

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Special Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**March 26, 2018**

**In Attendance**

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor  
CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1  
CM David Lingua, Ward 3  
CM Colleen Richardson, Ward 5  
CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager  
Leonard Addison, Public Works Director  
Patrick Timmons, Lieutenant Colonel, Riverdale Park Police Department  
Andrew Powell, Lieutenant, Riverdale Park Police Department  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk  
Kevin Simpson, Development Services Director

**Call to Order**

Mayor Thompson called the Special Legislative meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

CM Lingua made a motion to approve the Special Legislative meeting agenda for March 26, 2018. The motion was seconded by CM Richardson. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Legislative Action Items**

1. Motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign a sole source agreement for the acquisition of a body camera system

CM Lingua made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign a sole source agreement for the acquisition of a body camera system. The motion was seconded by CM Dixon. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)

Town Manager Lestitian stated that he had reported to the Mayor and Council in October and November about implementing a body worn camera program. Mr. Lestitian stated that the packet memo showed the five-year cost of the program as approximately \$99,000, however the year one cost is approximately \$25,000 and section 15.2 of the Axon agreement shows that the Town can back out of the contract at any time if they choose not to budget for the program in the future.

Lt. Powell discussed the implementation of the body worn camera program for the Riverdale Park Police Department and discussed the company selected after extensive research. Lt. Powell gave an overview of the benefits of Axon brand products and Evidence.com Data Management Solutions.

CM Lingua asked if the proposed body worn cameras program would be in compliance with standards in that field. Lt. Powell replied that Axon Body Worn Cameras and Evidence.com Data Management Solutions was Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) compliant and not all vendors that were researched were compliant.

CM Dixon asked for clarification regarding pricing and the number of cameras that were being purchased. Lt. Powell gave an overview of the pricing and stated that the Town would purchase 18 cameras and receive 2 additional at no cost.

CM Dixon if RPPD had policies and procedures in place for the body worn cameras program. Lt. Powell discussed the timeline for the purchase and set-up of the body worn cameras and the timeline for having policies and procedures in place. CM Dixon asked if the policies and procedures would be in place before the officers start using them and Lt. Powell stated that they would be and staff were currently reviewing model policies.

CM Dixon asked what the TASER Assurance Program was and Lt. Powell explained that Axon Enterprise was formerly TASER International and the Assurance Program was a payment program.

Mayor Thompson asked if additional cameras could be purchased if more officers were hired. Lt. Powell explained that extra cameras would be available, if needed.

Resident Bruce Wernek of 4606 Queensbury Road asked how the video data was stored and managed. Lt. Powell stated that the video data storage was web based and cloud based with unlimited storage. Lt. Powell also stated that staff was familiar with the video data storage program as it is similar to the record management program that RPPD has had for over 5 years. Lt. Powell also stated that Axon provides training and will come out to assist with the initial set-up.

Resident Corey Bettenhauser asked about the Signal Sidearm Sensor and Lt. Powell discussed regarding issues with the program and why RPPD will not utilize the Signal Sidearm Sensor.

Resident Alison Spain of Tuckerman Street asked if there would be a policy regarding turning video or audio on or off on the body worn cameras and if there were any other vendors that provided a body worn camera that could not be turned off. Lt. Powell stated that he expected for RPPD's body work camera policies to be similar to the in car cameras policy which stipulates when an officer can turn the camera on or off. Lt. Powell also stated that the ability to turn off audio can be removed remotely and the cameras contained an audit function to see when the camera is a turned on or turn off.

### **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 8:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Richardson. Vote: 4-0-1 (favorable, Mayor Thompson abstained)