

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen Walker	Ward 1
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

Town Administrator- Patrick Prangley
Chief of Police- Chief Theresa Chambers
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 Walker
Second- CM Lingua

Approved

Mayor's Report

Mayor stated that he met with the Chief of the Fire Department, and discussed with him an alternative plan for the one way traffic on Queensbury Rd. in front of the Fire House. Mayor stated that there is talk that a street light fixture be installed, but further investigation is in place. Mayor stated that he had a meeting with County Council Member Eric Olsen on attempting to stop the application for a liquor license on 5552 Kenilworth Ave. Mayor stated that the Council voted to oppose this application in the December Legislative Meeting. Mayor stated that it is unclear if there will be a drive through in the application but it will continue to be an on/off of liquor sales. Mayor stated that anyone can express their opinion regarding this application. Mayor stated that anyone can write a letter opposing the application, and to mail it to the Board of License Commissioners in Riverdale Park attention Franklin Jackson. Mayor stated that there are also already sixteen locations in Riverdale Park that already have their liquor licenses. Mayor stated that there will be a hearing on February 26th at 6200 Baltimore Ave. and anyone is welcome to show up.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

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Treasurer's Report

Mr. Prangley gave the Treasurer's Report. (Copies Available)

Motion to Approve Subject to Audit- CM Sharpe
Second- CM Walker

Approved

This concludes the Treasurer's Report.

Code Enforcement Report

Mr. Prangley gave the Code Enforcement Report. (Copies Available)

This concludes the Code Enforcement Report.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Prangley stated that staff in all Departments are working in cooperation on the 08-09 Budget. Mr. Prangley stated that the storm drain street improvement project will be beginning soon. Mr. Prangley stated that the CDBG project will begin by next month. Mr. Prangley stated that in regards to the Hiker Biker Trail we will be talking about it next month. Mr. Prangley stated that the Weather Climate Control Center is moving along nicely.

Deputy Town Administrator, Penny Guzman, stated that we have set up a meeting with Council Member Eric Olsen regarding the CDBG Grant. Ms. Guzman stated that there was a presentation last week on the Purple Line and everyone should have a copy of that. Lastly, Ms. Guzman stated that there will be a meeting regarding Kenilworth Ave. with all the apartment managers, and Code Enforcement on February 12th, and on February 16th there will be a public meeting regarding Kenilworth Ave.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report.

Police Department Report

Chief of Police Teresa Chambers gave the Police Department Report. (Copies Available)

Motion to accept the report- CM Henry
Second- CM Lingua

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This concludes the Police Department Report.

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Public Works Report

Acting Director Michael Scott gave the Public Works Report. (Copies Available)

Motion to accept the report- CM Lingua

Second- CM Walker

Approved

Fire Department Report

Steve Landfur gave the Fire Department Report. (Copies Available)

This concludes the Fire Department Report.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Walker, Economic Development

CM Walker stated that she would like to thank the Town Staff on coordinating with CSX and dealing with the flood issues. CM Walker stated that the bike path title search is done and we will be hearing more on that from the Attorney. CM Walker stated that the little Giant has trucks in the parking lot that they are leasing space, and we need to remind the store what the law is regarding parking trucks in the parking lot. CM Walker thanked Public Works for installing a one way street sign on Dupont Circle. CM Walker stated that the fence adjacent to Crescent City, is in disrepair. CM Walker stated that if we could coordinate with Crescent City to get it repaired that would be great.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Walker's Report.

Ward 2, CM Sharpe, Finance Chairman

CM Sharpe stated that on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00p.m. there will be a finance committee meeting. CM Sharpe stated that there was a presentation from the auditor last week at the work session, and the overall audit showed that the Town is in great finance status. CM Sharpe thanked Chief Chambers for her prompt response on graffiti that was outside of the town boundaries. CM Sharpe stated that she would like to talk to Public Works or Chief Chambers on how we can possibly prevent graffiti.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Sharpe's Report.

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Works

CM Lingua stated that there is a hearing on Thursday, February 7th, at 7:30p.m. on the renovations on Town Hall. CM Lingua stated that there will be a Public Works committee meeting at 7:15p.m. on Monday, February 11th. CM Lingua stated that the

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Council would like a copy of the Public Works Report, and would also like a copy of the Code Enforcement Report. CM Lingua stated that there will be a Traffic Study Committee meeting on February 5th at 7:00p.m. we are going to be looking on something that has to do with safe schools. CM Lingua thanked Mr. Scott and the Public Works crew for working with park and planning on the culverts on Riverside Dr. and getting them cleaned up. CM Lingua stated that there is a handicap spot on 4700 block of Nicholson St. and is not sure if the resident has come to fill out the paperwork for installation of the sign but that will be happening soon. CM Lingua stated that we are still having problems regarding the Shoemaker Property on the parking situations and we need to schedule a meeting with the property owner on trying to resolve the parking issues.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report.

