

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Special Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**November 18, 2019**

**In Attendance**

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor  
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1  
CM Aaron Faulx, Ward 2  
CM David Lingua, Ward 3  
CM Hala Mayers, Ward 6

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk  
Kevin Simpson, Director of Development Services  
Ivy Lewis, Public Projects and Services Director  
David Morris, Chief of Police

**Call to Order**

Mayor Thompson called the Special Legislative meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

CM Dixon made a motion to approve the Special Legislative Meeting agenda as amended for November 18, 2019. The motion was seconded by CM Lingua. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

**Presentation**

Chief of Police David Morris and Mayor Alan Thompson presented Corey Bettenhausen with the Chief's Award for his service as Chair of the Chief's Community Advisory Committee (CCAC).

Corey Bettenhausen provided comments regarding the Riverdale Park Police Department and noted that the CCAC would meet in January 2020 and every other month following.

The Council thanked Mr. Bettenhausen for his contributions and service to the Town.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Legislative Action Items**

1. Motion to withdraw introduction of 2019-OR-10 regarding weapons on Town property

CM Faulx made a motion to withdraw the introduction of 2019-OR-10 regarding weapons on Town property. The motion was seconded by CM Mayers. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Town Manager Lestitian explained that there were no changes to the legislation except to create a new Chapter of the Town Code instead of adding a new section to Peace and Good Order.

2. Introduction of 2019-OR-10 regarding Chapter 65- Weapons on Town property

CM Faulx introduced 2019-OR-10 regarding Chapter 65- Weapons on Town property.

3. Introduction of Ordinance 2019-OR-12 regarding amendments to Chapter 64 Vehicles and Traffic

CM Dixon introduced Ordinance 2019-OR-12 regarding amendments to Chapter 64 Vehicles and Traffic.

4. Motion to authorize Town Manager to sign a conditioned Agreement of Sale to acquire 5002 Queensbury Road

CM Faulx made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign a conditioned Agreement of Sale to acquire 5002 Queensbury Road. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

*Discussion:*

Town Manager Lestitian stated that the Agreement of Sale was the first public step in acquiring the property. Town Manager Lestitian provided an overview of the funding sources.

5. Motion regarding request for financial assistance to support Thanksgiving Food Basket program

CM Lingua made a motion to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$1,000 from the Unallocated Social Concerns fund, in addition to the \$300 already provided, to support the Thanksgiving Food Baskets program through the Christian Life Center. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (Favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained).

CM Faulx stated that he would like to see the Unallocated Social Concerns fund doubled in the future.

- ~~6. Motion to approve closure of Queensbury Road between Natoli Place and Lafayette Avenue on Saturday, November 23 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Opening of Town Center Market Patio~~

### **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 8:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Faulx. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)