Veterans Day (November 11)
- Trash will not be picked up on Thanksgiving Day (November 28). The next trash pick-up will be Monday, December 2.
- Leaf collection begins November 15 and runs through January 15. However, 9 tons have been collected already.
- Reminders: put bagged leaves out on Wednesdays with regular yard waste, keep leaf piles away from cars and storm drains and only put leaves in the leaf piles (no other yard waste).
- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on November 22 at 8:30 a.m.
- Will be meeting with SHA on November 5 regarding Wells Run and the responsibility for maintaining the area (specifically vegetation).
- LED retrofits for streetlights have been received and will be installed in a test area soon.

## *Discussion:*

CM Lingua asked if it would be possible to move the Farmer's Market closer to the sidewalk on Queensbury Road. Mr. Addison stated that there would be no issue with shifting the location of the Farmer's Market.

## **Council Committee & Ward Reports**

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

CM Jonathan Ebbeler reported:

- Update on the Trolley Trail Project.
- MUTC will meet on November 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Divine Beauty and Jey's Auto will be on the agenda.
- Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee will meet on November 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.
- Update on Town Center: Use and Occupancy Permit was granted for a 20 seat restaurant.
- Drawings for the Bookstore are posted at Town Center.
- Update on County permitting issues and concerns: DPIE has been responsive.
- Update on the Yoga Studio in Town Center.

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

CM Alan Thompson reported:

- ERCO building was demolished today.
- Update from mid-October Finance Committee Meeting: staffing is very short in finance and some projects may slow down as a result.
- Dog Park MOU is not complete however it should be ready for the December meeting.

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

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR November meeting date has not been set.
- Veteran's Day Service on Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Park near the MARC station.
- Update from recent Riverdale Park Arts Council meeting.

### **CM Raymond Rivas, Ward 5**

CM Raymond Rivas did not have a report.

## **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. Street closing of Lafayette Avenue and Natoli Place at Veteran's Memorial Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on November 11, 2013 for annual Veteran's Day Ceremony
2. Street closing of Town Center parking lot from midnight December 13, 2013 to 9:00 p.m. on December 14, 2013 for Holiday Market and Festival of Lights (Ward 1)
3. Minutes from legislative meeting on October 7, 2013
4. Minutes from special legislative meeting on October 21, 2013

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

### **Legislative Action Items:**

1. Motion regarding Riverdale Road McDonald's DSP-12059 & DPLS-396: A 4,387 Sq. Ft. New McDonald's restaurant with Drive-Thru service and a departure of six spaces from the required parking requirements (Ward 4)

CM Ebbeler made a motion to approve the Riverdale Road McDonald's DSP-12059 & DPLS-396, a 4,387 Sq. Ft. McDonald's restaurant with Drive-Thru service, with conditions. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

#### *Discussion:*

Edward Gibbs and Gary Kilfeather, representatives for the applicant, discussed the Council's comments/concerns from the October worksession. The Council had the opportunity to ask questions and review plans presented by Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Kilfeather. The Council and Town Administrator outlined the conditions to be included in the letter to the Planning Board.

2. Motion regarding the T Intersection versus the Traffic Circle at the bridge and Lafayette Avenue (Ward 2)

CM Thompson made the following motion: the Mayor is directed to move forward on all negotiations concerning the Cafritz Project to the extent possible given that the Town hereby officially chooses a roundabout intersection to connect Lafayette Avenue, Rivertech Court (extended) and the bridge across the CSX tracks to the Cafritz Project. The roundabout that the Council supports must fit within the geographic footprint bordered by the southernmost solid black line of the design provided by Joyce Engineering this evening, labeled. "007044CSX Crossing Riverdale Park Round about.dwg" and "Plotted: Oct 25, 2013 – 11:16am" (hereafter referred to as "the current roundabout design") and extending north parallel to the CSX railroad tracks, with said footprint additionally including existing pavement and sidewalks of Lafayette Avenue.

The Mayor and/or Town Administrator are also directed to engage an engineering firm other than Joyce Engineering (if practicable) to evaluate the current roundabout design against the criteria of reducing the conversion of land in the current soccer field area to transportation uses while providing efficient and safe passage of vehicles through the roundabout. That firm, or any other, should if possible make modifications to the current roundabout design towards meeting the goal of reducing the conversion of land just discussed while meeting the other criteria mentioned. The firm selected to perform this evaluation and possible modifications shall be chosen by the Mayor and/or Town Administrator in coordination with the Town Council Representative from Ward 2, the Public Works Director, and the Town Engineer if available. Details of the contract may be set by the Mayor and/or Town Administrator in consultation with the Town Council Representative from Ward 2, the Public Works Director, and the Town Engineer if available. A decision of whether to engage a firm for any of the directed actions and/or accept a new design shall be made by the Mayor in consultation with the Town Council Representative from Ward 2, the Public Works Director, and the Town Engineer if available. The motion was seconded by CM Ebbeler. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

A public meeting was held prior to the legislative meeting to discuss the T Intersection versus the Traffic Circle at the bridge and Lafayette Avenue. Bill Joyce presented several drawings and the Council and public had the opportunity to ask questions. There was significant discussion regarding the proposed roundabout as presented by Mr. Joyce. Melissa Anderson (Ward 2 resident) provided additional insight and information.

~~3. Motion to approve Dog Park MOU (Ward 2)~~

4. Motion to designate the Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Clerk to receive training for the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board

CM Thompson made a motion to designate the Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Clerk to receive training for the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

Mayor Archer stated that the motion did not prevent anyone else from receiving the Open Meetings training.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business discussed.

**New Business**

1. Motion to recognize December 7, 2013 as “Mary Donaldson Day”

CM Lingua made a motion to recognize December 7, 2013 as “Mary Donaldson Day”. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

CM Lingua chose December 7<sup>th</sup> because it is Ms. Donaldson’s birthday.

2. Motion to request that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator send a letter to Joe Caputo regarding the covenant agreements for the Wachovia property that have been unfulfilled to date.

CM Ebbeler made a motion to request that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator send a letter to Joe Caputo regarding the covenant agreements for the Wachovia property that have been unfulfilled to date. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

*Discussion:*

CM Ebbeler will read through the covenants and determine what is currently unfulfilled.

**Adjournment**

CM Ebbeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Thompson. Vote: 4-0 (favorable)

*Typed from notes by JEB.*

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