

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION ACTION MINUTES
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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE
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MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 | 6:00 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 Wiggins

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** 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		x
An’cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2		x
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3 Mayor Pro-Tem		x
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4 Parliamentarian		x

- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A consensus was made by the board to approve the agenda with the following additions and deletions:

Additions: (none)

Deletions: Remove item number Executive Session

- 4. CITY MANAGER WOOD REPORT (A written report was provided in advance to the board).**

Mr. Wood provided an overview of the following items:

- He introduced the new city website and stated that it is user friendly. He also explained that he would like feedback from the Board.
- He stated that there are (5) bids on the Fire Station construction.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS:

Council Member Wallace asked when the design work would begin for the construction of the Fire station, would Fire Station No. 2 bid be separate; and would the bid for the construction be listed on the agenda at the next meeting. Council Member Wallace asked if the Public Safety Building could be included. Mr. Wood responded yes, however he would need a consensus from the Board. Council Member Ruffin asked if the minority and disadvantaged Businesses be included in the bid process. Mr. Wood responded yes. Attorney Wiggins stated contract will not be require a RFQ or RFP to separate firm/design. Mr. Wood responded yes that is correct.

Mr. Wood also spoke about the new owners of Villages on the River and stated how impressed he was. Mr. Wood stated that there are over 200 vacancies in the complex and the starting rent for a one bedroom start from (575 – 675). Mr. Wood also stated that the new owner implied it was the worst property he has ever taken over.

Mr. Wood spoke about the GIRMA Resolution. He stated that the cost for the Firefighters Benefit program is \$ 4,000.00 per year. Mr. Wood also spoke about the “Things You Should Know” flyer that originated by the citizens of Ward 3.

Council Member Stamps-Jones stated that she appreciates the update regarding Villages on the River and she hopes that this will enhance the quality of living for that community. She also commented on the city flyers and asked why the Board was not part of the process.

Council Member Wallace stated that the idea for “THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW” came from Ward 3, citizens of Riverdale and not a task force.

Mayor Wynn-Dixon stated that the flyer originated from the citizens. Mr. Wood responded that there would be a total of 300 flyers for the first run.

Council Member Stamps-Jones spoke on issues with dumping sofas beds and parking on the lawn. She asked what we are going to do to stop this from happening.

Mr. Wood replied that he was not sure if he received an email about the dumping. He further explained that Code Enforcement has responded to this request. Chief Spivey responded to the email that was sent by Council Member Stamps-Jones.

Council Member Stamps- Jones asked if there were any repercussions regarding parking on the lawn; could the owner or renters be sited.

Attorney Wiggins responded yes that the renters or owners could be sited with parking on the lawn.

Council Member Wallace stated that she is going through the same thing with their home owner's association, at Briar Cliff subdivision.

Council Member Stamps-Jones asked Attorney Wiggins if we need to address our ordinance (as a code violation)

Attorney Wiggins responded that one side of the street parking could be implemented in the ordinance. However, parking on the grass is already a code violation. Attorney explained that the issue is for the owner or renter to go through the court process.

Council Member Davis expressed concerns about the phones being down at the City Hall. Mr. Wood responded that new equipment was being installed due to phone issues. Finance Director Don Turner also stated that the issues with the phone and internet would be resolved between the month of February and March 2018.

Council Member Stamps-Jones stated the CEO of “Utopian Academy” is asking for assistance in the community. She also inquired about a fee regarding the charges.

Attorney Wiggins responded that there is a policy on giving away city property.

5. CITY ATTORNEY’S WIGGINS REPORT:

Attorney Wiggins provide an overview of the following item:

- Open records complaint that was reported to the Attorney General. She explained that the complaint was not valid and issue has been resolved.

6. DISCUSSION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM, PARLIAMENTARIAN, LIAISON FOR THE CLAYTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION AND VOTING DELEGATE FOR GMA 2018.

Mayor Wynn-Dixon explained that this item would be voted on and the results would be announced in the Business Session Meeting.

7. DISCUSSION TO USE THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM AS A DONATION FOR UTOPIAN ACADEMY/ANNUAL BLACK

HISTORY EVENT - COUNCIL MEMBER STAMPS-JONES

Council Member Stamps-Jones stated that the purpose of this item is for the CEO of Utopian Academy to use the multipurpose room as a donation for their Annual Black History Event.

8. ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION FOR GMA GIRMA-FIREFIGHTERS CANCER BENEFIT PROGRAM

Mr. Wood stated that the purpose of this item is to adopt Resolution no. 11/contract for GMA GIRMA Firefighters Cancer Benefit Program in the amount of \$4000.00 per year

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: COUNCIL MEMBER STAMPS – JONES

(This item was removed from the agenda)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 6:59pm with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan