



**CITY OF RIVERDALE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2013 7:00PM**

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on Monday, August 12, 2013 at 7:38PM for the purpose of conducting a regular business session. The meeting was held in the Courtroom Chambers on the 1st floor at Riverdale City Hall, located at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, GA 30274.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

With a quorum present, Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:38PM.

ROLL CALL:

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting. Council Member Ruffin joined after Roll Call, at 7:39PM.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation & Pledge were led by Minister Riley, Lakewin Christian Center.

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): None.

Tabled: Resolution No. 23-08-2013 Pay and Classification Plan & Organizational Chart Amendment will be reviewed and discussed at Aug 26, 2013 Mayor and Council Meeting.

Postponed: None.

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



PRESENTATION:

Presentation of Proclamation in Recognition of Aaron's: Lease to Own by Mayor Dixon.

Representatives from Aaron's Lease to Own were not present.

Quarterly Financial Report by Lynette Batiste, Interim Finance Director (See exhibit A: PowerPoint Presentation)

Lynette Batiste, Interim Finance Director presented the Financial Report, for the period ending fiscal year June 30, 2012. General Funds records revenues and expenditures for the primary government services. All the major revenue sources showed an increase, with the exception of Fines & Forfeitures. Revenues 4th quarter period ending June 30, 2012 were \$11,577,128; 95% of budgeted amount. Total General Fund Revenues increased \$204,244 when compared to revenues for the period ending June 30, 2012.

Total General Property Taxes

Total General Property taxes collected for the period ending June 30, 2013 were \$3,597,150, an increase of \$537,189 from the period ending June 30, 2012. The Motor Vehicle Title Ad Valorem Tax -effective since March 2013 has already collected \$103,000 since March 2013. Increased revenues expected 2014. Real Property taxes considerably lower than projected. The Real Property taxes collected for FY2013 were \$2,429,964 or 81% of budgeted amounts. Suggested reason for decline, higher unemployment affected citizen's ability to pay their taxes in FY2013

Sales Tax

Sales & Use (L.O.S.T.) Tax Collections totaled \$2,812,130, an increase of \$87,870 from June 30, 2012. Sales Tax revenues are based upon consumer spending and have fluctuations over the past months. Alcoholic Beverage Excise Taxes increased \$64,889 or 21% over budget expectations.

Business and Intangible Taxes

Business & Intangible Tax Revenues exceeded projected amount by \$75,825 for the period ending June 30, 2012. Only seven (7) business licenses less than 2012. Business & Occupation Taxes exceeded forecasted amounts by \$32,206



Licenses & Permits

Collectively, Licenses and Permits increased \$9,242 or 3% over projected budget.

Fines and Forfeitures

Fines & Forfeitures revenues recorded through June 30, 2012 were \$2,405,969, a decrease of \$538,797 from June 30, 2012. All revenue sources decreased a total of 19% under projected budget.

General Funds Expenditures

General Fund Expenditures were \$10,811,134 or 88.49% of budgeted amount. Expenditures increased \$247,585 when compared to expenditures for June 30, 2012. The operating cash balance decreased 14% from 2012. The cash balance was \$2,529,519 at June 30, 2012. The operating cash balance was directly affected by increase in attorney fees, our general liability insurance increased. Payment of employment pension from last year, GMA payments for two (2) police cars and one (1) fire truck.

Cultural Affairs Fund

Total expenditures were \$266,867 and increase of \$105,454 from June 30, 2012. The increase is attributed to increased operational cost, FY 2013 South City Concerts and Town Center Security. The May Concert brought in increased revenue, as well as increased expenditure. Cash balance at June 30, 2013 was \$331,553

E911 Fund

Revenues for the period ending June 30, 2013 were \$530,270, a decrease of \$65,300 from June 30, 2012. However, revenues exceeded projected budget by \$85,018 or 19%. The cash balance was \$93,208 on June 30, 2013, a decrease of \$15,385 from June 30, 2012.

SPLOST Fund

The SPLOST revenues for the period June 30, 2013, actually represents revenues through May 2013. The repayment schedule for the Riverdale Town Center. We will receive the June 2013 receipts for SPLOST in August 2013. Expenditures are predetermined we have a payment schedule.

COPS Fund

Revenues and expenditures meet the projected annual budget of 3,034,119

Recovery Bond Fund

Expenditures were \$1,510,389 a decrease of \$9,358 from June 30, 2012. The decrease is due in part to the completion of the new park. The cash balance was \$5,496,736.



Solid Waste Fund

Revenue for the period ending June 30, 2013 was \$789,101, a decrease of \$562,449 from June 30, 2012 and 2.9% below projected budgeted amount. The cash balance was \$789,464.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and or concerns.

Council Member Stamps-Jones: no questions.

Council Member Davis: "Thank you for taking on this position. You stepped up and we appreciate your services. Thank you."

Council Member Wallace: "Thank you. I have question regarding Recovery Fund. I will follow-up with you and Mr. Mingo for clarity."

Council Member Ruffin: "Thank you, Lynnette."

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon: "I would like to thank you. Your Financial Report Presentation was very explicit. Thank you for bringing to our attention the revenue generated for the City, from Republic Service for Franchise Fees."

