

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION ACTION MINUTES
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WELCOME TO THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE
THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 | 7:00 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		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 Terry Baskin.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
5. **RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Provided by Officer Barnes.
6. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

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

Addition(s):

- None

Deletion(s):

- None

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

7. PRESENTATION(S):

1. Hope Park - Pastor Dr. Dallas Wilson

Pastor Dr. Dallas Wilson 492 Roy Huie Road Riverdale GA. 30274 presented a presentation of the Project Hope. He stated that Hope Park would be a safe place for the children to play in the community and structured activities would also be provided. Pastor Wilson explained that the ministry has donated four acres of land to Project Hope and they have a Turn-Key Project from a local company in the amount of \$76000.00. He also stated that the reason he has come before the Board is to ask for financial support. Attorney Wiggins explained that due to constitutional provisions, there must be a benefit to spend tax payer funds. After much discussion, the Board did not reach a consensus to provide financial support. So this item will be revisited at a later date.

2. Resolution and Letter of Condolence for Tuskegee Airman - State Representative Rhonda Burnough and Sparkle Adams who is a Member of the Atlanta Chapter of Tuskegee Airman Represented Congressman David Scott's Office

State Representative Rhonda Burnough presented Resolution No. 654 recognizing Tuskegee Airman Hiram Little. She read the following Resolution into the record:

House Resolution 654

By: Representative Burnough of the 77th, Glanton of the 75th, Waites of the 60th, Scott of the 76th and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the life well lived and the memory of Hiram Emory Little, Sr.; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Hiram Emory Little, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Hiram Emory Little, Sr. was born on March 31, 1919, in Eatonton, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he attended David T. Howard Elementary and Junior High Schools, becoming a charter member as a crew member of Troop 94, the first Boy Scout Troop in an African American school in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty, enlisting in the United States Army Air Corps in 1941, training at the Chanute Air Force base in Rantoul, Illinois as an aircraft armorer in the Tuskegee Aviation Program and serving as a part-time Instructor at the Cadet Ground School of the Tuskegee Army Air Base in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, he graduated from Bombardier School and was assigned to the 477th Bombardment Group as a crew member on a B-25 bomber; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, he enrolled at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, to complete his academic studies and was hired to work for the Atlanta U.S. Postal Service, becoming one of the first African American supervisors in the Atlanta area; and

WHEREAS, he retired in 1978 from the postal service and in 2005, at the age of 80, he received a certificate in carpentry from the Atlanta Technical College; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Hiram Emory Little, Sr., will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Hiram Emory Little, Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Hiram Emory Little, Sr.

IN HOUSE
Read and Adopted
March 20, 2017
William L. Reilly
Clerk

Ms. Sparkle Adams who is a member of the Atlanta Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, read the following Letter of Condolence from Congressman David Scott, to the Family of Tuskegee Airman, Hiram E. Little Sr. into the record:

**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1013**

To the Family of Tuskegee Airman, Hiram E. Little Sr.

Greetings:

As a member of the U. S. House of representatives, I want to extend to you my deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved father, Mr. Hiram E. Little, Sr.

For any family, the passing of a loved one is an immense loss, and there is no loss greater than losing your father, the patriarch of the Family, giver of life, wisdom, advice and unconditional love.

As a Tuskegee Airman, Hiram Little lived a life, few if any can imagine: a wonderful life of adventure, sacrifice and historic events that have left a legacy for years to come.

Today, I honor him and his legacy as a Tuskegee Airman. Hiram Little knew how to live life and made every day count. He signed up to serve our nation and defend the liberties we hold dearly in the United States of America. But he did not repose in that accomplishment, as great as it was, he went on to start a career with the Atlanta Postal Service, where he became one of its first Black Supervisors and served as a mid-level manager until his retirement in 1978. An advocate for civil rights, Mr. Little participated in voter registration drives in Alabama and Mississippi during the turbulent 1960's. He was a man interested in new challenges and at the age of 86 earned a Certificate of Carpentry from Atlanta Technical College in addition to working with scout troops.

Mr. Little was blessed with a long life as promised in the Bible and shared his life experiences with everyone. He will be sorely missed by his friends at Providence Missionary Baptist Church and the Atlanta Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, which he co-founded.

Mr. Hiram Little, Sr. was an honorable man who attended many parades and veterans programs in Riverdale, Georgia. I recall during the first Veterans Day Parade in Riverdale, we took a group picture with his fellow veterans. I am proud to have known him.

I am deeply saddened that Tuskegee Airman, Hiram Little's life has ended, depriving his children, family, and friends of his presence and love, leaving a void for generations to come.

Thank you for sharing him with us. I know that words, however kind, cannot ease your pain, but as much as possible, I wish you comfort and peace of mind as you come to terms with this loss.

I will keep you in my prayers, and may God guide you through this difficult time.

Sincerely,
David Scott
Member of Congress

The Grandson of Tuskegee Airman, Hiram E. Little Sr. spoke about the life of his grandfather. He stated his grandfather was a very civil man and always said if someone need help, help them; and he believed that you are never too old to learn.

Mr. Arthur Hughes also spoke about the life of Tuskegee Airman, Hiram E. Little Sr. and shared historical pictures of Mr. Little during the many special events he attended in the community.

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

There were no public comments.

9. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017 Work and Business Session Meetings

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017 Work and Business Session Meetings. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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 at 7:40pm with Council Member Davis providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan