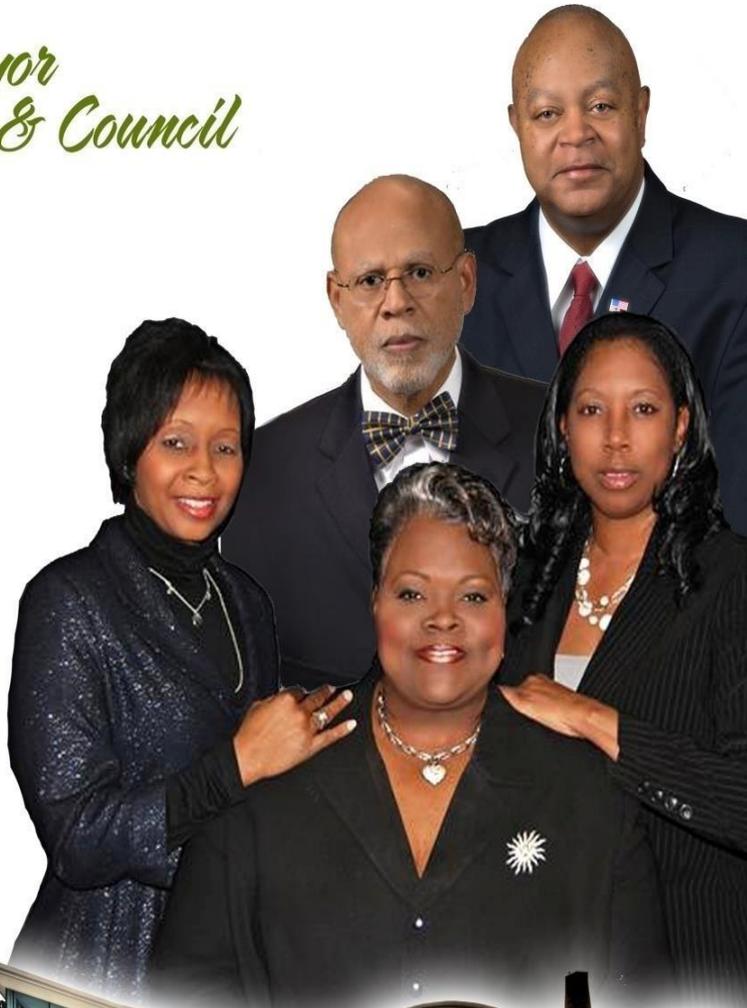


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**CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR & COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION ACTION MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 | 7:00 PM**

The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

The Honorable Cynthia Stamps-Jones
The Honorable Wanda Wallace

The Honorable An’cel Davis
The Honorable Kenneth Ruffin

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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.

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

- 3. INVOCATION:** Dr. Cason
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison
- 5. RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Officer Broughton
- 6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

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

Addition(s): (None)

Deletion(s): (None)

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

7. PRESENTATIONS: (None)

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 MINUTE LIMIT) SEE BLUE CARD FOR RULES OF PARTICIPATION

1. Michelle Bruce, 618 Roy Huie Road, Riverdale, Ga. 30274, spoke about the last meeting and stated that everyone who worked as 911 Dispatchers did not get a job with the County. She also spoke about a citizen who made an ethics complaint. Ms. Bruce explained that if that person who served on the Ethics Board name did not show up on the city's tax roll; and if they live in the city, why did they resign from the Ethics Board.
2. Cathy Loving, 8311 Taylor Road, Riverdale, Ga. 30274, spoke about the Riverdale Police Dispatch 911. She also spoke about a dangerous location on Taylor Road in the acceleration lanes where she witnessed an incident. Ms. Loving asked if the Mayor and Council would address her concerns.
3. Rodney Lawrence, 6852 Worthington Drive, Riverdale, Ga. 30274, spoke about the qualification for the upcoming election. He stated that he wanted to clear up some false accusations regarding his qualifying. Mr. Lawrence stated that he did qualify August 20, 2019 for the election, and he resigned from the Ethics Board before he qualified. Mr. Lawrence is also asking for clarity as to who is his opponent that is seeking office in Ward 2 because of how his opponents name was listed on the ballot; and an article in the newspaper. Mr. Lawrence inquired if his opponents name is "Frank Cobbs Sr., Jr., or III". He also asked if a Member of the Council should be trying to contact an Ethics Board Member when it comes to ongoing complaints.

9. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2019 Work Session and Business Session

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adopt the Minutes of August 26, 2019 Work Session and Business Session, with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

10. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:** (None)

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of Millage Rate for Property Tax Increase / Resolution No. 33 - 9 - 2019

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve Millage Rate for Property Tax Increase / Resolution No. 33 - 9 - 2019 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Approval of Surplus Vehicles / Resolution No. 34 - 9 - 2019

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Surplus Vehicles / Resolution No. 34 - 9 - 2019 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Ruffin expressed concerns regarding the cost of the Skate Park. He stated that the amount was not \$100,000 it was actually \$350,000. He also spoke about the issues from the 2017 Election. He explained that some of the concerns included a delay in mailing the absentee ballots which did not come back until after the election. The election was also determined by three votes. He stated that a father and mother who voted by paper ballots were never discussed by the Election Board. He also stated that the certification of the election was done early on the Friday after the election, which should always be done a calendar week after the election. In 2008, there was a recount granted in the election with the School Board with a twelve-count difference. In 2017, there was a three-count difference and there was no approval for a recount. He explained that these are reasons for not going with the County.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, with Council Member Wallace Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan