

Town of Riverdale Park
Special Legislative Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2023
7:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Mayor Alan K. Thompson
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2
CM David Lingua, Ward 3
CM Thomas Sadiq, Ward 4
CM Karen Mejia, Ward 5 (arrived at 7:47 p.m.)
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

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

Absent

CM Richard Smith, Ward 1

Call to Order

Mayor Thompson called the Special Legislative Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

CM Faulx made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 27, 2023, Special Legislative Meeting. The motion was seconded by CM Sadiq. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Alan K. Thompson: Abstained
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

Discussion:

There were no changes to the agenda or stated conflicts of interest.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Legislative Action Items

1. Motion to adopt Monthly Finance Report

CM Lingua made a motion to adopt the Monthly Finance Reports, subject to audit. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Alan K. Thompson: Abstained
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

Discussion:

Deputy Director of Finance Services Gentry Jones provided an overview of the monthly finance reports.

Mayor Thompson noted that the Town was poised to meet the revenue goals for FY2023 and he hoped for a significant surplus at the end of the year.

2. Motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2023-OR-05 regarding Amendment to Property Maintenance Code

CM Faulx made a motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2023-OR-05 regarding Amendment to Property Maintenance Code. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Alan K. Thompson: Abstained
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

Discussion:

CM Faulx provided an overview of the ordinance.

New Business

County Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program Legislation

Mayor Thompson noted that CM Smith had requested that the County's Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program Legislation be added to the agenda as New Business however, he was not present at the meeting to lead the discussion. Mayor Thompson stated that a copy of the legislation was included in the meeting materials.

CM Sadiq stated that he supported the concept of Universal Basic Income programs, but he was concerned about the data collection component. CM Sadiq also stated that he was concerned about the selection of the program participants.

CM Faulx discussed a recent documentary, Stockton on My Mind, that he had seen recently regarding Guaranteed Basic Income programs and poverty. CM Faulx stated that he was supportive of the pilot program.

CM Lingua suggested discussing the legislation at the April Legislative Meeting. CM Faulx agreed.

There were no public comments.

Council Attendance

At the request of Mayor Thompson, Director Barnes provided an update on the Council's attendance and noted that the State of the Town presentation was considered a regular meeting of the Council.

CM Faulx made a motion to excuse CM Sadiq from the State of the Town presentation. The motion was seconded by CM Mayers. Vote: 3-0-2 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Adjournment

CM Faulx made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Sadiq. Vote: 5-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Alan K. Thompson: Abstained
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: Aye
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye