

**Town of Riverdale Park**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**June 25, 2018**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

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

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager  
Leonard Addison, Public Works Director  
Patrick Timmons, Lieutenant Colonel, Riverdale Park Police Department  
Paul Smith, Finance and Employee Services Director  
Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk  
Kevin Simpson, Development Services Director

**Call to Order**

Mayor Thompson called the work session to order at 8:05 p.m.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Alan Thompson reported:

- MUTC meeting will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- 20-year anniversary of Farmer's Market
- Reminder for everyone to vote in primary tomorrow
- Attended the opening of bridge last Friday

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Presentations**

Recognition of Public Works Director Leonard Addison and Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Timmons  
Mayor Thompson presented Director Addison and Lieutenant Colonel Timmons with certificates of appreciation and gifts in honor of their retirement.

Proclamation recognizing the 10-year Anniversary of Sister City

Mayor Thompson read a proclamation recognizing the 10-year anniversary of the Town's Sister City relationship with Ipala, Guatemala in English and in Spanish.

2018 Calendar Year Staff Team Goals: Midyear Update

Town Manager Lestitian gave a mid-year update on the Staff Team's goals for calendar year 2018.

**Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager John N. Lestitian reported:

- Community Walk will be held on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
- Town Hall and Department of Public Works will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Movie Night will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>

- National Night Out will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm
- Neighborhood Specialists have obtained ICC certification
- Update on Riverdale Elementary School Playground
- Summer Youth Employment Program has started
- Best wishes to Director Addison and Lieutenant Colonel Timmons

## **Council Committee & Ward Reports**

### **CM Marsha Dixon, Ward 1**

CM Marsha Dixon thanked Director Addison and Lieutenant Colonel Timmons for always being present and for their service to the Town. CM Dixon also reminded everyone to vote in the primary election.

### **CM David Lingua, Ward 3**

CM David Lingua stated that he was appreciative of the professionalism and excellence brought to the Department of Public Work and Police Department by Director Addison and Lieutenant Colonel Timmons. CM Lingua extended best wishes on their retirement.

### **CM Alejandro Silva, Ward 6**

CM Alejandro Silva thanked Lieutenant Colonel Timmons and Director Addison for their excellent service to the Town.

## **Discussion Items**

1. Fence Permit Application: 6308 47th Avenue; wooden backyard fence exceeding 4 feet in height

CM Dixon gave an overview of the fence permit request and suggested that it be placed on the consent agenda for the July Legislative meeting.

There were no objections from the Council so Mayor Thompson stated that Discussion Item 1 would be placed on consent agenda for the July Legislative Meeting.

2. Riverdale Park Station Revenue Projections

Town Manager Lestitian presented the updated real property tax projections for Riverdale Park Station and gave an overview of the TIF agreement. Town Manager Lestitian stated that the delay in revenue was proportionate to the project's construction delays. Town Manager Lestitian suggested that further discussion was needed regarding the amount of the defeasance.

Bob Smith of 5001 Riverdale Road complimented Town Manager Lestitian and staff on their pragmatic approach to the issue.

3. Project updates: Rivertech Court acceptance; stormwater projects

Director Addison gave an update on the acceptance of Rivertech Court and the Longfellow Street Stormwater Management Project. He stated that additional work was needed before that Town would accept Rivertech Court. He also gave an overview of the Longfellow Street project and next steps.

Director Addison stated that he had not seen the issue regarding a storm drain along Lafayette Avenue near Leroy Petry Honor Village but he would contact the County to confirm that the drain was built as permitted.

#### 4. Process for awarding Town grants

Town Manager Lestitian stated that Discussion Item 4 was on the agenda as a follow-up to the Council's June 4<sup>th</sup> discussion regarding the Town's grant award process.

CM Dixon asked about the criteria for scoring grant applications and stated that she maintained her position that staff could award the grants as long as the Council was comfortable with the review process.

CM Lingua stated that the Council's approval or disapproval also happened as part of the budget process as money was allocated for grants at that time.

Sheila Smith of 5001 Riverdale Road stated that she thought that final approval should come from the Council.

Bob Smith of 5001 Riverdale Road stated that fiscal responsibility was an important role of the elected officials and he did not think that it should be delegated to staff at this time.

Director Simpson discussed the potential delay in awarding grants due to the Council's meeting schedule especially during summer recess.

Town Manager Lestitian discussed the Council's oversight with regarding to Town expenditures and the desire of staff to find balance.

#### 5. Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement

Town Manager Lestitian read the proposed Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement and discussed how it was created. Town Manager Lestitian stated that staff were seeking feedback from the Council and public.

CM Lingua stated that he was still reviewing the statement and may have additional input.

#### 6. Minutes

Mayor Thompson requested that the Council make staff aware of any changes or corrections needed to the minutes.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

- CM Lingua asked if there were any updates from William Wirt Middle School. Town Manager Lestitian stated that a stakeholders meeting was planned for June 27<sup>th</sup> and the Town's representative would be Lt. Turner.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.