

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BUSINESS SESSION ACTION MINUTES  
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CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 8, 2016

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WELCOME TO THE MAYOR & COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE  
THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**CITY OF RIVERDALE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
BUSINESS SESSION ACTION MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016 | 7:28 PM**

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:

E. Scott Wood  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: 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 Mayor Pro-Tem		X
An’cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2		X
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3 Parliamentarian		X
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4		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 Officer Broughton.

**6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following addition and deletions:

Additions:

- Executive Session

Deletions:

- None

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

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

1. Karen Huley Famer, 1926 Bethsaida Road, Riverdale, Georgia, 30296, spoke about the Ethics Board. She asked if the Board Members were vetted and if they had any ethics training. Mayor Wynn-Dixon responded that they will receive training from through the University of Georgia, Carl Vision Institute.
2. Michelle Bruce, 618 Roy Huie Road, Riverdale, Georgia, 30274, spoke about the fireworks issue. He asked if the veterans would be considered regarding the noise ordinance. Mayor Wynn- Dixon responded that this issue should be taken to the State level.

**8. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016 Work Session and Business Session

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016 Work Session and Business Session with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Council Member Wallace providing the second. **The motion passed with a vote of 3/2 with Council Members Wallace and Ruffin voting “Yes” and Council Member Stamps-Jones abstained from voting. Council Member Stamps-Jones stated that reason she abstained is because she did not vote for the 2016 Budget which is a part of the millage rate increase, and the reason she did not vote for the Ethics Board is because there was not enough clarification. Council Member Davis voted yes for the millage rate and abstained from the Ethics Board. Council Member Davis stated that the reason he abstained is because a citizen brought up a good point about the vetting and he believes the Council rushed into the development of the Ethics Board. Mayor Wynn-Dixon voted the tie and voted “Yes”.**

**A. BOARD OF ETHICS APPOINTMENTS**

**1. TAMMIE HARDY/ RESOLUTION NO. 29**

2. **MARY LASONDE/ RESOLUTION NO. 30**
3. **AVERY RANDOLPH/ RESOLUTION NO. 31**
4. **RODNEY LAWRENCE RESOLUTION NO. 32**

**B. SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE BOARD OF ETHICS APPOINTMENTS:**

The Swearing in Ceremony was administered by the Honorable Judge Ronald Freeman.

1. **TAMMIE HARDY**
2. **MARY LASONDE**
3. **AVERY RANDOLPH**
4. **RODNEY LAWRENCE**

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MILLAGE RATE FOR PROPERTY TAX INCREASE/ RESOLUTION NO. 33**

**10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Comments were provided by the Governing Body.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the Business Session Meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:05 pm to discuss a legal and personnel matter with Council Member Davis providing the second. **The motion carried.**

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:35pm with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried.**

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Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

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City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan