

Town of Riverdale Park
Legislative Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2019
8:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Mayor Alan K. Thompson
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk
David Morris, Chief of Police

Absent

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1
CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

Call to Order

Mayor Thompson called the Legislative Meeting to order at 8:02 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 Richardson.
Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Correspondence Summary

The Correspondence Summary was included in the Meeting Materials.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan K. Thompson reported:

- Updates from Purple Line CAT meeting
- Nice turnout for Veterans Day ceremony followed by luncheon at Town Center Market
- Topics discussed at recent Calvin Hawkins breakfast: Census 2020, rezoning and 5G
- Visitors from Sister City of Ipala, Guatemala are expected to arrive in December
- Recently held a meet up at Denizens and several residents attend
- Kaiser Permanente Place-based initiative taking place, visit ckarcdc.org
- Overview of upcoming Town holiday events
- Santa will visit via Fire Truck on Christmas Eve
- Report of Closed meeting on 11/18 at 7:30 p.m. to consult with counsel to receive legal advice and to consult with staff. Meeting ended at 8:04 p.m. Mayor Thompson, CMs Dixon, Faulx, Lingua and Mayers, Town Attorney Fred Sussman, Finance and Employee Services Paul Smith and Town Manager John Lestitian attended.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Upcoming holiday events; times and locations
- Overview of Riverdale Park Gives holiday events: toy drive, food basket delivery, and Shop with a Cop

Finance Report

Town Manager Lestitian stated that the Finance Reports would be available for adoption at a Special Legislative Meeting on December 16th.

Fire Department Report

There was no Fire Department report.

Council Committee & Ward Reports

Mayor Thompson reported that CM Dixon was unable to attend the meeting due to work and CM Henry was sick.

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2

CM Aaron Faulx provided an update on upcoming Centennial events.

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM David Lingua reported:

- Giving Tuesday: Sarvis Café Project; tile fundraiser is ongoing, visit ckarcdc.org for details
- A letter of support has been requested by CKAR Executive Director Patricia Hayes-Parker for a Bond Bill for the Sarvis Café Project
- Attending an upcoming celebration for Mary Donaldson's 90th birthday
- Happy holidays to everyone- stay safe!

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5

CM Colleen Richardson did not have a report.

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

CM Hala Mayers wished everyone happy holidays.

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 closing of Town Center parking lot from midnight December 13, 2019 to 9:00 p.m. on December 14, 2019 for Holiday Market and Festival of Lights (Ward 1)
2. Minutes: October 7, 2019 Legislative Meeting, October 28, 2019 Public Hearing, November 4, 2019 Legislative Meeting

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

Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract with Frederick Ward Associates for the Municipal Center Project: Architectural Services

Town Manager Lestitian provided an overview of the request.

CM Faulx made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement for Architectural and Design Services with Frederick Ward Associates for an amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Nine Thousand Forty Dollars (\$209,040). The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-10 regarding Chapter 65- Weapons on Town property

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-10 regarding Chapter 65- Weapons on Town property. The motion was seconded by CM Richardson. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-11 regarding Chapter 17- Camping

CM Faulx made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-11 regarding Chapter 17- Camping. The motion was seconded by CM Mayers. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

4. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-12 regarding amendments to Chapter 64 Vehicles and Traffic

CM Faulx made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-OR-12 regarding amendments to Chapter 64 Vehicles and Traffic. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

5. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a Letter of Consent to the U.S. Department of State regarding Refugee Resettlement

CM Richardson made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to send a Letter of Consent to the U.S. Department of State regarding Refugee Resettlement. The motion was seconded by CM Mayers. Vote: 5-0 (Favorable)

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

1. Mayor Thompson stated that he had been contacted by the Mayor of Greenbelt regarding a letter from area jurisdictions expressing concerns about proposed amendments to the I-495 and I-270 P3 Program. Mayor Thompson requested permission to sign the letter and there were no objections.
2. Request for letter of support for CKAR's state bond bill
CM Lingua requested that the request for a letter of support be added to the December 16th Special Legislative Meeting agenda. There were no objections.

3. CM Faulx made a motion to declare December 7th as Mary Donaldson Day. The motion was seconded by CM Mayers. Vote: 5-0 (Favorable)
4. CM Richardson reported that a streetlight was out at 54th Avenue and Riverdale Road.
5. CM Lingua made a motion to donate a Town flag to the Donaldson family. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable; Mayor Thompson abstained)

Adjournment

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)