**Town of Riverdale Park**

**Special Legislative Meeting Minutes**

**April 17, 2021**

**In Attendance**

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2

CM David Lingua, Ward 3

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager

Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk/Director of Administrative Services

Paul Smith, Finance and Employee Services Director

David Morris, Chief of Police

Ivy Lewis, Public Projects and Services Director

Ryan Chelton, Development Services Director

**Absent**

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5

**Call to Order**

Mayor Thompson called the Special Legislative meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the Special Legislative Meeting agenda for April 17, 2021. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 5-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1: Aye

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye

CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4: Aye

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5: Absent

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstained

*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 authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Jeda, Inc. for residential trash collection services

CM Dixon made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Jeda, Inc. for residential trash collection services. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-2 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1: Aye

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye

CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4: Abstain

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5: Absent

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstain

*Discussion:*

Mayor Thompson stated that the Town had been in a long process to try to come to an agreement with the current vendor on trash collections services, but the negotiations did not have a fruitful outcome. Mayor Thompson stated that the problems continued to exist with the current vendor and the Town needed to act before the quoted rate on trash collection services from Jeda, Inc. expired.

CM Henry asked when the new vendor would begin providing services. Director Lewis reported that it would be approximately 120 days after the contract was signed, if authorized by the Mayor and Council.

Resident Lora Katz stated that she appreciated the change in trash collection services that was pursued. Ms. Katz asked if the new contract would be available to the public and Town Manager Lestitian replied that the contract was included in the meeting materials. Ms. Katz stated that she appreciated the Town’s focus on sustainability as it related to trash collection. Ms. Katz also stated that she had lived in the Town for ten (10) years, and she was aware of the challenges related to the current vendor as well as the Town’s attempts to resolve them. Ms. Katz stated that she was looking forward to the new contractor and it was a positive step.

Mayor Thompson stated that the bid included electronics recycling. Town Manager Lestitian stated that Director Lewis would work with the Sustainability Committee (RPSC) to explore options related to electronics recycling. Director Lewis stated that she would work with RPSC to determine best options related to electronics recycling.

1. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to send notice of termination to current vendor for residential trash collection services

CM Faulx made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to send notice of termination to current vendor for residential trash collection services. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-2 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1: Aye

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye

CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4: Abstain

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5: Absent

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstain

*Discussion:*

CM Lingua asked about the timing of the notice to the current contractor. Town Manager Lestitian stated that staff would work with the Town Attorney, Mr. Sussman, and expected that a letter could go out within 2 days. Town Manager Lestitian stated that the current agreement required 120-day notice and it was not an immediate termination.

Mayor Thompson stated that it was unfortunate that the Town did not receive the level of services by current vendor and the Town needed to respond to the concerns raised by members of the community.

1. Motion to repeal and replace Resolution 2021-R-02 confirming appointments and establishing compensation for Judges for May 3, 2021 Town election

CM Dixon made a motion to repeal and replace Resolution 2021-R-02 confirming appointments and establishing compensation for Judges for May 3, 2021 Town election. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 5-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1: Aye

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye

CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4: Aye

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5: Absent

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstain

*Discussion:*

Mayor Thompson discussed the change to the Resolution.

CM Lingua stated that the name of the Deputy Chief Election Judge did not match the name on the Election Notices. Director Barnes stated that the Deputy Chief Election Judge’s legal name was used on the Election Notices and the Resolution would be revised to reflect the Deputy Chief Election Judge’s legal name. The revision was accepted as a friendly amendment.

1. Motion to repeal and replace Resolution 2021-R-03 appointing members of the Board of Election Appeals for the May 3, 2021 Town election

CM Faulx made a motion to repeal and replace Resolution 2021-R-03 appointing members of the Board of Election Appeals for the May 3, 2021 Town election. The motion was seconded by CM Mayers. Vote: 5-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1: Aye

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye

CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4: Aye

CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5: Absent

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstain

*Discussion:*

Mayor Thompson stated that in past the Board of Election Appeals had as few as only one member. Mayor Thompson explained that the Board of Election Appeals was not active until after the election and only if an election was contested.

CM Lingua clarified that six of the seven positions would be filled through the replacement Resolution.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**Adjournment**

CM Lingua made a motion to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting at 9:54 a.m. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 5-0-1 (Favorable)

Roll Call Vote

CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1: Aye

CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2: Aye

CM David Lingua, Ward 3: Aye

CM Christopher Henry, Ward 4: Aye

CM Colleen Richardson: Absent

CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6: Aye

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor: Abstain