



Mayor and Council Meeting Business Session Minutes July 23, 2012 7:00 PM

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on July 23, 2012 at 7:06 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 7:06PM.

ROLL CALL:

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting at 7:06PM.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation & Pledge was led by Pastor Riley of the Lakewin Christian Center, Riverdale, GA.

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):**
1. Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Riverdale and Clayton County Board of Commissioners to allow the Clayton County Park and Recreation Department, use of the Riverdale Regional Park for its Football and Cheerleading Program.
 2. Appointment of Diane Morse and Yulonda McGhee as Regular Board Members to the Riverdale Board of Zoning Appeals.

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. The measure was adopted unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

PRESENTATION(S):

- ✚ Special Recognition-Organizers of the Kidspllosion Summer Camp by Cie Cie McGhee-Interim Director of Culture Affairs and Leisure Services.

Director of Cultural Affairs, Ms. Cie Cie McGhee came before Mayor/Council to give special recognition to the CEO of Kidspllosion, Ms. Kalena Harris.

Ms. Harris presented the prospectus for the organization. (See Exhibit A: “Kidspllosion Presentation”

Council Member Stamps-Jones expressed support of the program and a desire to discuss partnering with Kidspllosion in the future.

Council Member Davis commended Ms. Harris and concurred with her that more diversity needed to be displayed in kid’s programming and activity.

Council Member Wallace and Ms. Harris discussed the desire for “Kidspllosion City” to be launched in Atlanta, particularly, Riverdale. Ms. Harris explained that the value of land in Atlanta, when compared to other major cities, best accommodated the cost associated with building and construction costs.

Council Member Ruffin and Ms. Harris discussed the potential for Kidspllosion to partner with “Let’s Move,” the national initiative of First Lady, Michelle Obama, to increase physical activity among youth.

Mayor Dixon also expressed support and suggested potential partnership with “Women Flying High,” an organization that helps bolster the visibility of minority/women owned businesses.

Mayor/Council presented Ms. Harris with a plaque and participated in a photo op.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the July 9, 2012 Mayor and Council Official Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved the aforementioned Consent Agenda Item for approval. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Riverdale and Clayton County Board of Commissioners to allow the Clayton County Park and Recreation Department, use of the Riverdale Regional Park for its Football and Cheerleading Program.

Council Member Ruffin advised that the Riverdale Blackhawks and another county team, the Hurricanes, would be participating in the county football program. However, they would be playing in the new Riverdale Regional Park. An agreement with the county was necessary for the play to be authorized and also to establish the provisions of how the program would be operated. Council Member Ruffin expressed appreciation to the county for allowing football play to take place.

Motion: Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved the aforementioned Consent Agenda Item for approval. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Appointment of Diane Morse and Yulonda McGhee as Regular Board Members to the Riverdale Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Ms. Camilla Moore, Director of Planning and Zoning, came before Mayor/Council to present the staff's recommendation for the two vacant seats on the Riverdale Board of Zoning Appeals. She listed the candidates' qualifications and credentials.

After review of their resumes, each Council Member gave public support of the candidates that were being recommended for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion: Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved the Consent Agenda for approval. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tracey-Graham-Lawson, Clayton County District Attorney, publicly announced her candidacy for the Office of the District Attorney for another term.

Jasmine Jones, President of the Riverdale Youth Council, publicly thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support of the group's fundraising efforts.

RESOLUTION(S):

Resolution No. 40-07-2012 Request to Designation of Individuals Authorized to Negotiate with Clayton County on the Local Option Sales Tax Allocation by Iris Jessie, City Manager.

Ms. Jessie went before Mayor/Council and advised that the passing of Resolution No. 40-07-2012 would authorize the Board to assign authorization to two representatives of the City of Riverdale to represent the City during the negotiation of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). She explained that all of the sales tax in the county is collected by the state and then redistributed to the municipalities within each respective county. This was based on an agreement that would be

negotiated on an annual basis. The agreement is currently based on each city's population and there are new aspects of the negotiations that municipalities would like to factor into the renegotiation. The first meeting would take place, Tuesday, July 24, 2012 and would require the individuals representing the City to be selected prior to the meeting.

Council Member Stamps-Jones recommended, in concert with Mayor Dixon, that the City Manager and City Attorney represent the City.

Council Members Davis and Wallace both agreed with the recommendation.

Council Member Ruffin and Ms. Jessie discussed the role of the legal arm of the City. Ms. Jessie advised that Michael Brown would be working in capacity as a consultant on the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) negotiations. The City Attorney will work apart from the City's legal firm and in concert with the City Manager during the SDS negotiations.

Mayor/Council agreed that City Manager, Iris Jessie and City Attorney, David Johnson, would be designated as authorized representatives during the negotiations.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 40-07-2012**. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 40-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Resolution No. 41-07-2012 Request to Amended Letter of Engagement with Fincher Denmark and Williams for SDS by Iris Jessie, City Manager.

Ms. Jessie presented Resolution No. 41-07-2012. She advised Mayor/Council that said resolution was a request for Mayor/Council to provide an amended letter of engagement with Fincher, Denmark and Williams, LLC for the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS). She reminded the members of the governing body that the SDS is negotiated every ten years.

