



**CITY OF RIVERDALE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2014 | 7:00PM**

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on February 24, 2014 at 7:57PM for the purpose of conducting a regular business session. The meeting was held in the Courtroom Chambers on the 1st floor at Riverdale City Hall, located at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, GA 30274.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

With a quorum present, Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:57PM.

ROLL CALL:

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting. Sherry D. Henderson, Interim City Clerk, declared a quorum.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Evelyn Wynn Dixon	Mayor, At-Large	Present
Cynthia Stamps Jones	Council Member, Ward 1 Parliamentarian	Present
An'cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2 Mayor ProTem	Present
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4	Present

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

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 Wanda Wallace moved to approve the Agenda. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. The measure was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

Yea: *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*



CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the February 10, 2014 Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the February 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. The measure was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

Yea: *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

RESOLUTION(S)

Resolution No. 24-02-2014 Approval to enter into contract with recording artists for 2014 South City Concert Series, presented by CieCie McGhee, Director of Cultural Affairs and Leisure Services.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE 2014 SOUTH CITY CONCERT SERIES ARTIST LINE-UP AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE ARTISTS; PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER LAWFUL CAUSES.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body.

Council Member Stamps-Jones stated Cie Cie McGhee does a phenomenal job with the Concert Series. She wish the Board had more time to view the video presentation. Ms. Stamps-Jones indicated she would like to see more of a variety in the mix. She reviewed Wolf Creek Lineup, and would like for the City of Riverdale to be as competitive with the level of artist performances.

Mr. Davis stated Cie Cie McGhee did a great job, he wish the Executive Board had more time to view the entire "behind the scenes" video presentation during Work Session.

Council Member Wallace commented we should consider a more diverse lineup to appeal to more people in the community. This is an opportunity to attract a variety of cultures and people to our city.

Mayor Dixon stated she enjoys the concerts. Cie Cie McGhee does a great job. The City of Riverdale hosts several events throughout the year that appeal to a multitude of cultures.

Motion: Council Member Stamps-Jones moved to approve the measure. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 24-02-2014 was DENIED by a vote of 1/3.**

Yea: *Ruffin*

Nay: *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace*



Resolution No. 25-02-2014 Request to install Riverdale Regional Park 6-1/2 ft. extended height fence with safety backdrop around the top of Baseball Field retaining wall to replace existing 4ft fence. Presented by Bennie Rose, General Services Director.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY APPROVAL INSTALLATION AT RIVERDALE REGIONAL PARK 6-1/2FT EXTENDED HEIGHT FENCE WITH SAFETY BACKDROP AROUND THE TOP OF THE BASEBALL FIELD RETAINING WALL TO REPLACE EXISTING 4FT FENCE; AND AUTHORIZES THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER LAWFUL CAUSES.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body.

Council Member Wallace thanked Mr. Rose for his efforts, and acknowledged the citizens in the neighborhood appreciate his due diligence. She also thanked Ms. Camilla Moore for a great job.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 25-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.**

Yea: *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

Resolution No. 26-02-2014 Request to Approve the issuance of Request For Proposal (RFP), for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), to solicit a vendor to implement a solution. Presented by Lemmy Paskel, IT Director

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP), FOR ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP); PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER LAWFUL CAUSES.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body.

Council Member Wallace stated she loves when the City has the opportunity to save money. She posed question to Mr. Don Turner (Finance Director), how this new system would affect Finance.

Mr. Don Turner stated the city has as very outdated, antiquated system. There are several features we are unable to do. This new software can eliminate a lot of problems and inconveniences our citizens may endure. With the upgraded, new system we can get more accurate results and greater productivity.



Mr. Mingo added the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system has different modules. We will review and decide which module works best for us, for each respective department.

Lemmy Paskel stated he will confer with Department Heads and access their needs. Based on their needs, we can integrate particular ERP system modules.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 26-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.**

Yea: *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

Resolution No. 27-02-2014 Approval to purchase video surveillance equipment from Hawkeye Security Depot for 971 Wilson Road. Presented by Lemmy Paskel, IT Director.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT FROM HAWKEYE SECURITY DEPOT FOR 971 WILSON ROAD; AND AUTHORIZES THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER LAWFUL CAUSES.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body.

Council Member Wallace inquired where would the cameras be placed, and how soon for implementation.

