

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION ACTION MINUTES
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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE
THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**CITY OF RIVERDALE
MAYOR & COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION
ACTION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016 | 7:35 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.

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

3. **INVOCATION:** Provided by Deacon Eason.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
5. **RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Provided by Officer Barnes.
6. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adopt the agenda with the deletion of item 10-4; Approval of Internship/Resolution No.16 and amend item 10-3; Approval of the Budget Amendment to accept the donation for Mayor Wynn-Dixon’s Women’s Brunch and include

Scholarship Initiative. Council Member provided Davis the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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

1. Jason Etheridge introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for District 3 Clayton County Commissioner.
2. Alice Hardaway, 8344 Mountain Pass, Riverdale, Georgia, 30274, thanked the City for removing trees that were covering the sidewalk in her neighborhood.
3. Walter Vinson, Governor Affairs Manager, from Jackson International Hartfield Atlanta Airport, announced the TSA Pre-Check Program. He stated that this new programs will expedite the long wait lines at the airport. Mr. Vinson explained that customers can register online at tsa.gov and pay \$85.00. He also stated that customers traveling international can participate in the Global Entry Program and register online at cbp.gov; and pay \$100.00. Mr. Vinson indicated that registration for the programs will last for five years.
4. Marian Stallworth, 6860 Tara Oaks Dr. Riverdale, Georgia, 30274, spoke about the behavior at the Mayor and Council Meetings. Ms. Stallworth asked to meet with Council Member Stamps-Jones after the meeting.

8. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2016 Work Session and Business Session

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2016 Work Session and Business Session with Council Member Stamps- Jones providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

9. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discussion of the Decorum Policy: Council Member Ruffin

Council Member Ruffin read the following Sections of the Meeting Decorum Policy into the record:

Section 2.30 - A and B

- (a) Each member of the governing body shall have a right to speak and address any matter or issue before the governing body, for up to a total initial time limit of three (3) minutes per matter or issue. However, when a member of the governing body wishes to make a motion or speak during a discussion or debate, he or she must first be recognized by the presiding officer in order to speak.
- (b) When making remarks at a meeting, each member of the governing body shall confine his or her remarks to the topic being discussed or debated, and shall avoid

personal attacks upon other members of the governing body or upon the motives or character of other members.

Section 2.31-C

- (c) No council member shall be permitted to make rude, obnoxious, slanderous, or personal attacks on anyone, including but not limited to any other member of council or the presiding officer. All council members shall also refrain from side discussions or other distractions during a meeting.

Section 2.37

Purpose of these rules: It is not the intent of these rules to in any way hinder or impair the full and free expression of all competing viewpoints in discussions and debates. Instead it is the intent of this section to foster confidence in government through encouraging civil and respectful meetings.

2. Approval of Planning and Zoning Appointments/ Resolution No. 17

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to approve Eugene Presley to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve for three years. Council Member Wallace provided the second. **The motion passed with Council Members Ruffin and Wallace voting “yes” and Council Members Stamps-Jones and Davis voting “no”. Mayor Dixon broke the tie.**

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve Lucinda Sagers to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board to serve for three years. Council Member Stamps-Jones provided the second. **The motion failed with Council Members Stamps-Jones and Davis voting “yes” and Council Members Wallace and Ruffin voting “no”. Mayor Wynn-Dixon broke the tie.**

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to approve Deborah Thomas to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member Wallace provided the second. **The motion passed with Council Members Ruffin and Wallace; and Mayor Wynn - Dixon voting “yes” and Council Members Stamps-Jones and Davis abstained.**

Council Member Davis explained

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adopt the consent agenda with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

1. Approval of Tax Collection Contract/Resolution No. 15

2. Approval of Ordinance No. 9 to Amend Appendix Zoning – Article XI Buffer and Landscaping Requirements-Section 11.10 Tree Requirements (storm water requirements)
3. Approval of the Budget Amendment to accept the donations for Mayor Wynn-Dixon’s Women’s Homeless Brunch and Scholarships/Resolution No.14

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Comments were made by the Governing Body.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm with Council Member Davis providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan