



**CITY OF RIVERDALE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2014 | 7:00PM**

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00PM 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 7:15PM.

ROLL CALL:

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS:

Lead by Boy Scout Troop 963.

SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Performed by Mariah Gaither.

SWEARING - IN OF CITY OFFICIALS & APPOINTMENTS

Swearing In provided by Judge Brown

Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Council Member

Wanda Wallace, Council Member

Sherry D. Henderson, Interim City Manager

L'Erin Frances Barnes, City Attorney

2014 Appointments

Liaison to the Clayton County Municipal Association: Council Member Wanda Wallace

Mayor ProTem: Council Member An'cel Davis

Mayor & Council Parliamentarian: Council Member Stamps Jones

Interim City Clerk: Sherry D. Henderson

Interim City Manager: Nathaniel Mingo

City Attorney: L'Erin Frances Barnes

Municipal Court Judge: Judge Ronald Freeman

Municipal Court Solicitor: Jerry Patrick

Municipal Solicitor ProTem: Jason M. Martin

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation & Pledge were led by Pastor Riley, Lakewin Christian Center

OFFICER IN ARMS TO READ RULES OF CONDUCT:

Rules of Conduct read by Officer L. Stevenson.



RESOLUTION(S):

Resolution No. 02-01-2014 Request to Adopt FY2014 Budget Amendment, Don Turner, Finance Director.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It is necessary to amend the budget for the governing body to cover increased costs for the General Fund, to allow city to adopt an amendment to balance the Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Operating Budget. The Finance Administration will be moving existing funds from one line item to another and increasing the revenue budget excess revenues collected within the two funds. The purpose of the budget amendment is to include necessary overtime for Fire and Police.

Honorable Mayor Dixon called for questions and/or concerns from the Board.

Council Member Wallace posed a question regarding the individual dept budgets for Fire Services and Police. She asked why the need for amendments to the budget that has already been approved.

Mr. Turner advised the Board, Lynette Batiste and Mr. Mingo did an excellent job preparing the budget last year. The necessary overtime for the Police and Fire Dept were on a version of the budget. However, it was omitted from the copy Mayor & Council actually approved. This proposed budget amendment will provide the necessary funds for Public Safety.

Motion: Council Member An'cel Davis moved to approve the measure. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. Resolution No. 02-01-2014 was approved by a vote of 3/0. *Council Member Wallace offered the opposing vote.*

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

Request to Accept the Terms of the Family Dollar Litigation, Civil Action File No. 13CV03879-9, By Matt LaVallee, City Attorney.

The parties have resolved their disputes regarding the issues presented in the petition and complaint and the Court hereby enter a Consent Order governing the rights of the parties with respect to the Property. Neighborhood is protected and provided a buffer between subdivision and store, with 8ft fence and tree planting.

Motion: Council Member An'cel Davis moved to approve the measure. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. The measure was approved by a vote of 3/0. *Council Member Wallace abstained from voting.*



Council Member Wanda Wallace, Ward 3

Council Member Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for attending Mayor & Council Meeting. She expressed a Happy New to all. Council member Wallace looks forward to further success as we continue to move the city forward.

Council Member Kenny Ruffin, Ward 4

Council Member Kenny Ruffin thanked everyone for their time. Although Youth Sports is important, Council Member Ruffin reminded everyone he is not solely focused on sports. He is currently working on a few community projects involving mentoring the youth through summer employment and reading initiatives.

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, At-Large

Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for their time tonight and wished those in attendance a wonderful New Year. She asked everyone to be mindful to not judge one another, and keep an open mind and heart to new beginnings. She thanked Mr. Matt Lavalée, City Attorney for his committed work with the city to complete the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) and Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). His contributions to the City of Riverdale are truly appreciated. She asked everyone to join us in a small reception to follow immediately after the closing of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, Council Member An'cel Davis moved to adjourn the business session; the second was offered by Council Member Wanda Wallace, and after a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.