

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008**

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor	
CM Alice Ewen Walker	Ward 1	Not Present – Work Related
CM Kate Sharpe	Ward 2	
CM David Lingua	Ward 3	
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4	
CM Timothy Kimbrough	Ward 5	
CM Keelah Allen-Smith	Ward 6	Not Present – Due to illness

Town Administrator- Patrick Prangle
Chief of Police- Acting Chief Patrick Timmons
Director of Public Works- Acting Director Michael Scott

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:25p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda- CM Lingua
Second- CM Sharpe
Approved

Mayor's Report

Mayor stated that there was an incident in the Public Works building, where a hangman's noose was hung. Mayor stated that on December 17th, 2007 there was a Special Executive Meeting held and this incident was discussed. Mayor stated that the Council made a resolution that was unanimously voted, to instruct Fred Sussman, the Town Attorney, to investigate the incident. Mayor stated that there will be a training course that will be offered by LGIT, on January 23rd, 2008. Mayor stated that this will be Government wide, to make certain that all employees in Riverdale Park need to be respecting cultural diversity and be aware of the Federal and State Laws. Mayor stated that after a lengthy and careful process a new Chief of Police has been nominated. Mayor stated that the nominated Chief's name is Theresa Chambers and will be speaking later on. Mayor stated that CM Walker is not with us this evening, due to being out of town work related, and CM Allen-Smith is not with us this evening, due to doctor's orders.

This concludes the Mayor's Report.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Prangle stated that in regards to the upcoming training counseling session. LGIT will be bringing in there experts. Mr. Prangle stated in regards to the grant that was

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Approved and discussed in the December Meeting, in regards to Rhode Island Ave. and we have submitted an application. There is an ongoing follow up regarding Kennedy Smith and we are going to be prepared on the upcoming meeting when it is scheduled.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report.

Code Enforcement Report

Mr. Prangley read the Code Enforcement Report. (Copies available)

This concludes the Code Enforcement Report.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Prangley read the Treasurer's Report. (Copies available)

Motion to approve subject to audit- CM Sharpe

Second-CM Henry

Approved

This concludes the Treasurer's Report.

Police Department Report

Acting Chief Timmons gave the Police Department Report. (Copies available)

This concludes the Police Department Report.

Public Works Report

Acting Director Michael Scott gave the Public Works Report (copies available)

This concludes the Public Works Report.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 2, CM Sharpe, Finance Chairman

CM Sharpe stated that as far as Ward 2, thank you everyone for the Holiday Market and Festival of Lights, it was a fun evening for everyone. CM Sharpe stated that on December 11th, 2007 there was a Finance Meeting. CM Sharpe stated that we have budgeted software for Code and Accounting, a presentation was giving on code enforcement software, and the council has some new questions. CM Sharpe stated that QuickBooks has been also looked into. CM Sharpe stated that we are also using a different lender for the Police vehicles.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Sharpe's Report.

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Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Works

CM Lingua stated that the Holiday Market and Festival of Lights was a great success, and thanks all of the many members who helped out, we could not have done it without you. CM Lingua stated in terms of Public Works, we are looking to reach a resolution in the situation concerning Public Works. CM Lingua stated that we will be working to set up something in the future to make more awareness for diversity. CM Lingua stated in regards to the Ward 3, a resident on Nicholson St. sent a letter in, in regards to try and work with the businesses down at the end of the street, in terms of parking.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report.

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Safety

CM Henry stated that big kudos to the Fire Department, you guys lit up the neighborhood this season. CM Henry stated that he has great concerns on the Good Luck corridor and exceeding the speed limit. CM Henry stated that he was wondering if the LCD flashing signal to get people more aware of the speed limit could be set in place.

This concludes, Ward 4, CM Henry's Report.

Ward 5, CM Kimbrough

CM Kimbrough stated that ward 5 is certainly a beautiful place to live. CM Kimbrough stated that there were two signs that were removed in the neighborhood, and there is graffiti on the sidewalk around the area of 54th Pl.

This concludes, Ward 5, CM Kimbrough's Report.

Public Comments:

Allen Thompson
4711 Sheridan St.

Mr. Thompson stated that he expresses his appreciation on the careful discussion and also this evening there was also a meeting prior to this meeting and he stated that it is the law that the Mayor comments about the prior meeting.

Legislative Action

1. Fire Department Nominations.

The Town of Riverdale Park does not formally manage the day to day operations of the Fire Department; they are a Charter Grant Agency. The Town has certain connections with the Fire Department. Council approval is needed to elect official officers. The Council requested that the Fire Department bring the nominees or their resumes to next year's meeting.

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CM Henry made a motion to approve the nominees

CM Lingua- Second

Approved

Fire Department Report

Fire Department Report was given. (Copies available)

This concludes the Fire Department Report.

2. Nomination for Theresa Chambers for Chief of Police for the Town of Riverdale Park.

Theresa Chambers was introduced, she thanked the Town for giving her the opportunity to serve the Town, and she greatly accepts the nominations for Chief of Police for the Town of Riverdale Park.

CM Henry made a motion to elect Theresa Chambers as Chief of Police for the Town of Riverdale Park.

CM Sharpe-Second

Mayor stated that the Executive Session held before the Meeting, was an opportunity to meet Ms. Theresa Chambers and to discuss with her, her resume, and to give us plenty of time to oversee.

Approved.

3. Approval of December 3, 2007 Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes.

CM Sharpe- Made a motion

CM Lingua- Second

Approved

4. Approval of December 12, 2007 Special Legislative Meeting Minutes.

CM Henry- Made a motion

CM Lingua- Second

Approved

New Business:

Approval for a handicap spot in front of the residence of 4701 Nicholson St. pending the proper requisition.

CM Lingua- Made a motion

CM Henry- Second

Approved

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CM Sharpe-Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

CM Henry- Second

Approved

Meeting adjourned at 10:12p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Kiernan on January 28, 2008.