

BUSINESS MINUTES

August 11 2014

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on Monday, August 11, 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.



City of Riverdale Mayor & Council Meeting

MAYOR

Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

CITY COUNCIL

Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Ward 1

An'cel Davis, Ward 2

Wanda Wallace, Ward 3

Kenneth Ruffin, Ward 4

CITY MANAGER

E. Scott Wood

CITY CLERK

Sherry D. Henderson

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Camilla Moore

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Nathaniel Mingo

CITY ATTORNEY

L'Erin F. Barnes



**CITY OF RIVERDALE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014
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CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Meeting was called to order at 7:32PM

ROLL CALL:

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Addition(s): Resolution No. 79-08-2014 requesting approval to appropriate \$6,000.00 for 2004 & 2009 SPLOST Review.

Deletion(s): Resolution No. 78-08-2014 authorizing City Manager to enter into contract with BS&A Software and approving the installation of BS&A Financial Management Suite.

Tabled: None.

Postponed: None.

MOTION: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. **Agenda was APPROVED, with addition of Executive Session, by a vote of 4/0.**

Attendee Name	Title	VOTE
Evelyn Wynn Dixon	Mayor, At-Large	
Cynthia Stamps Jones	Council Member, Ward 1 Parliamentarian	YEA
An'cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2 Mayor Pro-Tem	YEA
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3	YEA
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4	YEA

PRESENTATION: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit):

Representative Valencia Stovall (Georgia House of Representatives District 74)RE: Utopian Academy for the Arts

Representative Stovall voiced her concerns regarding the delayed opening for Utopian Academy for the Arts. She stated money was spent on administrative legal fees, and kids missed crucial school days. Rep. Stovall recommended an Interim RDDA Board be established and to amend ordinances for Charter Schools.

**Jessie Goree - Clayton County Board of Education, Elected Official
 RE: Utopian Academy for the Arts**

Ms. Goree voiced her concerns regarding the delayed opening for Utopian Academy for the Arts. She stated children were denied the opportunity to start school on time. She felt a decision could have been made without going to court and paying legal fees. Education is important, and she wanted the kids in school.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the July 28, 2014 Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the July 28, 2014 Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member An’cel Davis moved to second the motion. **The measure was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.**

Attendee Name	Title	VOTE
Evelyn Wynn Dixon	Mayor, At-Large	
Cynthia Stamps Jones	Council Member, Ward 1 Parliamentarian	YEA
An’cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2 Mayor Pro-Tem	YEA
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3	YEA
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4	YEA

RESOLUTIONS(S):

RESOLUTION NO. 79-08-2014 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE \$6,000.00 FOR 2004 & 2009 SPLOST REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Presented by L'Erin F. Barnes, City Attorney

City Attorney Barnes has initiated conversation with the County regarding the disbursement of SPLOST funds to the municipalities. The County should be more timely with the disbursement process. The state will send funds to Clayton County. However, the process to provide funds to the individual cities is a bit slow. Ms. Barnes has submitted an Open Records Request to probe further. At this time, it is estimated approx. \$200M in SPLOST funds in available for disbursement. She will report back to the Board with her findings.

Attorney Barnes requested the Board to authorize the approval to appropriate \$6,000 for 2004 & 2009 SPLOST Review.

MOTION: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 79-08-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.**

Attendee Name	Title	VOTE
Evelyn Wynn Dixon	Mayor, At-Large	
Cynthia Stamps Jones	Council Member, Ward 1 Parliamentarian	YEA
An'cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2 Mayor Pro-Tem	YEA
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3	YEA
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4	YEA

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Ward 1

Council Member Stamps Jones indicated that no one is above the law. The Governing Body are policy makers. She asked for the elected officials, Ms. Jessie Goree and Rep. Valencia Stovall to understand Riverdale's Governing Body is here to serve just as they are. Council Member Stamps Jones stated, Riverdale's staff worked diligently throughout the process to ensure the city was acting according to policy. Regrettably, key players were not involved in a deliberate effort to resolve the matter.

Council Member An'cel Davis, Ward 2

Council Member Davis stated we can always find a way to work together. He thanked Rep. Valencia Stovall and Ms. Jessie Goree for their public comments. He thanked Ms. Lata Chinnan (New South Package Store, owner) for her community involvement and continued partnership with the City of Riverdale. Ms. Lata has extended financial support to two (2) of Riverdale's upcoming participants for the 2014-2015 Leadership Clayton Program - Sherry D. Henderson, City Clerk and Mr. Nate Mingo, Assistant City Manager.

Council Member Wanda Wallace, Ward 3

Council Member Wallace thanked Ms. Camilla Moore, Director of Planning & Zoning, and Ms. L'Erin F. Barnes, City Attorney for their due diligence and tireless efforts to ensure the city is abiding by the law, in the best interest of our citizens.

Council Member Kenny Ruffin, Ward 4

Council Member Ruffin stated it was a very unfortunate situation with the Utopian Academy for the Arts. He stated a few of the students have transferred back to their regular schools. He stressed we should do everything possible to get the kids in school.

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, At-Large

Mayor Dixon stated she hope the Utopian Academy for the Arts opens soon for the sake of the children. She understand people were standing up for what they thought were right.

She commented on the success of two recent events:

1. Women to Women Luncheon at the Riverdale Centre (Sat 8/9/2014), by April LaLand-Sentmant
2. Back To School Drive at Riverdale Regional Park (Sat 8/2/2014), by Jana Scarlett

Mayor Dixon acknowledged the hard work of staff members, including Fire Marshall Demetrius Wells. She thanked Mr. E. Scott Wood, City Manager as well. She stated Chief Samuel Patterson, former Police Chief resigned and acknowledged the Interim Police Chief, Chief Spivey.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to adjourn meeting. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. The time was 8:12pm

Meeting Minutes Approved:

By: _____
Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, Mayor

Attested By: _____
Sherry D. Henderson, City Clerk