



**Mayor and Council Meeting  
Special Called Business Session Minutes  
June 21, 2012 7:00 PM**

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on June 21, 2012 at 7:15 PM for the purpose of conducting a Special Called Business Session. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers 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 7:15PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting at 7:15PM, with the exception of Council Member Stamps-Jones.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Invocation & Pledge was led by Chief Sam Patterson, Chief of the Riverdale Police Department.

**OFFICER IN ARMS TO READ RULES OF CONDUCT:**

Rules of Conduct read by Officer L. Stevenson.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

**The following amendments were made to the agenda:**

**Addition(s):**               None.

**Deletion(s):**               None.

**Tabled:**                       None.

**Postponed:**                 None.

**Motion:**               Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved to approve the amended agenda with deletions. Council Member Wanda Wallace offered the second.

**PRESENTATION(S): None.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Adoption of the June 11, 2012 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion:** Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Wallace Wanda moved to second the motion. The consent agenda was approved by a vote of 3/0. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones was absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 32-06-2012-A Request to Enter into Contract with Fincher, Denmark and Williams, LLC to represent Riverdale in the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement Negotiations by Attorney David Johnson and Iris Jessie.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FINCHER, DENMARK AND WILLIAMS, LLC TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF RIVERDALE IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.**

City Attorney, David Johnson, advised that the law firm offices of Fincher, Denmark and Williams, LLC was selected to represent the City of Riverdale in negotiations of the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) agreement. Mr. Johnson advised that the relationship of the firm to the City was limited solely to its engagement in SDS arbitration and that there is a measure in the contract advising how to proceed in the advent of a conflict of interest.

There were no comments.

**Motion:** Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve the **Resolution No. 32-06-2012**. Council Member Wallace Wanda moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 32-06-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

**RESOLUTION(S):**

**Resolution No. 33-06-2012 Adoption of the FY 2013 Operating Budget and CIP By Lolita Grant, Finance Director and Iris Jessie, City Manager**

Ms. Jessie advised that the local economy was in keeping with state and national trends. She stated that the City had been able to remain “out of the red” because of responsible

spending on the part of department managers. She further advised that staff was able to include some of the requests made by Mayor/Council, chiefly among them: a new fire truck that will replace the thirty year old truck currently in use, sidewalk improvements, new police cars, as well as a new severe weather warning system.

Lolita Grant, Director of Finance, gave the presentation of the new budget FY2013 (See Exhibit A: "FY2013 Presentation").

Council Member Ruffin and Ms. Grant discussed revenues the City would receive from franchise fees.

There were no further comments.

**Motion:** Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve the **Resolution No. 33-06-2012**. Council Member Wallace Wanda moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 33-06-2012** was approved by a vote of 3/1. Council Member Wallace gave the dissenting vote.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):**

**Council Member Davis**

Council Member Davis thanked everyone for attending and encouraged more people to be safe during the new summer season.

**Council Member Wanda Wallace**

Council Member Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for attending.

**Council Member Kenny Ruffin**

Council Member Kenny Ruffin gave the public information on a new initiative the City was undertaking with the veteran's advocacy program, *Joining Forces*.

**Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon**

Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for attending and commended the public safety departments for their roles in ensuring the safety of the patrons at the recent concert.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Kenneth Ruffin; second offered by Council Member Wanda Wallace. The meeting adjourned at 7:29PM.