

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



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MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 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:

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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 with the exception of Council Member Davis, 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:** Officer Courtney Brown
- 6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Addition(s):

- None

Deletion(s):

- None

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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

1. Eric Bell, 376 Fleming Court, Jonesboro, Ga. 30203, spoke about art and community engagement.
2. Jessica Tucker, 438 Emmett street Riverdale, Ga. 30274, spoke about the unfinished sidewalks on Taylor Road, leading to Riverdale High School.
3. Hazel Craigwell, 6866 Tara Oaks Drive, Riverdale Ga. 30274, spoke about the cracked sidewalk between Church Street and Town Center Drive.
4. Chris Sing, 6555 River Park Drive, Riverdale Ga.30274 spoke about the concerns he has regarding the city welcoming new businesses.
5. Dawnyette Glover, 6989 Hwy 85, Suite- B, Riverdale Ga. 30294, spoke about a new community center opening in Riverdale.

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

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

9. PUBLIC HEARING: Conditional Use Permit for Automobile Sales/Pending Approval of a Variance

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon opened the Public Hearing and asked to hear from those who were in support and from those who were in opposition of the conditional use permit for automobile sales/pending approval of a variance.

Spoke in favor:

Chris Sing spoke in favor of the use permit. He stated that the city should not be in a position to turn down new businesses.

Spoke in opposition:

Debra Thomas expressed concerns about the condition of the building. She stated that the building is in need of repairs prior to placing a business on the property.

Council Questions:

Council Member Stamps-Jones asked about the size of the lot and the construction of the building. Council Member Wallace commented that the lot is 2.4 acres. Mayor Wynn-Dixon stated that the conditional use permit does not meet the criteria. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Dixon closed the public hearing.

10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:

1) OLD BUSINESS:

- A.** Approval of the Conditional Use Permit for Automobile Sales/Pending Approval of a Variance

Council Member Wallace made a motion to deny the conditional use permit for automobile sales with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried. Council Member Stamps-Jones voted “No”.**

- B.** Approval from Ethics Board Attorney to amend the Ethics Ordinance No. 12

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Amendment of Ethics Ordinance No. 12- 2016 Draft - A. **The motion failed due to the lack of a second.**

Council Member Stamps-Jones made a motion to table the Amendment of Ethics Ordinance No. 12- 2016. **The motion failed due to the lack of a second.**

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to approve the Amendment of Ethics Ordinance No. 12- 2016 Draft - A with Council Member Wallace providing the second. **The motion carried. Council Member Stamps-Jones abstained from voting.**

2) NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan/ Resolution No. 24

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan/ Resolution No. 24 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- B.** Approval of Code Red Contract

Council Member Stamps-Jones made a motion to deny the Code Red Contract with Council Member Wallace providing the second. **The motion was denied with Council Member Stamps-Jones voting “yes” and Council Members Wallace and Ruffin voting “No”.**

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to move forward with the Code Red Contract with Council Member Wallace providing the second. **The motion passed with Council Members Ruffin and Wallace voting “Yes” and Council Member Stamps-Jones had no comment.**

C. Approval of the IGA with Fayette County for Fire Fighter Training Class/Resolution No. 26

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the IGA with Fayette County for Fire Fighter Training Class/Resolution No. 26. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

D. Approval of Surplus Vehicle (Fire Department)/Resolution No. 25

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Surplus Fire Department Vehicle Resolution No. 25 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

E. Approval of Taylor Road Change Order/Resolution No. 27

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Taylor Road Change Order/Resolution No. 27 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Comments were provided by the Governing body.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan