

**Town of Riverdale Park
Special Legislative Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2022**

In Attendance

Mayor Alan K. Thompson
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Thomas Sadiq, Ward 4
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk/Director of Administrative Services
Ryan Chelton, Director of Development Services
Robert Turner, Captain, Police Department
Gentry Jones, Deputy Director of Finance Services
Ivy Lewis, Director of Public Projects and Services
Paul Smith, Director of Finance and Employee Services

Absent

CM Richard Smith, Ward 1
CM Karen Mejia, Ward 5

Call to Order

Mayor Thompson called the Special Legislative Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the Special Legislative Meeting agenda for May 23, 2022. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Richard Smith, Ward 1: Absent
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye
CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye
CM Thomas Sadiq, Ward 4: Aye
CM Karen Mejia, Ward 5: Absent
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye
Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstained

Discussion:

CM Lingua asked if the Council wanted to consider providing comments on the County's Police Accountability legislation, which was scheduled to be heard on May 31st, during the Special Legislative Meeting or during the Work Session. CM Lingua suggested that the Special Legislative Meeting could be recessed, the topic could be discussed during the Work Session, and the Council could return to the Special Legislative Meeting to take action, if needed. There were no objections.

There were no stated conflicts of interest.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Legislative Action Item

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-03 regarding FY2023 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-OR-03 regarding FY2023 Operating and CIP Budget and Tax Rates. The motion was seconded by CM Mayers. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Richard Smith, Ward 1: Absent
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye
CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye
CM Thomas Sadiq, Ward 4: Aye
CM Karen Mejia, Ward 5: Absent
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye
Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstained

Discussion:

CM Lingua stated that the budget had been discussed many times since December and the Council was now at the point in the process where a balanced budget, that reflected the Town's values as outlined by the vision and commitment statements, could be adopted. CM Lingua thanked the staff for their work and the public for providing input and feedback.

Deputy Finance Director Gentry Jones provided an overview of the changes that were made to the budget since the introduction of the ordinance. Town Manager Lestitian clarified that all the changes outlined by Deputy Director Jones were within the CIP budget.

Mayor Thompson asked if the ordinance included in the meeting materials, had been adjusted to reflect the changes outlined by Deputy Director Jones. Deputy Director Jones replied in the affirmative. Mayor Thompson asked CM Lingua and CM Mayers if it was their intent to make a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented in the meeting materials, which was effectively a replacement of the introduced ordinance with the new text. CM Lingua stated that it was his intent to adopt the ordinance as presented and amended as outlined by staff and CM Mayers agreed.

There were no additional Council comments or public comments.

CM Lingua made a motion to recess the Special Legislative Meeting at 7:19 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Richard Smith, Ward 1: Absent
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye
CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye

CM Thomas Sadiq, Ward 4: Aye
CM Karen Mejia, Ward 5: Absent
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye
Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstained

The Mayor and Council returned from recess at 9:04 p.m.

New Business

Police Accountability Legislation

CM Lingua made a motion to establish a subcommittee, comprised of Mayor Thompson, CM Lingua, and CM Mayers (chair of the Public Safety Committee), to review for comment County Bills 021 through 024 for the year 2022 in order to consider providing comment on behalf of the entire Council at the County Council Meeting of the Whole on May 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Richard Smith, Ward 1: Absent
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye
CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye
CM Thomas Sadiq, Ward 4: Aye
CM Karen Mejia, Ward 5: Absent
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye
Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstained

Discussion:

A friendly amendment was made and accepted by CMs Lingua and Faulx to state the membership of the subcommittee in the motion.

CM Lingua expressed his appreciation to staff.

CM Faulx asked when information would be shared with the Council and Mayor Thompson stated that it would likely be on Saturday night (May 28th). CM Lingua stated that he was comfortable with the deadline.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Adjournment

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting at 9:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Richard Smith, Ward 1: Absent
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye
CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye
CM Thomas Sadiq, Ward 4: Aye
CM Karen Mejia, Ward 5: Absent
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye
Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstained

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