

Town of Riverdale Park
Work Session Minutes
October 28, 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 Colleen Richardson, Ward 5 (left at 9:24 p.m.)

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk
David Morris, Chief of Police
Kevin Simpson, Development Services Director
Ivy Lewis, Public Projects and Services Director

Absent

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

Call to Order

Mayor Thompson called the Work Session to order at 8:01 p.m.

Agenda Approval

There were no changes to the agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan Thompson deferred his report to the November 4th Legislative Meeting.

Public Comments

Resident Sue Sheehan of the 4700 block of Tuckerman Street outlined several concerns to include:

- Curbs to be painted
- Placement of the electronic sign board
- Delivery of leaf bags
- Illegal parking
- Placement of speed limit sign on Lafayette Avenue
- Police and fire vehicles going through stop signs without stopping
- Code violations on Quesada Road and Quintana Street
- Overgrown weeds at stop signs and corners
- Trash and recycling containers kept in front yards or on sidewalks
- Trash and donation bins overflowing at shopping center on Kenilworth Avenue

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Curb painting is scheduled for the spring

- Intent of leaf bags was cost reduction- apologies for delivering them on a rainy day
- Potential legislation to address donation bins
- 2021 Budget calendar will be distributed in mid-November
- Discussion regarding CDBG project for 48th Avenue sidewalks and CDBG application for sidewalks on Taylor Road and Oglethorpe Street
- Leaf bag have been delivered throughout Town and there has been great response from residents
- Status of recent Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for Architectural and Design Services for Municipal Center project and On-call Engineering Services and the responses to both
- New floors will be installed in staff suite (CIP project)
- New Office of Administrative Services (OAS) staff member will start on November 4th
- Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Monument with a lunch to follow at Town Center Market. Luncheon sponsored by Geppetto Catering.
- Town Hall and DPW will be closed on November 11th
- Community Walk scheduled for November 2nd at 9 a.m. in Madison Hill Community

Discussion:

CM Lingua asked for clarification regarding the plan for sidewalks. Director Simpson provided an overview of the projects included in the CDBG applications.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Marsha Dixon deferred the majority of her report to the November 4th Legislative Meeting.

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2

CM Aaron Faulx reported that a Centennial Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for November 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reminded residents to drive and walk carefully on Halloween.

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5

CM Colleen Richardson reported that while she was on vacation, Park Tanglewood Apartments went without gas or hot water. She stated that residents were also without heat a week later. She stated that Neighborhood Services had addressed the issues.

Discussion Items

1. Update on Implementation of Residential Trash Collection Contract

Public Projects and Services Director Ivy Lewis provided an update on the Residential Trash Collection Services. Director Lewis reported that a small portion of 1300 residences eligible for trash collection had reported issues and approximately 200 complaints were received over the last 120 days.

CM Faulx asked if service was improving and Director Lewis stated that she had seen some improvement.

CM Dixon stated that there continued to be inconsistent trash pick-up on Thursdays in the Arts District.

CM Dixon asked how much would be deducted from the contractor's next invoice for Liquidated Damages. Director Lewis discussed the process for calculating Liquidated Damages.

CM Dixon asked if residents should be encouraged to use the online system. Director Lewis stated that the online system provided staff with important data regarding complaints and service delivery.

Resident Sue Sheehan stated that she thought that people were confused about when Bulk Trash was collected because she saw it on the curb on different days.

2. Conditions on and along Maryland Avenue

Public Projects and Services Director Ivy Lewis described the conditions along Maryland Avenue.

Resident Sue Sheehan stated that the area had been a mess for nearly 50 years.

Town Manager Lestitian stated that the Town would be working with the CSX Local Government Liaison regarding foliage.

CM Lingua asked if there was a plan for lighting along the Hiker-Biker Trail. Town Manager Lestitian stated that the Town received a bond bill that needed to be repositioned in order to be used for lighting along the Trolley Trail. Town Manager Lestitian stated that staff would work to have the eligible uses revised during the upcoming General Assembly Session.

3. Transfer of Rivertech Court

Public Projects and Services Director Ivy Lewis provided an update on the transfer of ownership of Rivertech Court and a timeline of action.

CM Lingua recommended that the County Councilmember Glaros be included in the discussion.

4. Small Business Saturday

Development Services Director Kevin Simpson provided an overview of the Small Business Saturday Community Champion program.

Resident Sue Sheehan asked when Small Business Saturday would be held and Director Simpson replied that it was held on November 30th.

5. Ordinance 2019-OR-06 regarding Small Cell Design Guidelines

Development Services Director Kevin Simpson provided an overview of the revisions made to the Ordinance, in consultation with Town Attorney. Director Simpson stated that the legislation would be prepared for adoption at the November 4th Legislative Meeting.

Mayor Thompson thanked Director Simpson and the Town Attorney for their work and stated that the Ordinance was ready for adoption. CM Lingua concurred.

6. Ordinance 2019-OR-09 regarding Noise Control

Chief of Police David Morris provided an overview of Ordinance 2019-OR-09 regarding Noise Control.

Mayor Thompson asked if there were any limitations on applying the proposed ordinance to dual jurisdiction areas such as parks. Chief Morris stated that RPPD typically deferred noise complaints to Park Police but could take enforcement action if needed.

Mayor Thompson stated that M-UTC needed to be added to the Maximum Allowable Noise Levels table. Town Manager Lestitian stated that he would coordinate with Town Attorney Fred Sussman.

CM Dixon asked how the timeframes included in the ordinance were determined. Chief Morris stated that they were the same as what is in the current Code.

CM Dixon suggested a minor rewording of Section 49-2 Definitions, number 13 (add an OR at 13-A).

7. Ordinance 2019-OR-10 regarding weapons on Town property

Chief of Police David Morris provided an overview of Ordinance 2019-OR-10 regarding weapons on Town property.

8. Charter Amendment 2019-CR-01 regarding Article VI Finance, Section 623 Competitive Bidding

Town Manager John Lestitian provided a brief overview of Charter Amendment 2019-CR-01 regarding Article VI Finance, Section 623 Competitive Bidding.

9. Ordinance 2019-OR-11 regarding Chapter 17- Camping

Town Manager John Lestitian provided an overview of Ordinance 2019-OR-11.

10. International Property Maintenance Code

Director of Administrative Services Jessica Barnes provided a brief overview.

Mayor Thompson stated that the International Property Maintenance Code would have to be adopted by Ordinance.

11. Riverdale Park Cares: Coats for Riverdale Elementary School

Director of Administrative Services Jessica Barnes provided an overview of the request.

12. 2020 and 2021 Council Meeting Schedule

Director of Administrative Services Jessica Barnes presented the Council with draft meeting schedules for 2020 and 2021.

CM Faulx requested that the proposed April 4th Budget Public Hearing be moved to April 18, 2020. There were no objections.

13. Street Closure: Natoli Place from Queensbury Road to Lafayette Avenue at Veterans Monument from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on November 11, 2019 for annual Veterans Day Ceremony

Director of Administrative Services Jessica Barnes provided an overview of the requested street closure.

14. Minutes

Mayor Thompson requested that the Council make staff aware of any changes or corrections needed to the minutes.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

4709 Sheridan (house on left); 4707 Sheridan Street