



Mayor and Council Meeting Work Session Minutes April 23, 2012 6PM

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on April 23, 2012 at 6:00PM for the purpose of conducting a regular work session. The meeting was held in the conference room on the second floor at City Hall, located at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, Georgia 30274.

Call to Order and Welcome

With a quorum present, Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Roll Call

All members of the governing body were present for the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Addition(s): None.

Deletion(s): None.

Postponement(s): None.

Tabled Item(s): None.

The Agenda was approved by general consensus.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Iris Jessie, updated Mayor/Council regarding the status of the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS). She reported that all Clayton County municipalities had convened to discuss the matter, with the exception of one. She further reported that during the meeting, there was a motion related to the Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.) and if the municipalities should forgo the inter-municipal effort to secure the Special Delivery Strategy separately. Ms. Jessie said that the motion died for lack of a second and the prevailing action was that the municipalities instead employ a consultant to develop statistical information that will aide in structuring the agreement.

Ms. Jessie communicated to Mayor/Council the suggestion of the city attorney of three municipalities in the County: to address the Service Delivery Strategy because of the impact it could make on the L.O.S.T. distribution. The attorney further suggested that the City initiate the Alternative Dispute Resolution Process. The municipalities agreed.

Mayor Dixon advised that the City of Riverdale has not hired said attorney and no City monies were contributed. No decision was reached to determine which attorney would represent the Clayton County Municipal Association (CCMA) members.

Council Member Stamps-Jones advised that representation ought to advocate the interests of all municipalities represented.

Council Member Davis had no comment.

Council Member Ruffin asked about the timeline for mediation; if it would take place before the December 31, 2012 deadline. Ms. Jessie advised that the process would begin once a mediator was chosen. Mayor Dixon advised that said mediator would be from out the County and that the CCMA would be allowed to file for a lift of the sanction in order to apply for and receive grants.

Council Member Stamps-Jones reiterated the need for adequate representation; that a neutral party ought to be involved in mediation.

City Attorney, David Johnson, advised that there was base level work that could be done by the City to avoid arbitration.

Ms. Jessie explained the need for a Service Delivery Agreement: citizens are paying city and county taxes to receive the same services. The Agreement would eradicate the tax for citizens residing in incorporated areas of the County.

Mayor/Council unanimously decided against said attorney currently representing the CCMA, in favor of a neutral mediator.

Ms. Jessie issued Mayor/Council a recap of the recent Mayor/Council retreat, as well as the February financial report.

There were no additional comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:44PM.

The motion was made by Mayor Dixon and seconded by Council Member Kenneth Ruffin.

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