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Safety

CM Henry stated that he had a chance to sit down with the new Chief of Police and stated that he is very impressed and excited to see the new improvements of the Police Department. CM Henry commended Mr. Scott for his reports that he has been giving him, he stated that they are very informative, and he commended him on all of his hard work. CM Henry stated that the Madison Hill residents are looking forward to meeting the new Chief of Police. CM Henry stated that he will be writing an article in next month's Town Crier.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report.

Ward 5, CM Kimbrough

CM Kimbrough stated that Ward 5 is relatively quiet, and the loitering, littering and graffiti has been minimized. CM Kimbrough stated that Ward 5 is a nice place to live.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Kimbrough's Report.

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Public Affairs

CM Allen-Smith stated that the Kenilworth Revitalization project is still moving along nicely. CM Allen-Smith stated that there will be a meeting on February 12th, with the apartment managers. CM Allen-Smith thanked public works for cleaning up the empty lot off of 54th avenue, and she stated that Code is working with the property owners. CM Allen-Smith stated that she would like to ask the residents to come to the meeting on February 12th to express your opinions.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith's Report.

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Public Comment

Allen Thompson stated that the Liquor License has already been opposed, but he would like to encourage the Council to bring it back up in Old Business.

Action Items:

1. Additional Committee Assignments.

Mayor stated that Mr. Timothy Kimbrough was nominated as Council Member for ward 5, but was not nominated for a committee. The nominations are for chairmanship for the Legislative Committee and for member of Public Works and Community Affairs committees; and changing CM Allen-Smith to Economic Development committee.

Made a motion-CM Walker
Second- CM Henry
Approved

2. Approval of Minutes for Regular Legislative Meeting on January 7, 2008.

Made a motion- CM Sharpe
Second- CM Henry
Approved

3. Proposal for Art Show on May 4, 2008 to be held at Town Center.

CM Walker made a motion to approve up to \$3,500.00 to support the May 4, 2008 Art Show, to be held at Town Center, and to have Public Works and Police resources available to be there to support the event.
Second- CM Sharpe
Approved

Mayor & Council moved into close session to discuss personnel matter

Made a motion- CM Walker
Second- CM Sharpe
Approved

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4. Resolution to purchase a light for Ravenswood.

Made a motion- CM Walker
Second- CM Lingua

Acting Director Michael Scott spoke about the quote that was received for installing a light on Ravenswood Rd.

Approved

5. Resolution to write a letter of support for the Metropolitan Connections (TLC) Technical Assistance Program to assist in Preparing a streetcar/tram/trolley feasibility and mobility study to support planning and economic efforts in communities along the US 1 Corridor between College Park and the Port Towns.

Made a motion- CM Lingua
Second- CM Walker
Approved

CM Walker moved to combine items 6 and 7 on agenda
Second- CM Lingua
Approved

6&7. To reintroduce and approve resolution 2007-R-18 reference materials provided to incoming council members, and resolution 2007-R-19 establishing a Library or reference documents.

Made a motion- CM Walker
Second- CM Sharpe
Approved

8. Resolution 2008-R-01 Approve additional requirements for Marquette Leasing Bank for Capital Equipment both in Police & Public Works.

Made a motion- CM Sharpe
Second- CM Walker

Mr. Prangley gave an overview on using Marquette Bank for Capital Equipment

Approved

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9. Resolution 2008-R-02 Position on Senate Bill 44.

Made a motion- CM Lingua
Second- CM Sharpe
Approved

10. Support of endorsement on Mayors Climate Proposal.

Made a motion- CM Sharpe
Second- CM Walker

CM Sharpe gave a short overview of what Mayors Climate Proposal is.

Approved

11. Action to authorize T-mobile to install Communications Antenna/Tower at 6313 Rhode Island Avenue. Approve permit application for 6 antennas to existing cell phone tower and fence improvement.

Made a motion- CM Walker
Second- CM Henry

Mr. Prangle spoke about this installation.

Friendly amendment made by CM Henry to put a cap on the number of towers on site and that a maintenance procedure be in place for fence which houses the tower/antennas. Mayor suggested to seriously consider making this an ordinance instead.

Approved

12. Resolution instructing Town Staff to investigate coordinating with neighboring jurisdictions to combat gypsy moth infestation and tree loss.

Made a motion- CM Walker
Second- CM Lingua
Approved

13. Action to approve permit to protest the application for a liquor license at 5552 Kenilworth Ave. between sunrise and sundown on February 23, 2008

Made a motion- CM Sharpe
Second- CM Henry

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Friendly amendment that protest take place between sunrise and sunset.

Approved

New Business

1. CM Henry expressed concern for only allowing parking on one side of the street in the Madison Hill development.

2. CM Kimbrough state that Colleen/Code Enforcement needs voicemail.

Motion to adjourn the meeting- CM Lingua
Second-CM Allen Smith

Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Kiernan on February 12, 2008