Ms. Jessie further advised that Mayor/Council had approved an amended Letter of Engagement in early June 2012; however, Forest Park had additional changes they wished to make after the initial letter of engagement was incorporated.

There were no questions or comments made by Mayor/Council.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 41-07-2012**. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 41-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Resolution No. 42-07-2012 Request to Purchase the Code Red Emergency Warning System presented by Chief B. Nishiyama Willis, of the Riverdale Fire Department.

Fire Chief B. Nishiyama Willis presented Resolution No. 42-07-2012. She advised that the City of Riverdale Fire Department recommends, with the approval and support of Mayor/Council, the Code Red Weather Warning Service. She said if approved the service would be purchased for a three-year term. This would start immediately upon adoption of the resolution. The cost of the system is \$3,750 for the first year and \$7,500 for two subsequent years. The total cost would be \$18,750. She gave further details of the terms and conditions of the contract.

Chief Willis went on to describe the mechanism through which citizens would be able to participate and utilize the service. Citizens are allowed to use two numbers per household for system alerts.

Council Member Stamps-Jones and Chief Willis discussed the operating details of the service. Chief Willis explicated the process through which citizens could access the system.

Council Member Davis stated that there was no price that could be placed on saving lives and that implementing the system would be in keeping with a personal desire of his to make the City of Riverdale safer.

Council Member Wallace offered support of purchasing the service. She then asked what the direct impact would be on citizens for the service. City Attorney, Sharonda Boyce, advised that the City would be paying for the service, at no additional charge to the citizens, for the duration of the first contract. Each year the City purchases 20,000 minutes from the service provider and is charged .40 for each additional minute. Ms. Jessie advised that the City absorbs the entire cost of the service.

Council Member Ruffin advised that education on the service would be necessary to reach maximum engagement by each citizen. He asked about various ring tones that might be available for the service. He advised that for seniors a distinct ring tone could help them identify the ring. Chief Willis advised that she would research the matter and follow up with an answer.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 42-07-2012**. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 42-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Resolution No. 43-07-2012 Request to Enter into A Lease-Purchase Agreement for Two (2) Patrol Vehicles by Major Barney.

Major Barney presented Resolution No. 43-07-2012. He advised that, with approval of Mayor/Council, the police department wishes to move forward with the purchase of two new police vehicles and equipment. The cost of the cars and equipment would be \$71,496.34.

Each Council Member gave support of the approval of the purchase.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 43-07-2012**. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 43-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Resolution No. 44-07-2012 Request to Enter into a Contract for GIS Services presented by Camilla Moore, Director of Planning, Zoning, & Economic Development.

Ms. Camilla Moore presented Resolution No. 44-07-2012. She asked for permission to enter into a contract for GIS Services with eGIS, formerly known as Keck & Wood.

There were no questions/comments made by members of Mayor/Council.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 44-07-2012**. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 44-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Resolution No. 45-07-2012 Request to Award the Banking Services Contract presented by Lolita Grant, Finance Director.

Finance Director, Lolita Grant, presented Resolution No. 45-07-2012. She requested to award the banking services contract to BB&T. She advised that the financial fees would be \$3,000/mo. She further advised that entering into the new contract did not come at any increase in cost of services.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 45-07-2012**. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 45-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Resolution No. 46-07-2012 Request to Purchase a QUINT Fire Apparatus presented by Fire Chief B. Nishiyama Willis.

Chief Willis advised Mayor/Council on the importance of performing truck company operations, which includes search and rescue, ventilation, ladder rescue, ladder/pipe operations, etc. Truck company operations, she further advised, include extrication and heavy rescue. The QUINT Fire Apparatus provides the ability to perform the aforementioned operations.

Chief Willis provided Mayor/Council with the cost impact to the City: \$596,089.00. She advised that staff's recommendation was the approval of Resolution No. 46-07-2012.

Council Member Stamps-Jones had no comment.

Council Member Davis offered support of all matters concerning public safety and the saving of lives. He thanked Chief Willis for her research and support to Mayor/Council and the citizens. She also explained the function of QUINT as a dual function as an engine and ladder truck. The QUINT has five functions: pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device, and ground ladders.

Council Member Wallace had no comment.

Council Member Ruffin supported the measure.

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 46-07-2012**. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 46-07-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member Wanda Wallace

Council Member Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for attending.

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones thanked everyone in attendance for coming and commended the new BZA members, Diane Morse and Yulonda McGhee on their appointments.

Council Member Davis

Council Member Davis thanked everyone for attending gave remarks regarding the tragic shootings in Aurora, Colorado. He encouraged everyone to be safe.

Council Member Kenny Ruffin

Council Member Kenny Ruffin acknowledged the Clayton County Chapter of Boy Scouts of America, who was in attendance. He also commended Ms. Kalena Harris, CEO of Kidspllosion for her efforts with the 2012 summer camp that was entering its last week.

Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for attending and gave remarks about the success of the recent concert. She also made mention of the Service Delivery Strategy agreement in which the City of Riverdale was participating.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Wanda Wallace; second offered by Council Member An'cel Davis, by a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.