

MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION MEETING MINUTES MAY
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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE.
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**CITY OF RIVERDALE, GA
MAYOR & COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY MAY 27, 2015 | 7:00 PM**

The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon,

The Honorable Cynthia Stamps-Jones
The Honorable Wanda Wallace

The Honorable An'cel Davis
The Honorable Kenneth Ruffin

City Manager:
City Clerk:
City Attorney:

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: By the Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon.**
- 2. ROLL CALL- CITY CLERK:** All Members of Council were present which constituted a quorum.
- 3. INVOCATION:** Provided by Council Member An'cel Davis.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
- 5. RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Provided by Sergeant Wilburn.
- 6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Addition(s): Executive Session

Deletion(s): 1. Wilson Road
3. City Clerk's Result on Election Superintendent Search
5. Ordinance for Demonstration

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Agenda, Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried,**

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (5 MINUTE LIMIT) SEE BLUE CARD FOR RULES OF PARTICIPATION**

- Gwen Williams, 7167 Williamsburg Drive Riverdale, Ga. 30274 thanked Council Members Wallace and Ruffin for assisting her with a dilemma. She asked if Mayor Dixon would consider having a forum for those candidates who are running for office in 2015 City Election to help the public get a better idea of who is seeking office.
- Corey Ponzi, 3004 Western Sunset Court, Decatur, GA. 30034 commented he has been an employee with the City of Riverdale for 2 ½ years. He stated he has received threats from a

city official regarding his job because of his gender. Mr. Ponzi indicated that this has left him with anxiety disorders and minor depression. He announced there will be a rally outside of the City of Riverdale's City Hall for people who have been subjected to homophobia on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

5. **PRESENTATION(S) (10-MINUTE LIMIT)** Council Member An'cel Davis presented a proclamation to the Vietnamese American Community in honor of their 40th Anniversary.

Representatives of the Vietnamese American Community were present and honored to accept the proclamation; and announced they will be going to Washington DC on June 19, 2015 to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Mayor and Council congratulated the Vietnamese American Community on their 40th anniversary.

6. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2015 Work Session and Business Session; and Special Called Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2015

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2015 Work Session and Business Session; and Special Called Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2015. Council Member Ruffin provided the second.

Council Member Davis stated he would like to make corrections regarding the minutes. After discussion, the motion failed with Council Members Stamps Jones and Davis voting "No" and Council Members Wallace and Ruffin voting "Yes. Mayor Wynn Dixon voted "No" and broke the tie.

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1) **APPROVAL OF A VOTING DELEGATE FOR GMA ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SAVANNAH**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve Council Member An'cel Davis to be the Voting Delegate for the GMA Annual Convention in Savannah. Council Member Stamps Jones provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 2) **CITY CLERK'S CONTRACT**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the City Clerk's Contract and Resolution No. 36 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to recess and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

9. **RECONVENUE TO BUSINESS SESSION MEETING:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to reconvene the business session meeting with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried.**

10. ACTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REQUEST OF A PERSONNEL MATTER

Council Member Wallace made a motion to move forward with the request of a personnel matter. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **Council Members Stamps Jones and Davis voted “Yes” and Council Members Wallace and Ruffin voted “No” Mayor Dixon broke the tie and voted “No”. The motion failed.**

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Stamps Jones had no comments.

Council Member Davis thanked everyone for coming out and attending the meeting; and told everyone get home safely.

Council Member Wallace commented she always does what is right and when things come to her she doesn't care about color. She stated she does not believe in favoritism. She commented how issues are going on in the City and asked what business want to come in this city. She told everyone to be safe driving home.

Council Member Ruffin commented there are two ethics violations voted on to move forward. He stated he is going to clear his name.

Mayor Wynn Dixon commented when a person receives a complaint they do not realize how much damage is caused. She announced that the after work cool down starts Thursday May 28, 2015 and encouraged everyone to look at the webpage. She stated we will not be defeated and we are not giving up.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Evelyn Wynn Dixon, Mayor

Sylvia Vaughan, City Clerk