Cameras will be placed in parking lot, front door, back of building, storage area, and backside - providing full coverage of the entire area.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. Resolution No. 20-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.

Yea: *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*



Resolution No. 28-02-2014 Approval to enter into contract with ACES Engineering for 2014 Professional Engineering Services for Recreational Detention Basin Design Work for the City of Riverdale. Presented by Camilla Moore, Director of Planning & Zoning.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ACES ENGINEERING FOR 2014 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR RECREATIONAL DETENTION BASIN DESIGN WORK FOR THE CITY OF RIVERDALE; AND AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR SERVABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER LAWFUL.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns from the governing body. There were none.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 28-02-2014 was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.**

Yea: *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**PETITION NO. 2014ZTA-0001 (Definition – General Stores)
Presented by Camilla Moore, Director of Planning & Zoning**

Article II, Section 2.3 currently does not define General Stores. Staff recommends adding a definition of "General Store" to ensure that such uses which fall under this category be properly placed. This definition will help clarify and define the difference between general stores, grocery stores, and convenience stores, which sell general merchandise and food. Such clarifications will allow Staff to more easily make a determination concerning whether a proposed use is permitted or not. Therefore, there needs to be a clear distinction between such uses so that the general public fully understands the difference.

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 Wanda Wallace moved to approve the measure. Council Member An'cel Davis moved to second the motion. **Petition No. 2014ZTA-0001 (Definition - General Stores) was APPROVED by a vote of 4/0.**

Yea: *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Ward 1

Council Member Stamps-Jones thanked everyone for their patience, while Mayor & Council went through the Work Session Agenda. Cultural Affairs team did an outstanding job with the Concert Series. She asked CieCie McGhee, to tell her staff thank you on behalf of the Board.

The City of Riverdale will be presented an award on Wednesday (Feb. 26) for the Nov. 2013 Spelling Bee. It's great to have an educational program acknowledged with an award.

Council Member An'cel Davis, Ward 2

Council Member An'cel Davis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked CieCie for her hard work. He advised the Cultural Affairs team to stay encouraged, and the Governing Body appreciates their hard work. Council Member Davis apologized for the late start for Business Session. City Clerk will work to avoid lengthy Agendas for future meetings.

Courtney McFarlane, President of the Caribbean American Association and Riverdale Business Coalition, is responsible for the a mobile African American Museum. Mr. Davis would like for Mr. Mingo to speak with Mr. McFarlane to bring the mobile program to Riverdale, and provide a permanent home.

He thanked Pastor Riley for his time tonight as well.

Council Member Wanda Wallace, Ward 3

Council Member Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for attending Mayor & Council Meeting. We are very proud of the great work Cultural Affairs has done. She acknowledged and congratulated everyone's efforts for the Special Spelling Bee Award.

Council Member Kenny Ruffin, Ward 4

Council Member Kenny Ruffin thanked everyone for their time. Mr. Ruffin brought to everyone's attention Southern Regional's financial shortfall. Southern Regional is a vital institution in our community, and we value having a hospital in the area. Southern Regional Medical Center officials have asked Clayton County Board of Commissioners for financial assistance to help keep the hospital open. In doing so, requires assistance from the City of Riverdale.

Free patient care provided to patients who come to Southern Regional Hospital without an ability to pay has caused the hospital to struggle to meet its financial obligations. In 2013, nearly 80% of the "charity care" services provided to patients where Clayton County residents.

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, At-Large

Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for their time. We had a wonderful Health Fair at Riverdale Centre on Sat 2/22. She was very impressed with CieCie McGhee and her hardworking staff. She thanked Mr. Courtney McFarlane for considering to bring his program to the City of Riverdale.

Mayor Dixon acknowledged, she and Mr. Nate Mingo will attend a special Georgia Power Luncheon on Fri 2/28 to pick-up a franchise check.

She advised everyone she recently meet with Ms. Nancy Pelosi (Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and highest ranking female politician) for a meeting on 2/20. Mayor Dixon recently participated on a conference call with President Barack Obama, in an effort to further promote Obamacare.

On Feb. 25th, Mayor Dixon will attend a Minority Recruitment Luncheon, where she will be presented with the Terrell Slaton Award. Later that evening, she will attend a Special Black History Program in the home of Vice President Biden.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to approve; second offered by Council Member An'cel Davis and with a unanimous vote of 4/0, the meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Yea: *Stamps-Jones, Davis, Wallace, Ruffin*
