



**CITY OF RIVERDALE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014 | 7:00PM**

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on February 10, 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 7:08PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting. Sherry D. Henderson, Interim City Clerk, declared a quorum.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Evelyn Wynn Dixon	Mayor, At-Large	Present
Cynthia Stamps Jones	Council Member, Ward 1 Parliamentarian	Present
An'cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2 Mayor ProTem	Present
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4	Present

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Invocation& Pledge were led by Rev. Dr. Wynn, Champions For Christ International Ministry.

**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:**                 None.

**Postponed:**           None.

**MOTION:** Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to approve the Agenda. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. The measure was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*



**PRESENTATION:**

**Presentation of Proclamation to Mr. Rudolph Berthoud, in honor of his legacy of service as a Tuskegee Airman.**

Mr. Rudolph Berthoud was born in New York City in 1924. He joined the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen in 1942, at the tender age of 18. He eventually received an assignment to the 477<sup>th</sup> Medium Bomber Unit which was the first black bomber unit in the United States Air Force.

Tuskegee Airman Rudolph Berthoud, has duly earned a special place in American history. The Tuskegee Airmen flew and defended their country so well that their allies, as well as their opposition, knew them for their skill. The courage and commitment of the Tuskegee Airmen lead to President Truman's decree to desegregate the U.S. Armed Forces less than a decade after the end of World War II.

Tuskegee University recognized Mr. Berthoud for his service as a Tuskegee Airman. On May 14, 2006 Mr. Berthoud received an honorary doctorate in honor of the legacy of his service and achievements.

I encourage citizens to increase their awareness of Mr. Rudolph Berthoud and the world renowned Tuskegee Airman and their important contributions to American history. The Tuskegee Airman has duly earned the respect and admiration of a very grateful nation. The City of Riverdale honors the life legacy and works of Mr. Rudolph Berthoud and will forever hold him dear to our hearts.

Due to failing health, Mr. Rudolph Berthoud was unable to attend the program. His step daughter, Ms. Myra Walker, accepted the proclamation on his behalf, with the support of Mr. Arthur Hughes.

In special recognition of February Black History Month, Mayor & Council thanked Ms. Myra Walker for Mr. Berthoud's legacy of service and acknowledged the courage and determination of the Tuskegee Airman.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Adoption of the January 27, 2014 Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the Jan. 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. The measure was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*



**Resolution No. 17-02-2014 Approval to apply for and accept GATEway Grant to cover the costs of shrubs and other landscaping materials.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GATEWAY GRANT; UPON AWARD OF THE GRANT, THE AWARDEE SHALL ENTER INTO A MOWING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body. There were none.**

**Motion:** Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. Resolution No. 17-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- ❖ **Coach Nate Allen | 1071 Helmer Rd. Riverdale, GA 30296**  
RE: Riverdale Basketball Team

Coach Allen is a volunteer coach for the Riverdale Basketball Team; he was supported by approximately 10 concerns parents and coaches that were in attendance at the meeting to address the Board.

Parents registered their kids to participate in the basketball league, at \$100 per child. The volunteer coaches and parents complaint is the Riverdale team is the least adequately maintained team in the league.

Collectively the coaches are requesting changes regarding availability of the court at the Riverdale Centre to practice. At this time, they are provided ¼ of the basketball court and other players that pay \$2.00 entry are provided the remaining space. They are questing changes with the scheduling and staff at Riverdale Centre to be more accommodating to the team that represents the city.

- ❖ **Coach D. Barber | 6030 Riverdale Rd. Riverdale, GA 30296**  
RE: Riverdale Basketball Team

While we celebrate Black History Month, we are mindful of the importance of nurturing our children for a better future. The Coaches are not paid, they volunteer out of genuine concern for Riverdale's youth. Coach Dee would like the city to do more to assist the volunteer coach's efforts.



**RESOLUTION(S):**

**Resolution No. 18-02-2014 Adoption of Budget Amendments of FY14 Annual Operating budget to cover cost of contract workers provided by Account Temps.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO COVER COST OF CONTRACT WORKERS PROVIDED BY ACCOUNTTEMPS; ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body. There were none.**

**Motion:** Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. Resolution No. 18-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

**Resolution No. 19-02-2014 Adoption of Budget Amendments of FY14 Annual Operating budget to appropriate funds for cost of new parking deck.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COST OF NEW PARKING DECK; ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion:** Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. Resolution No. 19-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

**Resolution No. 20-02-2014 Adoption of Budget Amendments of FY14 Annual Operating budget to cover cost for approved purchase of gift cards for employee bonus and service awards.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COST OF EMPLOYEE GIFT CARDS FOR EMPLOYEE BONUS AND SERVICE AWARDS; ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



**Motion:** Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. Resolution No. 20-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

**Resolution No. 21-02-2014 Approval to adopt project agreement for Transportation Enhancement Grant PI #0090009.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, APPROVING ADOPTION OF PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT PI#0090009 (PREDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG STATE RATE 85 FROM LAMAR HUTCHESON PARKWAY TO KING ROAD); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body.  
There were none.**

**Motion:** Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. Resolution No. 21-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

**Resolution No. 22-02-2014 Approval of establishment of an Assistant Director's position for Planning & Community Development.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S POSITION FOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; AN PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body.  
There were none.**

**Motion:** Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. Resolution No. 22-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*



**Resolution No. 23-02-2014 Approval of installation of Netchex HRIS Enhancement upgrade, adopting an amendment to the fiscal year 2014 Annual operating budget to cover cost.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITYCOUNCIL, APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION OF ADP HRIS ENHANCEMENT UPGRADE; ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET TO COVER COST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body.**

Council Member Wallace posed a question to Mr. Trey Philips regarding the reason why his company would offer \$5k annual contribution to the City of Riverdale, to offset the cost of the upgrade enhancement.

Mr. Trey Phillips indicated his company has enjoyed a prosperous business relationship with the City of Riverdale for many years, and would like to further cultivate the relationship. With the contribution the city can receive the upgrade enhancement and it will not cost the city any additional revenues.

**Motion:** Council Member Cynthia Stamps Jones moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. Resolution No. 23-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 3/1.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Ruffin*

**Nay:** *Wallace*

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):**

##### **Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Ward 1**

Council Member Stamps-Jones thanked everyone for their time tonight. She acknowledged Mr. Arthur Hughes and Ms. Myra Walker, which accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Tuskegee Airman, Mr. Rudolph Airman. She stressed the importance of learning and sharing our history with our children. She thanked the Basketball Coaches and their supporters for coming out and sharing their concerns to assist the city in moving forward.

##### **Council Member An'cel Davis, Ward 2**

Council Member An'cel Davis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He acknowledged Rev. Dr. Wynn for his time this evening. He asked everyone to learn all they can about Obamacare /Healthcare insurance options. He thanked Mr. Hughes for bringing Mr. Rudolph Berthoud, Tuskegee Airman to our attention. Council Member Davis also thanked Coach Allen and Coach D. for their comments as well. Children are our future, and we care deeply about Riverdale's youth. Mr. Mingo will look into your concerns regarding the Riverdale Centre and practice time for the Basketball Team.



**Council Member Wanda Wallace, Ward 3**

Council Member Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for attending Mayor & Council Meeting. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the next Council Meeting.

**Council Member Kenny Ruffin, Ward 4**

Council Member Kenny Ruffin thanked everyone for their time. He acknowledged Coach Allen and Coach D, and thanked them for sharing their concerns at the Council Meeting. He wanted to clarify that parents signed their children up on the basketball team at \$100.00 per player, and are not provided adequate practice time and accommodations. He stressed the need to support the Basketball League. The basketball goals are not safe; kids are running into them and are getting hurt. Council Member Ruffin stated we need resources properly allocated at the Riverdale Centre.

**Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, At-Large**

Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for their time. She mentioned the need to work together to design a plan to address the needs of everyone that utilize the Riverdale Centre recreational services. She advised the coaches, Mr. Mingo, City Manager will speak with them further about their concerns.

Mayor Dixon acknowledged February is Black History Month. She reminded everyone of Girl Talk – a FREE community based project designed to provide positive role models, community service activities to young ladies in our community. She advised parents to learn more about the program, which will be held at the Riverdale Centre (every Thursday March-April 2014). Mayor Dixon thanked Mr. Hughes and Myra Walker for their time this evening. She encouraged everyone to continue to learn our history and respect it.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member An’cel Davis moved to approve; second offered by Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones and with a unanimous vote of 4/0, the meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

**Yea:** *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

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