

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2019
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

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

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

Absent

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1
CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

Call to Order

Mayor Thompson called the Legislative Meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

CM Faulx made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Presentations

Proclamation for Small Business Saturday

Mayor Thompson read a proclamation regarding Small Business Saturday in both English and Spanish. Development Services Director Kevin Simpson received the proclamation.

Proclamation for Municipal Government Works Month

Mayor Thompson read a proclamation regarding Municipal Government Works Month in both English and Spanish. Town Clerk Jessica Barnes received the proclamation.

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the Meeting Materials.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson reported:

- Meeting attendance: CM Mayers was out of the Country caring for an ill family member, CM Richardson was ill, and CM Dixon was unable to attend due to a work-related matter
- Attended presentation made by founder of Strong Towns Movement and hoped to implement some of the ideas shared

- Kickoff of Place Based initiative by Kaiser Permanente and area non-profits
- Attended 250 Texas BBQ unveiling of new smoker
- Had the honor of presenting a certificate to a community leader during the celebration of his 20 years of service
- Visit from Sister City delegation expected in December

Town Manager Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Everything October staff event and Fall Quarterly Staff Meeting were held last week
- Town Hall and DPW will be closed on Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day
- Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Monument. A lunch sponsored by Geppetto Catering will be held following the ceremony at Town Center Market
- New floors were installed in the staff suite of Town Hall
- Two proposals were received for the Architectural and Design RFP for the Municipal Building project
- Three proposals were received for the for On-call Engineering Services RFP
- FY2021 Budget calendar will be published soon and discussions are expected to begin in December

Finance Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported, as of October 31, 2019, subject to audit:

Expenditures: \$172,423

Revenue: \$ 3,133,401

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt the Finance Report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

Town Manager Lestitian stated that the Town's new automated payroll system had not connected with QuickBooks and a revised Finance Report would be available next month.

Fire Department Report

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

Council Committee & Ward Reports

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2

CM Aaron Faulx reported:

- Centennial Planning Meeting scheduled for November 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- Reminder to residents to volunteer for upcoming Centennial events
- Discussion regarding a past student who was lost to violence

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- CKAR CDC will meet on November 19th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 6801 Kenilworth Avenue; visit ckarcdc.org for details

- Greater Riverdale Community Survey available at ckarcdc.org or in lobby of Town Hall
- Halloween storm clean-up was minimal due to work by DPW to maintain the Town's tree canopy. Thank you to DPW!

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Christopher Henry reported:

- Thank you to the Town for Leaf Bag distribution at recent Madison Hill HOA meeting
- Happy Veterans Day
- Sorry to hear of CM Faulx's loss of a past student
- Reminder to residents to be mindful and aware of lane changes as a result of Purple Line construction
- Thank you to staff for the Community Walk in Madison Hill on Saturday
- Reminder to replace the batteries in home smoke detectors

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Consent Agenda Items

There were no public comments on Non-Agenda or Consent Agenda items.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. 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
2. Minutes: September 9, 2019 Legislative Meeting

CM Henry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. CM Faulx seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Charter Amendment 2019-CR-01 regarding Article VI Finance, Section 623 Competitive Bidding

CM Faulx made a motion to adopt Charter Amendment 2019-CR-01 regarding Article VI Finance, Section 623 Competitive Bidding. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua.

Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-06 regarding Small Cell Design Guidelines

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-06 regarding Small Cell Design Guidelines. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

Mayor Thompson provided an overview of the ordinance.

3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-09 regarding Noise Control

CM Henry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-09 regarding Noise Control. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

4. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-10 regarding weapons on Town property

CM Faulx introduced Ordinance 2019-OR-10 regarding weapons on Town property and provided a brief overview.

5. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-11 regarding Chapter 17- Camping

CM Faulx introduced Ordinance 2019-OR-11 regarding Chapter 17- Camping and provided a brief overview.

6. Motion to allocate \$1,400 from the FY2020 Unallocated Social Concerns line item for coats for Riverdale Elementary School students

CM Lingua made a motion to allocate \$1,400 from the FY2020 Unallocated Social Concerns line item for coats for Riverdale Elementary School students. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

University of Maryland student Temima Imen asked how it would be determined who received the coats. Town Clerk Barnes stated that the program was run by the Prince George's County Department of Social Service representative that works with Riverdale Elementary School families.

Unfinished Business

1. 2020 and 2021 Council Meeting Schedule

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2020 as amended. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

CM Faulx made a motion to amend the Council Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2020 by moving the April 4th Budget Public Hearing to April 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt the Council Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2021 through the month of June. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Discussion:

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

CM Lingua suggested that the newly elected Council should determine the remainder of the 2021 Council Meeting Schedule.

2. Walk, Bike, Drive Safety Initiative: Speed limit on Rivertech Court

Chief of Police David Morris provided an overview of the traffic safety concerns expressed by both residents and the leadership of College Park Academy.

CM Faulx stated that he was not opposed to lowering the speed limit on Rivertech Court.

CM Henry stated that he was also not opposed to lowering the speed limit.

CM Lingua made a motion to decrease the speed limit on Rivertech Court from 30 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

New Business

CM Faulx made a motion to excuse CM Mayers' absence at the November 4th Legislative Meeting. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Adjournment

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Henry. Vote: 3-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)