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the July 22, 2013 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Council Member Stamps-Jones moved to approve the Meeting Minutes as published. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Consensus to Initiate the Search for a Permanent City Manager.

Consensus to remove Karl Kelley, Interim City Manager from the Signature Card.

Resolution No. 22-08-2013 Appointment of Interim City Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE, GEORGIA ENDING KARL KELLEY'S TERM AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND REMOVING HIM FROM THE OFFICIAL SIGNATURE CARD, AND APPOINTING NATHANIEL MINGO TO SERVE AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY FOR OTHER LAWFUL REASONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE;



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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Coach Sean Rutherford, Riverdale Resident & Blaze Basketball Team Coach

Coach Sean Rutherford, Riverdale Resident and Coach of the Blaze Basketball Team addressed Mayor & Council. Coach Rutherford mentored and coached 55 boys during the Summer (age 5-17), with daily basketball practice at the Riverdale Centre (8am-4pm). The basketball Team participated in various AAU basketball Games and traveled to Florida to compete against the top leagues in various tournaments. The Blaze team 10yrs & under won 1st place and Middle School Age placed 2nd. Coach Rutherford appreciates the youth programs in the City of Riverdale, and encourage continued support of the Youth Sports Program in the City - opportunity to mentor young people, develop character and team building.

RESOLUTION(S):

Resolution No. 23-08-2013 Pay and Classification Plan & Organizational Chart Amendment.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE ADDITION OF (2) POSITIONS TO THE CITY OF RIVERDALE PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: Council Member Wallace moved to table this item to discuss at upcoming 8/26/2013 Mayor and Council Meeting. Council Member Davis moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Resolution No. 24-08-2013 Appointing Sherry D. Henderson Acting City Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, APPOINTING SHERRY D. HENDERSON AS THE ACTING CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE FOR COVERAGE OF THE OFFICIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL APPOINTED CITY CLERK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Ward 1

Council Member Stamps Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Her hope is that our home foreclosure rate stops, and we're able to bring in new residents and more businesses to the City of Riverdale. She recently attended a local radio station event, and was pleased to find the Cultural Affairs Leisure Services staff promoting and passing out flyers for Riverdale's upcoming Seafood & Beer Festival (Sat 8/31/2013). She commended the staff for their "over and above" hard work and effort to promote our City, and bring people to Riverdale.

Council Member An'cel Davis, Ward 2

Council Member Davis thanked everyone for their attendance. He thanked Coach Sean Rutherford for his time this evening. He reminded everyone school is back in session, and kids are on their bikes and schools buses. Let's be mindful our children are on the roads, and slow it down for them. He thanked Chief Patterson for Police Patrol. Thank you to Ms. Sherry D. Henderson for a great job this evening. Again he thanked Mr. Karl Kelley and Mr. Nate Mingo for a job well done. He thanked Pastor Riley for his services for the evening.

Council Member Wanda Wallace, Ward 3

Council Member Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for their time and attendance tonight. She thanked Coach Sean Rutherford for his services, and encouraged him to continue his work with our youth. She thanked Ms. Sherry D. Henderson for tonight's job as Acting City Clerk. She looks forward to working with Mr. Nate Mingo, Interim City Manager, as we continued to move the city forward as a team.

Council Member Kenny Ruffin, Ward 4

Council Member Ruffin thanked Coach Sean Rutherford for his time tonight. He stated Coach Rutherford was very humble in his achievements with the youth this Summer. Coach Rutherford has done an outstanding job with changing the behavior and mindset of the boys and young men he mentors and coach, and with very little resources. Council Member Ruffin commended Coach Sean for his hard work, and taking 55 kids of the street this summer. He thanked and urged Coach Sean to continue his program, and indicated we hope to get him some help – stating 55 kids at the Riverdale Centre is a big endeavor.



Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, At-Large

Mayor Dixon shared the good news – Scholars Academy opened today in the former Riverdale Elem School building. They have 88 students. The City is utilizing the building for school, and we have approx. 18 new business going in there – including railroad company, Dept of Labor. We look forward to further cultivating our partnership with Chick-Fil-A.

Five (5) new businesses recently opened on Hwy 138. The proprietor of the building reduced the mortgage to make it more affordable for businesses to do business in the City of Riverdale.

She thanked all those who volunteered with the KaBoom Build project, especially to General Services and Fire Services Dept. She thanked Council Member Davis for providing food and water to our volunteers.

Neighborhood University starts next month. It's a lot fun and informative. She encouraged the public to sign up – great way to learn about your community. Summer Camp recently ended with a great end of Summer Celebration. The kids did an outstanding job.

Ms. Stephanie Thomas, our City Clerk is out ill. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Mayor Dixon extended a thank you to Coach Sean Rutherford for his time and work with our youth.

Mayor Dixon had a special acknowledgement; her son recently received his PhD from Seminary School. She also thanked her Facebook Social Media "friends" for coming out tonight, and encouraged them to continue to attend the Mayor & Council Meetings and tell a friend.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member An'cel Davis moved to approve; second offered by Council Member Stamps-Jones, and after unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM. Council Member Ruffin departed at 8:10PM
