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The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**(Oswald arrived at 7:58 p.m.)**  
**Absent: Kheyfets**

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

June 23, 2021

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

**ROLL CALL: Abstain: Desai, Purcell**  
**Remaining members present were in favor.**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

1) Public Hearing of an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE 05-2020**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 168 "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE TO MAKE CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS PROHIBITED USES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

Mayor Carelli stated that one of the things this ordinance prohibits is cannabis "testing facilities" which is not one of the six defined classes of cannabis establishments and it was not our intent.

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 05-2021 be **WITHDRAWN**.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 51-A**

**NEW BUSINESS - INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

Councilman Desai stated that he wants to make sure we are clear that there are six types of licenses that we are prohibiting in this ordinance. Only one involves retail sales and the rest would not be seen by or open to the public. He feels this is a once in a lifetime chance that the state is giving municipalities to put a municipal tax directly paid to us for any of these operations within our municipality. He recommended only prohibiting growing and retail sales. Mayor Carelli explained that we are removing "testing facilities" because it is not one of the defined classes and shouldn't have been included in this ordinance. He recommended we prohibit

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**NEW BUSINESS - INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (continued):**

everything by the deadline and we can revisit them later. Councilman Desai felt that we would be passing up on an opportunity if we wait.

- 1) Councilman Desai set forth the motion to introduce the following ordinance with changes.

**(There was no second - motion failed)**

- 2) Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pellegrini, to introduce the following ordinance as read and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCE 06-2020**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 168 "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE TO MAKE CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS PROHIBITED USES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini  
Nays: Desai  
(3 ayes - 1 nay - motion carried)**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 52-A**

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Desai, to approve the following resolutions:

- 104-2021:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH July 9, 2021 FOR 2020/2021 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$139,337.07
- 105-2021:** AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE
- 106-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Michael S. Kajor, 6 Munn Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 23, Lot 26.02
- 107-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Anna Mae Zabit, 8 Munn Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 23, Lot 27.01
- 108-2021:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Dennis Stygar, 97 Newbury Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 14.04, Lot 75
- 109-2021:** AUTHORIZING GRANT SUBMISSION TO NJ URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM - (UCF) STEWARDSHIP APPLICATION

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**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (continued):**

**110-2021:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL GROUP

**111-2021:** APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DEXTERS INC. FOR THE 2021/2022 LICENSE YEAR

**112-2021:** MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 53-A THROUGH J**

Mayor Carelli read the Proclamation – P.A.A.R.I. Initiative (Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative)

**COPY OF PROCLAMATION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 53-K**

Mayor Carelli provided background information for Resolution No. 113-2021 and explained how Riverdale was affected financially by the pandemic.

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to approve the following resolution:

**113-2021:** CHAPTER 159 - FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE (CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini**  
**Nays: None**  
**(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 53-L**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**UTILITIES:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Councilman Purcell reported that the concert yesterday had a good band and a poor turnout.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Pellegrini reported that we're on schedule to make repairs on the storm sewers tomorrow.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Revis reported that Chief Regeling is attending a county meeting to discuss the recruitment of additional firefighters and training. Officer Duffy made a presentation to the Council on the American Rescue Act plan and stated that it allows for an additional \$13.00 per hour premium pay for front line workers with a cap of \$25,000 to each employee. He requested that a portion of the funds Riverdale received be used for hazard pay and stated that everyone here is more than deserving including the DPW workers. The Public Safety Committee will meet to discuss the request.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Desai discussed the piece of property that is being offered to be donated to Riverdale. He also reported that the DPW is cleaning the Community Center during Summer Rec and will continue during the Police Academy so we will hold off on using a cleaning service.

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Carelli reported that our next concert is August 8<sup>th</sup>. We are going forward with Riverdale Day and the Street Fair.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Jeff Bolt, 109 Loy Avenue, asked about parking during the paving project and where his son can get picked up by the school bus. He also asked when something can be done about the squatter next door to him.

There being no further comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abubakar T. Jalloh  
Municipal Clerk