



Mayor and Council Meeting Business Session Minutes January 23, 2012 7:25 PM

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on January 23, 2012 at 7:25 PM for the purpose of conducting a regular 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 7:25 PM.

ROLL CALL:

All members of the governing body were present excluding Councilman Kenny Ruffin Stephanie Thomas, City Clerk was absent from the meeting. Linda Barthell served as Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation & Pledge was led by Pastor Harry Riley, Lakewin Christian Center.

OFFICER IN ARMS TO READ RULES OF CONDUCT:

Rules of Conduct read by Officer V. Barnes.

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 An'Cel Davis moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0. Councilmember Ruffin was absent.

PRESENTATION(S):

FY2012 2nd Quarter Financial Report by Lolita Grant, Finance Director.

See Exhibit A: PowerPoint Presentation “FY2012 2nd Quarter Financial Report”

Councilmember Stamps-Jones asked for an account of the City’s long-term debt. Ms. Grant advised that the City was nearing its limit in the amount of debt it can incur by the State’s mandate.

Councilmember Davis commended Ms. Grant on the presentation.

Councilmember Wallace asked for the City’s expenditure report for each department. She then broached the subject of possible tax increases to follow the furloughs the City has already implemented. Ms. Grant referred Councilmember Wallace to the report given prior to the meeting and explained the quarterly schedule whereby she regularly administers, provide Mayor/Council with current information on the financial affairs of the City.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Adoption of the January 9, 2012 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 2. 2012 Board of Zoning Appeals & Planning Commission Schedules.**

Councilmember Wallace advised that a correction be made to the status of Councilmember Stamps-Jones’ presence at the January 9, 2012 Work/Business Session.

Councilmember Wallace further advised that correction to the voting ballot be made to reflect she had not abstained from voting for the reappointment of the City Manager. She indicated that she simply did not participate in the vote.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the consent agenda with two corrections made to the January 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Council Member An’Cel Davis moved to second the motion. The consent agenda was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0. Councilmember Ruffin was absent.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following individual(s) offered public comments:

None.

RESOLUTION(S):

Resolution No. 04-01-2012 Commercial/Residential Sanitation Service Agreement by Camilla Moore, Director of Planning, Zoning, & Economic Development.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BFI WASTE SERVICES, LLC, D/B/A REPUBLIC SERVICES OF GEORGIA FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL SANITATION SERVICES; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY ONCE IT IS NEGOTIATED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Stamps-Jones asked for clarity on the conditions upon which the resolution would be approved. City Attorney, David Johnson, advised that the contractual terms are negotiable.

Councilmember Davis had no comment.

Councilmember Wallace inquired about the bidding process for each interested contractor. Ms. Moore explicated the details of the bidding process. Councilmember Wallace inquired about residential spending per household. Ms. Moore and Ms. Jessie provided the cost differentials. It was reiterated that the terms of the contract could be negotiated at later time; the resolution passed was for designating *Republic* as the winning bidder.

Motion: Council Member An'cel Davis moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Wanda Wallace offered the second. **Resolution No. 04-01-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

PETITION No: 2012U-0001-To allow Zdenka Bennett-Cribb doing business as Cozy Corner Banquet Room, to operate as a Banquet Facility on the commercial property located at 6504 Church Street Suite # 3 Riverdale on a C-2 General Commercial District.

Mrs. Camilla Moore, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented Petition No.: 2012U-0001. She explained to Mayor/Council that the participant submitted an application to request to allow Zdenka Bennett-Cribb to operate as a Banquet Facility on the commercial property located at 6504 Church Street Suite # 3 Riverdale on a C-2 General Commercial District.

Mayor Dixon opened the floor for the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the measure:

None.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the measure:

None.

Mayor Dixon closed the public hearing.

Motion: Council Member An'cel Davis moved to approve **PETITION No: 2012U-0001 with restrictions**. Council Member Wanda Wallace offered the second. **PETITION No: 2012U-0001** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

The Applicant was approved on the condition that she adheres to the occupancy limit Fire Marshall Policy.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member Wallace

Council Member Wallace thanked the individuals in the audience for attending the meeting and congratulated Ms. Bennett-Cribb on the opening of the banquet hall.

Council Member Davis

Council Member Davis thanked the public for attending the meeting and admonished Council and citizenry to work together to improve the City.

Council Member Stamps-Jones

Council Member Stamps-Jones thanked the public for attending the meeting and encouraged small businesses to be established in Riverdale.

Council Member Ruffin

Council Member Ruffin was not in attendance.

Mayor Dixon

Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for attending the meeting and to anticipate new updates in regards to public transit returning to the City, as well as her new appointment as Vice President of the Black Mayors Association of Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Wallace; second offered by Council Member Ruffin. The meeting adjourned at **8:09 PM**.