



**CITY OF RIVERDALE, GA  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
BUSINESS SESSION  
ACTION MINUTES  
MONDAY AUGUST 24, 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:

E. Scott Wood  
Sylvia Vaughan  
L’Erin Barnes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: By Honorable Mayor Wynn Dixon.**
- 2. ROLL CALL- CITY CLERK:** All Members of Council were present which constituted a quorum.

<b>Attendee’s Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Evelyn Wynn Dixon	Mayor, At-Large	Present
Cynthia Stamps Jones	Council Member, Ward 1	Present
An’cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2	Present
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3 Mayor Pro-Tem	Present
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4 Parliamentarian	Present

- 3. Approved the Minutes of August 10, 2015 Work Session and Business Session.**

Mayor Wynn Dixon asked for a motion to approve the minutes.



After much discussion, Mayor Wynn Dixon asked for the motion to be amended at the request of the City Attorney to move forward with action minutes in correlation with the audio recording. Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Work Session and Business Session Minutes of August 10, 2015 with the corrections and additions. Council Member Davis made a correction in the Work Session Minutes on page 4; change the statement made by Council Member Ruffin regarding two people who overspent their travel by \$9,400.00 and \$9,100.00. The correction was made stating that Council Member Ruffin said that two people spent approximately \$2000.00 more in their yearly travel amount of \$7000.00. Council Member Stamps-Jones made a correction on page 4; 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph which stated that she distributed handouts. The correction was made stating that Council Member Wallace distributed handouts. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion passed with Council Members Wallace, Ruffin and Mayor Wynn Dixon voting “Yes” and Council Members Davis and Stamps-Jones voting “No”.**

#### 4. Approval of the Travel Policy

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Travel Policy with the amendment to include the reimbursement process for repayment of 5 to 7 business days. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion passed with Council Members Wallace, Ruffin and Mayor Wynn Dixon voting “Yes” and Council Members Davis and Stamps-Jones voting “No”.**

#### 5. Approval of the Ethics Ordinance Revisions

Attorney Barnes gave an overview of the Ethics Ordinance Revisions and stated that the reason this item was put back on the agenda is because Council Members Stamps-Jones and Davis abstained from voting. She stated that according to Section 3-17- Abstention, any member of the governing authority who has an interest that said member has reason to believe may be affected by such member's acts or actions or by the official acts or actions of the city shall: (1) Disclose that interest in accordance with this chapter, Section 3-9; and (2) Shall abstain from participating in such official acts or actions affected thereby. The interest shall be disclosed by such member of the governing authority prior to any official act or actions.

Council Member Stamps-Jones stated that she abstained because she believed City Council has not taken the time to properly discuss the ethic ordinance revisions.

Council Member Davis stated that the reason he also abstained was because we did not take the time to review the ordinance. Council Member Davis explained that the ethic ordinance



revisions should have some integrity and should be able to stand the test of time. There was no further action on this item.

6. Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Clayton County for the use of the Countywide 700 MHZ Communications Systems

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the IGA/Resolution No#45 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4/0.**

7. Approval of the Janitorial Contract

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Janitorial Contract/Resolution No.46 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4/0.**

8. Approval for the City Manager to Negotiate the Sale of Orme Street Property

Council Member Stamps-Jones stated she would like for her vote from the prior August 10th City Council Meeting to remain the same. She stated that she abstained because there was not enough time or information to discuss the agenda item and she is not sure how it would advance the city.

Council Member Davis stated that he would like to change his vote from the prior August 10<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting for the approval of the City Manager to negotiate the Sale of Orme Street property to "No".

This matter was previously approved at the August 10<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting with Mayor Wynn Dixon, Council Member Wallace and Council Member Ruffin voting in favor and Council Members Stamps-Jones and Davis abstaining.

9. Adjournment:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**