



**Mayor and Council Meeting
Business Session Minutes
July 09, 2012 7:01 PM**

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on July 09, 2012 at 7:01 PM for the purpose of conducting a regular Business Session. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, Georgia 30274.

Call to Order and Welcome

With a quorum present, Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

ROLL CALL:

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting at 7:01PM; Council Member Wanda Wallace was absent.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation & Pledge was led by Chief Sam Patterson, Chief of the Riverdale Police Department.

OFFICER IN ARMS TO READ RULES OF CONDUCT:

Rules of Conduct read by Officer L. Stevenson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Addition(s): **None.**

Deletion(s): **Resolution No. 40-07-2012**

Tabled: **None.**

Postponed: **None.**

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns.

There were no comments by Mayor/Council.

Motion: Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved to approve the amended agenda with deletions. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones offered the second. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the June 11, 2012 Mayor and Council Work Session Minutes.

Adoption of the June 21, 2012 Mayor and Council Official Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. All items on the consent agenda were approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Floyd Brown, 181 Antebellum CT, Riverdale, GA 30274, came before Mayor/Council to make a complaint about a neighbor with alleged animal control issues. Mayor Dixon advised Mr. Brown to speak with Ms. Camilla Moore and Chief Sam Patterson for guidance in resolving the matter. Mayor Dixon further explained that the City does not have a housing division and his concerns regarding Section 8 should be addressed through Clayton County.

RESOLUTION(S):

Resolution No. 35-07-2012 Resolution to enter into Contract with TruGreen Lawncare for 2013 Professional Landscape Management for the City of Riverdale presented by Bennie Rose, Director of General Services & Facility Management Dept.

Director of General Services, Bennie Rose, came before Mayor/Council requesting authorization to enter into a contract with TruGreen Lawncare. Mr. Rose explained that the landscape services for the City of Riverdale Regional Park includes mowing, weed eating, edging, bed maintenance, aeration, fertilize, mulch, pruning, irrigation (startup-monitoring-shutdown), mowing ball fields and seasonal floral arrangements.

Mr. Rose provided the board with the cost of the service and advised there was no additional cost for the service upon renewal. He stated that the total cost of the contract will be \$65,639.00.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns.

There were no comments made by Mayor/Council.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 35-07-2012**. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 35-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

Resolution No. 36-07-2012-Request to Enter into a contract with TruGreen Lawncare for the maintenance of The Riverdale Regional Park by Bennie Rose.

Mr. Rose remained before Mayor/Council requesting authorization to enter into a contract with TruGreen Lawncare. Mr. Rose explained that the landscape services for the City of Riverdale Regional Park includes mowing, weed eating, edging, bed maintenance, aeration, fertilize, mulch, pruning, irrigation (startup-monitoring-shutdown), mowing ball fields and seasonal floral arrangements. Mr. Rose furthered explained that the total cost would be \$34,500.00.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns.

There were no comments made by Mayor/Council.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 36-07-2012**. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 36-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

Resolution No. 37-07-2012 A Request Authorize the Clayton County Department of Recreation to use the Football Field at the Riverdale Park by Iris Jessie.

Ms. Jessie presented Resolution No. 37-07-2012. She explained that the Clayton County Department of Recreation used the fields in the former Riverdale Park for outdoor sports activities until the park was re-purposed as the Riverdale Town Center.

Ms. Jessie further explained that the City of Riverdale used property previously purchased and acquired new property to construct a new park. She stated that the construction of Phase I of the new park will be completed in August 2012 and will include football and softball fields. Ms. Jessie stated that the Clayton County Department of Recreation needs fields to play its games and the new field in Riverdale is available. She further stated that the Riverdale Blackhawks used the fields in the old park as their "home field" and has expressed a desire to designate the new field as their home field.

Ms. Jessie informed the Mayor/Council that upon approval, the resolution will be forwarded to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners for inclusion on its next agenda.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns.

There were no comments by Mayor/Council.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 37-07-2012**. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 37-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

Resolution No. 38-07-2012-Request to Endorse Transportation Investment Act Projects by Iris Jessie, City Manager.

City Manager, Jessie Iris, came before Mayor/Council to request that the City endorse Transportation Investment Act proposed projects. Ms. Jessie iterated that this would not be an effort to influence voting on the T-SPLOST policy itself. She went on to describe how the City of Riverdale would benefit from the various funds that would be available should the T-SPLOST be approved, including the widening of State Road 85.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns.

Council Member Stamps-Jones expressed support of any projects that would help with traffic decongestion and sidewalk improvements.

Council Member An'cel Davis conveyed support for the project list which he believes would chart the economic course for the City of Riverdale for decades to come.

Council Member Ruffin and Ms. Jessie discussed the method by which the figure for the project was determined. Ms. Jessie advised that the figure was determined based off the City's population.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 38-07-2012**. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 38-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

Resolution No. 39-07-2012 Request to Enter into a contract with Georgia Sports Alliance for Sports Programming by Iris Jessie.

Ms. Jessie advised that the resolution was in response to an RFP (Request for Proposal) sent out to enter into a contract for sports programming with the Georgia Sports Alliance (GSA). Ms. Jessie described the various services the Alliance offered and expressed that the fees provided by GSA far exceeded the City's budget for a full fledged sports program. She further advised that it was staff's recommendation not to enter into a contract with the Georgia Sports Alliance. Ms. Jessie further stated that the City would be sponsoring its own basketball program this year, but would be conducting its football program with the county for one more additional year. As the financial tides turn, she stated, the City will increase the sports program to include other sports.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns.

There were no comments by Mayor/Council.

Motion: There was no motion made to approve **Resolution No. 39-07-2012. Resolution No. 39-07-2012** died on the floor.

PUBLIC HEARING (S):

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones thanked everyone in attendance for coming and commended Council Member Kenneth Ruffin and Ms. Jessie on procuring the new *Let's Play, Playful City USA Construction Grant*. She also encouraged the audience to register to vote at the City.

Council Member Davis

Council Member Davis thanked everyone for attending and offered appreciation for the increase in attendance.

Council Member Kenny Ruffin

Council Member Kenny Ruffin informed everyone of the recreational sports schedule for summer 2012.

Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for attending and expressed enthusiasm about the new park that was slated for upcoming grand opening. She also advised residents to adhere to the pet rules for City Hall which forbids presence of pets on the grass.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Kenneth Ruffin; second offered by Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones. By a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.