

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Mayor Alan K. Thompson
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk
Kevin Simpson, Development Services Director
Ivy Lewis, Public Projects and Services Director

Call to Order

Mayor Thompson called the Legislative Meeting to order at 8:30 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 as amended. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

Mayor Thompson recommended the following changes to the agenda:

1. Move all reports to the end of the agenda prior to adjournment.
2. Change Consent Agenda Item 2 to reflect approval with the condition that the applicant procure and install a rain barrel to offset the additional lot coverage.
3. Add Consent Agenda Item 5: Established the Town of Riverdale Park as a co-sponsor of Trolley Trail Day on June 8, 2019, and to authorize the Town Manager to make the appropriate arrangements as needed.
4. Move Legislative Action Item 4 to Consent Agenda Item 6
5. Move Legislative Action Item 6 to Consent Agenda Item 7 with the change to read: Motion to authorize the Town Manager, in consultation with the Mayor, to send a letter to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors opposing sale of parcel on Baltimore Avenue and Albion Road

Presentation

Proclamation for Public Works Week

Mayor Thompson read a proclamation, in English and in Spanish, recognizing May 19 to May 25, 2019 as Public Works Week in the Town of Riverdale Park. Operations Manager James Davis accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Department of Public Works.

Election Judges Report

CM Dixon made a motion to adopt the report from the Election Judges. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Chief Election Judge Geraldine Gee thanked everyone for coming out to vote and reported the following:

Alan Thompson received 303 votes
Marsha Dixon received 74 votes
Spiro Dimakas received 33 votes
Aaron Faulx received 106 votes
David Lingua received 51 votes
Christopher Henry received 39 votes
Colleen Richardson received 9 votes
Hala Mayers received 10 votes

There were 329 total voters and 10% of all registered voters voted in the May 6th election. There were 27 same-day voter registrations.

The Council thanked the Election Judges for their service.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the meeting materials.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Thompson thanked everyone who came out to vote and the Election Judges for their service. Mayor Thompson also expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve for another 2-year term.

Acting Town Manager's Report

Mayor Thompson stated that Acting Town Manager Smith was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

Town Clerk Barnes reported:

- Economic Development Week activities: Reception on May 8th at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Business Association Meeting and businesses invited to provide profiles to be promoted on the Town's social media platforms
- Council Orientation scheduled for May 13 and Town Attorney Fred Sussman would be attending
- Council Work Session will be held on May 20
- Town Hall and the Department of Public Works will be closed on May 27th

Finance Report

Town Clerk Barnes reported, as of April 30, 2019, subject to audit:

Expenses: \$694,438

Revenue: \$236,346

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt the Finance Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department's report was included in the meeting materials.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

Mayor Thompson reported that CM Mayers and CM Richardson were unable to attend the meeting due to illness and a family emergency.

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Marsha Dixon reported that Trolley Trail Day would be held on June 8th and a Teacher Appreciation event would be held on May 7th at Riverdale Elementary School.

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2

CM Aaron Faulx thanked Ward 2 voters and stated that he was looking forward to the opportunity to continue to serve. CM Faulx also thanked his wife, Mayor Thompson, and Sarah Weyland.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR CDC would meet on May 14th
- May 18th CKAR CDC Capital Campaign would begin
- Received correspondence from CM Glaros regarding the Purple Line issue discussed at a previous meeting and requested that the information be placed on the Town's website, if there were no objections
- Thank you to Ward 3 voters

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry thanked his constituents and stated that he was looking forward to serving for the next two years.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Fence Permit Request: 5702 Riverdale Road; 6-foot vinyl fence (Ward 4)
2. Authorize Town Manager to send a letter to Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals regarding variance request for 4504 Queensbury Road; variances of 17 feet front yard depth for the dwelling, 19 feet front street line setback 58 feet front street line setback both abutting Beale Circle for an accessory building and of 7.7% net lot coverage (Ward 1)
3. Authorize Town Manager to send a letter to Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement in support of Food Truck Hub at Town Center Market
4. Minutes: April 1, 2019 Legislative Meeting, March 25, 2019 Work Session, and February 4, 2019 Legislative Meeting
5. Establish the Town of Riverdale Park as a co-sponsor of Trolley Trail Day on June 8, 2019, and to authorize the Town Manager to make the appropriate arrangements as needed.
6. Authorize the Town Manager to send a letter of support regarding stop signs in Town of Riverdale Park- Riverdale Park Station (TRP-RPS)
7. Authorize the Town Manager, in consultation with the Mayor, to send a letter to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors opposing sale of parcel on Baltimore Avenue and Albion Road

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. CM Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Legislative Action Items:

1. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-05 regarding the FY2020 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget

CM Lingua introduced Ordinance 2019-OR-05 regarding the FY2020 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget and read the purpose section of the ordinance.

2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-04 regarding Competitive Negotiated Sale of 4603 East West Highway

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-04 regarding Competitive Negotiated Sale of 4603 East West Highway. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 3-0-2 (favorable, Mayor Thompson and CM Henry abstained)

3. Motion to authorize Public Projects and Services Director Ivy Lewis to issue and sign checks if the Acting Town Manager is for any reason unavailable to issue and/or sign checks, effective May 6, 2019

CM Faulx made a motion to authorize Public Projects and Services Director Ivy Lewis to issue and sign checks if the Acting Town Manager is for any reason unavailable to issue and/or sign checks, effective May 6, 2019. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

Mayor Thompson discussed the reason that legislative action was needed.

Sheila Smith, of 5001 Riverdale Road, asked if there would be changes after the Town Manager returned from leave. Mayor Thompson stated that the legislative action specified that the authorization to sign checks was based on an Acting Town Manager being in place. Ms. Smith asked if the Mayor was authorized to sign checks and Mayor Thompson stated that he was not authorized to sign checks as part of the change in the form of government.

4. Motion to repeal and replace Resolution 2019-R-03 appointments to Board of Election Appeals for the May 6, 2019 Town election

CM Lingua made a motion to repeal and replace Resolution 2019-R-03 appointments to Board of Election Appeals for the May 6, 2019 Town election. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson)

Discussion:

Mayor Thompson read the names that were added to the resolution.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Renaming of MARC Train Station

Mayor Thompson discussed changing the name of the MARC Train Station and the timing of the change.

Adjournment

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)