

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BUSINESS SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 9, 2015 | 7:00 PM

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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE  
THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

The Honorable Cynthia Stamps-Jones  
 The Honorable Wanda Wallace

The Honorable An'cel Davis  
 The Honorable Kenneth Ruffin

City Manager:  
 City Clerk:  
 City Attorney:

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** By the Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon.
- 2. ROLL CALL- CITY CLERK:** All Members of Council were present which constituted a quorum.

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

- 3. INVOCATION:** Provided by Pastor Riley.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
- 5. RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Provided by Sergeant Wilburn.
- 6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions and deletions:

Addition(s): Amend Item 9, subsection 5, to include the December 21, 2015 Mayor Council Meeting

Deletion(s): None

Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried.**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (5 MINUTE LIMIT) SEE BLUE CARD FOR RULES OF PARTICIPATION**

1. Emma Godbee, 977 Steeplechase Lane, Riverdale, GA. 30274, congratulated Mayor Wynn-Dixon, Council Member An’cel Davis and Council Member Kenneth Ruffin on their re-election. She stated that the City of Riverdale needs a clean city initiative because she was concerned about the appearance of the city.
2. Mary LaSonde, 6844 Tara Oaks Drive, Riverdale, GA. 30274, congratulated Mayor Wynn-Dixon, Council Member An’cel Davis and Council Member Kenneth Ruffin on their re-election. She expressed concerns about the lack of people getting registered to vote and asked for support.
3. Marian Stallworth, 6860 Tara Oaks Drive, Riverdale, GA. 30274, congratulated Mayor Wynn-Dixon, Council Member An’cel Davis and Council Member Kenneth Ruffin on their re-election. She thanked the Board for the progress in the City of Riverdale. Ms. Stallworth also spoke about the installation of a handicap ramp at City Hall. Mayor Wynn-Dixon responded and explained that the installation of a handicap ramp is already in progress.

**8. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2015 Work Session and Business Session

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 26, 2015 Work Session and Business Session with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**9. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1) AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET 2015 – FINANCE DIRECTOR DON TURNER**

Finance Director Don Turner gave an overview of the budget amendment. He stated that the purpose of the 2015 Budget Amendment is a part of the audit process.

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve Resolutions No. 51-2015 Budget Amendment. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried.**

**2) AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET 2016 – FINANCE DIRECTOR DON TURNER**

Finance Director Don Turner gave an overview of the 2016 Budget Amendment. He explained that he amended the 2016 Budget to moved funds from the Human Resources Department to the Planning and Zoning Department.

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve Resolutions No. 52 - 2016 Budget Amendment. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried.**

**3) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM FRED’S PHARMACY TO THE RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$442.14**

Chief Willis asked the Board to consider the acceptance of a donation from Fred’s Pharmacy to the Riverdale Fire Department on behalf of the Annual “Hero Hat” Campaign that was held in September.

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve Resolution No. 53 to acceptance a donation from Fred’s Pharmacy for the Riverdale Fire Department in the amount of \$442.14. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**4) REQUEST TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW CAR WASHES**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to deny the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to allow car washes. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace and Ruffin voting “Yes”.**

**5) ACTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to cancel the Mayor and Council Meetings for November 23, 2015 and December 21, 2015. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**6) DISCUSSION OF ETHICS VIOLATION - RESULTS FROM THE HEARING OFFICER**

Council Member Davis made a motion to deny ethics violations number 5 and number 8. **The motion dies due to the lack of a second.**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to accept the three recommendations that was provided by the ethics officer which consisted of the following penalties: 1). A Public reprimand of Council Member Stamps-Jones by the City Council; 2). A request for Council Member Stamps-Jones' resignation from the City Council; and 3). A fine in the amount of \$408.62 which equals the cost associated with the unauthorized police escort. Additionally, in light of these serious violations of the Ethics Ordinance, and in the event a resignation is not forthcoming, the City Council is encouraged and fully empowered to initiate impeachment proceedings pursuant to Section 6 of the City Charter. Council Member Ruffin provided the second.

Council Member Wallace amended her motion to accept recommendations number 2). A request for Council Member Stamps-Jones' resignation from the City Council; and number 3). A fine in the amount of \$408.62 which equals the cost associated with the unauthorized police escort. Additionally, in light of these serious violations of the Ethics Ordinance, and in the event a resignation is not forthcoming, the City Council is encouraged and fully empowered to initiate impeachment proceedings pursuant to Section 6 of the City Charter. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion passed with Council Member Davis voting "No" and Council Members Wallace and Ruffing voting "Yes".**

Attorney Barnes stated that a hearing for the ethics violations will be conducted within 60 days.

#### **10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Comments were provided by the Governing Body.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried.**

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Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, Mayor

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Sylvia Vaughan, City Clerk