



Mayor and Council Meeting Business Session Minutes September 25, 2012 7PM

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on September 25, 2012 at 7PM 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 7PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

OFFICER IN ARMS TO READ RULES OF CONDUCT:

Rules of Conduct read by Officer Larry 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 Wanda Wallace moved to approve the agenda as published. Council Member Kenny Ruffin offered the second. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

PRESENTATION(S):None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the September 10, 2012 Mayor and Council Official Meeting Minutes.

Adoption of the Partial Payment Policy by Ann Smith, Tax Collector.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: *No Cards Submitted.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 05-02-2012 Request to replace a Work Truck presented by Bennie Rose, Director of General Services and Facilities Management.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F150 TRUCK FROM ALLAN VIGIL FORD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL SERVICES; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Bennie Rose, Director of General Services and Facilities Management, presented Resolution No. 05-02-2012. He reminded the governing body that the measure had previously appeared on the agenda for consideration on February 2012; however, he pulled the item because it was missing a quote. Mr. Rose stated that the department has secured the quote and is prepared to have the item considered by the elected body.

Mr. Rose further said there are currently two (2) Ford F150 pickup trucks in service that are in excess of 13 years old. He recommended the disposal of one of the trucks. He further stated that due to the age of the truck, it would cost more to repair the truck than what it is worth. She said the truck will be sent to fleet management for auction. Mr. Bennie informed the board that the new truck will cost \$26,549.00.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved Resolution No. 05-02-2012 for approval. Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved to second the motion. The measure was adopted unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

RECESS: Council Member Wanda Wallace mad a motion to take a Recess at 6:15PM. Council Member Kenny Ruffin offered the second. The measure passed by a vote of 4/0.

Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to reconvene the special called business session at 7PM. Council Member Kenny Ruffin offered the second. The measure passed by a vote of 4/0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

PETITION NO. 2012Z-0003 (Watkins Funeral Home)

Request to allow Watkins Funeral Home, LLLP, rezone property located at 6580 Church Street, Riverdale GA 30274 from C-4 (Office Commercial) to C-2 (General Commercial). The land use is currently C-4 Office Commercial with vacant buildings that use to have a Bed and Breakfast that operated on the premise. This building structure is a two story building with a basement. The applicant's intends to expand on the office foot print,

which will create a need for more parking. The use will not change and is suitable for the land use and density.

Ms. Camilla Moore, Director of Planning, Zoning, & Economic Development, presented Petition No. 2012Z-0003-Watkins Funeral Home.

The property is located at 6580 Church Street, Riverdale GA 30274. This property is zoned C-4 Office Commercial and is currently a vacant building. The proposed property has one building on the site and currently has its own ingress and egress. This property was a bed and breakfast that closed in 2009.

Ms. Moore informed the board that the proposal is suitable in view of the use and development of nearby and adjacent properties. She said adjacent and nearby zonings consists of C-2 General Commercial and C-4 Office Commercial. Ms. Moore stated that the property is approximately 1.88 acres, which is served by a driveway off of Church Street. She said the establishment will not cause any hardships on other businesses and residential homes as presently represented or in the near future. She further said the subject property is surrounded by properties that are zoned C-2.

Ms. Moore recommended that the petition be approved subject to the conditions that she enumerated in her staff report. (See conditions in Exhibit A: Zoning Petition No: 2012Z-0003 Staff report)

Council Member Kenny Ruffin asked if there will be a crematory at the proposed site.

Ms. Moore said no.

Mayor Dixon opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Moore introduced the new Planning Associate, Mr. E. Still. The Mayor and Council welcomed him to the City.

The following person(s) spoke in favor of the measure:

Pastor Harry Riley, 6449 Church Street.

Mr. Willie Watkins, owner

Billy Freeman, Jr

The following person(s) spoke in opposition of the measure: None.

Mayor Dixon closed the floor for the acceptance of public comments.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved Petition No. 2012Z-0003-Watkins Funeral Home for approval contingent upon the applicant's compliance with staff conditions. Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved to second the motion. The measure was adopted unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones thanked Mr. Watkins for bringing his business to the City. She said knowing his history and caliber of work; the Riverdale location will be spectacular. She announced the upcoming Preparation Spelling Bee scheduled for November 17th at 10AM.

Mr. Willie Watkins, owner of Willie Watkins Funeral Home, offered to sponsor 50 students.

Council Member Stamps-Jones thanked Mr. Watkins for his generosity.

Council Member Davis

Council Member Davis thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed Mr. Watkins to the City of Riverdale. He said announced that the last day to register to vote is October 9th in order to be eligible to vote in the November presidential election. He said the City is gaining a jewel by allowing the Watkins Funeral Home to bring their business here.

Council Member Davis publicly commended the Riverdale Police Department for quickly responding to an emergency call that involved in his neighborhood.

Council Member Davis reminded everyone about the Public Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for October 15th from 4-8PM. He said the event will be held in the fire bay at City Hall Annex.

Council Member Wanda Wallace

Council Member Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She asked Mr. Watkins if he had made an appearance on the Housewives of Atlanta show. Mr. Watkins said yes. She said she appreciated Mr. Watkins and his staff and could tell their comments are sincere.

Ms. Wallace announced the upcoming irun4 Riverdale Schools 5K scheduled for November 10th and the Mayor and Council's Christmas Gala scheduled for December 8th at 7PM. She said employees will receive a \$5.00 discount off of the 5K registration fee now through October 15th. She light-heartedly said employees most likely won't outrun her and the city manager, but they can at least try.

Council Member Kenny Ruffin

Council Member Kenny Ruffin thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He announced the grand opening of the park and Tom Joyner's, "Take Your Loved One to the Doctor Day," scheduled for September 29, 2012. He said the opening of the park is a really big deal for the Riverdale citizens and he is glad the City was able to deliver.

In response to the compliment that was given to the Planning Division, Mr. Ruffin said the no one has ever complimented the department for being easy to work with. He welcomed Willie Watkins to the City.

Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She announced that the City is still moving in a great direction. She also encouraged the public to attend the upcoming council sponsored events that were scheduled for this fall. She announced that there will be a 5K on November 10, a Spelling Bee on November 17th, Breakfast with Santa and a Christmas Gala on December 8th.

Mayor Dixon said she is elated about the new QUINT and the new general services truck.

Mayor Dixon welcomed Willie Watkins to the City. She said he is bringing a quality business to the City. She further said she cannot wait to see what type of chandelier Mr. Watkins will install in the new location. She said the company is known for having beautiful chandeliers at all of the locations.

Mayor Dixon encouraged citizens to pray for State Representative Joe Heckstall's family.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Wanda Wallace; second offered by Council Member Kenny Ruffin, and after a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.