



Mayor and Council Meeting Business Session Minutes May 13, 2013 7PM

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on May 13, 2013 at 7:00PM for the purpose of conducting a 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 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL:

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting at 7:00PM; Council Member Stamps-Jones was not present.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation & Pledge was led by Pastor Harry Riley, Lakewin Christian Center.

OFFICER IN ARMS TO READ RULES OF CONDUCT:

Rules of Conduct read by Officer V. Barnes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Addition(s): Council Member An'cel Davis to Represent the City as a Georgia Municipal Association (GMA)

Deletion(s): None.

Tabled: None.

Postponed: None.

Motion: Council Member An'cel Davis moved to approve the agenda as published. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

PRESENTATIONS

❖ Riverdale Youth Council Annual Presentation by Council Member Ruffin.

The Riverdale Youth Council (RYC) gave a presentation before the Board regarding its 2012-2013 activities. President of the RYC, Jasmine Jones, gave a review of the group's volunteer activities. She discussed the theme of 2012-2013 year, "Delivering Impact," as well as the manner in which it was demonstrated throughout the year. Several other members of the group presented other highlights of the group's 2012-2013 campaign,

as well as the leadership opportunities. There was also a discussion regarding fundraising opportunities.

Ms. Jones thanked the Board for its support of RYC, as well as the parents and other community supporters of the Riverdale Youth Council.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and comments from members of the governing body.

Council Member Davis said that he was proud of the outstanding job that the RYC has done and encouraged them to continue the good work. He asked the group about the age upon which one completes matriculation in the group and what it believes is its greatest challenge for its generation.

Ms. Jones said that members are considered alumni after completing high school; that alumni are allowed to participate in volunteer activities, but relinquish voting powers.

She advised that the greatest challenge was continuing the momentum gained while performing at a high level.

There was also a discussion regarding fundraising opportunities.

Council Member Ruffin advised that there were other private and public organizations on a state and national level that they were soliciting funding.

Council Member Wallace commended the group on a job well done and acknowledged the parents of the students. There was a small discussion about the participation of the parents, the chaperone policy, as well as sponsors.

Mayor Dixon commended the students, as well as the parents of the students.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- ❖ **Adoption of the April 22, 2013 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.**
- ❖ **Designate Council Member An'cel Davis as delegate of Georgia Municipal Association (GMA)**

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved the consent agenda for approval. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S): Gene & Glenda Presley discovered a picture of the original post office in Riverdale.

RESOLUTION(S):

RESOLUTION NO. 11-05-2013 Request to Enter into an Agreement with Allan Vigil Ford to Purchase an Undercover Vehicle Replacement presented by Assistant Chief of Police, Todd Spivey.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN UNDERCOVER VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FOR USE BY THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR USE BY THE RIVERDALE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO CLAYTON COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS PERMISSION TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

Chief Todd Spivey came before the Board to request authorization for the purchase of a vehicle for a specialized assignment. He advised that the Police Department currently has one employee assigned to the Clayton County Drug Task Force. This assignment, Chief Spivey advised, requires the employee to have an assigned vehicle. He further stated that the vehicle must be functionally sound and size efficient for the employee to store and carry necessary equipment. Chief Spivey said that the purchase of the new vehicle will enable the Police Department to maintain participation in a Task Force to enhance the department's level of service to the community. He said that the vehicle will be purchased with an extended warranty; 48 months/100,000 miles. He advised that the financial impact of the purchase of the vehicle would include the cost of regular scheduled maintenance and fuel.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and comments from members of the governing body.

Council Member Davis asked if the funds from the vehicle that was totaled in an accident had been paid out to the City by the insurance company and also if those funds would help to offset some of the cost of the new vehicle.

Chief Spivey advised that the monies had been received; that those funds would return to the general fund. He advised the Board that the confiscated funds would be used to purchase the vehicle.

Council Member Wallace and Chief discussed the monies available (\$88,000) to purchase the vehicle.

Council Member Ruffin had no comment.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the resolution. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 11-05-2013** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-2013 Request to Amend Budget for FY 2013 by Karl Kelly, City Manager and Lynette Batiste, Interim Finance Director.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Kelley advised that the financial procedures adopted by Mayor and Council require budget amendments to be approved by resolutions when departmental cost exceed budget amounts or when adjustments are proposed for salaries. He stated that after the adoption of the budget, additional programs are recommended and unanticipated expenditures are necessary for operational and capital. These items, he advised, are difficult to predict at the time the budget is prepared and new items may evolve based on additional information that was not previously known or available. He further advised that budget amendments are necessary to provide required funds for operating expenditures for material, labor, equipment and supplies and represents and presents the judgment and intent of the City council as to the amounts required for the stated purposes and within the available funds for the fiscal year.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and comments from members of the governing body.

Council Member Ruffin asked if the budget amendment excluded raises.

Mr. Kelley affirmed.

Council Member Wallace had no comment.

Council Member Davis had no comment.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the resolution. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 12-05-2013** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-05-2013 Request to Enter into a Contract With EarthLink Business Solutions by Director of Information Technology, Lemmy Paskel.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR & CITY CUNCIL ENTERING INTO THE ATTACHED CONTRACT WITH EARTHLINK BUSINESS SOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Director of Information Technology, Lemmy Paskel, came before the Board to request authorization to enter into a contract with EarthLink Business Solutions. He advised that the contract with the City's current voice and data provider, Windstream Communications, is set to expire. Mr. Paskel stated that the IT Department has determined that the current services being offered are not adequately serving the city. He recommended that the City enter into a new contract with EarthLink Business Solutions. He further stated that although the City would be increasing its bandwidth it would be decreasing its cost, as well as several other benefits listed in the service package.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and comments from members of the governing body.

Council Member Davis asked if the City would see an immediate difference.

Mr. Paskel advised that the changes in the systems would take place over night; that the major difference would be the change in internet speed.

Council Member Wallace asked for a copy of the contract. She asked Mr. Kelley to provide the Board with all contracts for the City prior to the Board having to vote. City Attorney, Matthew LaVallee, advised that he would review the contracts to ensure the language in the contracts was proper.

Council Member Ruffin asked where EarthLink was located.

Mr. Paskel advised that it is based in Atlanta.

Council Member Ruffin asked who the contact person was in the event that the systems go down.

Mr. Paskel advised that he is the designated person to contact.

Council Member Davis asked what the ramifications of tabling the contract at the current meeting would be.

Mr. Paskel advised that there would be no danger in tabling the resolution; that the City would still be in a contract with the current provider. He said that the contract would be submitted to the Board before any decisions were made.

Motion: There was no motion to move forward with passing **Resolution No. 13-05-2013**.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member An'cel Davis

Council Member Davis thanked the audience for attending. He thanked the E 9-1-1 staff as well.

Council Member Wanda Wallace

Council Member Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the Riverdale Youth Council.

Council Member Kenneth Ruffin

Council Member Ruffin encouraged everyone to support the Riverdale Youth Council.

Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She advised that the next meeting would be postponed until Tuesday, May 28, 2013, in observance of Memorial Day weekend. She commended the Cultural Affairs Department on a job well done for the kickoff of the summer concert series, May 10, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Wallace; second offered by Council Member An'cel Davis, and after a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.