



CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION ACTION MINUTES  
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 MONDAY, JULY 23, 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		<b>X</b>
Cynthia Stamps-Jones	Council Member, Ward 1		<b>X</b>
An’cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2		<b>X</b>
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3 Mayor Pro-Tem		<b>X</b>
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4 Parliamentarian		<b>X</b>

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

A consensus was made by the Board to approve the agenda as presented.

- **ADDITIONS:** (None)
- **DELETIONS:** (None)

**4. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: E. SCOTT WOOD (A written report was provided in advance to the Board)**

City Manager, E. Scott Wood informed the Board of a previous concern regarding an organization by the name of “The Institute for Justice.” He stated that the organization had critiques of Municipal Courts and Municipal Revenues. Mr. Wood noted that the Court Director, Nate Mingo informed him of an open records request received from this organization regarding Code Enforcement. He explained that the reasoning could be to contact individuals who have been cited. Mr. Wood also informed the Board of a news report regarding Riverdale Police Services.

He noted that the news story was about a particular style of weapons which was used by the Riverdale Police Department in the past. Mr. Wood pointed out that the Riverdale Police Department has since then upgraded and no longer have those weapons in stock.

**Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.**

**5. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT: L’ERIN BARNES WIGGINS**

Attorney Wiggins responded to questions given by Council Member An’cel Davis about House Bill 876, which states that cities cannot prohibit the use of wood as a construction material. She also explained in detail about House Bill 763, indicating that this bill is designed to have Police Chief’s within a Municipality sit on the “Climate Control Committee” for their local School Board.

**Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.**

**6. PRESENTATION (S): Comprehensive Plan – Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)**

Principal Planner, Ms. Alice Duncan presented the Comprehensive Plan to the Board.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING: Comprehensive Plan**

Mayor Dixon opened the Public Hearing and asked to hear from those in favor or against.

**IN FAVOR:** Afu Okosum stated that he was in favor of the Comprehensive Plan, but was concerned about the verbiage.

**AGAINST:** (None)

After hearing no further comments, Mayor Dixon closed the Public Hearing.

**8. AGENDA ITEMS:**

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion of Peachtree Recovery Service - Council Member Stamps-Jones**

Council Member Stamps-Jones provided a description of Preach Tree Recovery Service as an insurance recovery company. She expressed that it was government insurance for cities and she believes it will benefit the City of Riverdale.

**Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.**

**2. Discussion of Georgia Power Evc Pumps - Council Member Stamps-Jones**

Council Member Stamps-Jones spoke about utilizing this service to attract citizens who drive Electric vehicles.

Questions and comment were provided by the Governing Body.

**3. Discussion of Riverdale Regional Park Concerns - Council Member Stamps-Jones**

Council Member Stamps-Jones spoke about better lighting at the Riverdale Regional Parks. She also expressed concerns about the size and outer area of the current sprinklers.

Questions and comment were provided by the Governing Body.

**4. Discussion of Administrative Assistant - Printing And Binding Issues - Council Member Stamps-Jones**

Council Member Stamps-Jones expressed concerns about the Printing and Binding issue, and she asked for clarity on how to allocate funds.

Questions and comment were provided by the Governing Body.

**5. Discussion of Zoning and Appeals Board Meeting - Council Member Stamps-Jones**

Council Member Stamps-Jones asked for clarification regarding the procedures of the Zoning and Appeals Board services.

Questions and comment were provided by the Governing Body.

**6. Discussion Of Evans Dr./Wilson Road New Apartment Update - Council Member Stamps-Jones**

There was no discussion on this item.

**7. Discussion Of Community Concerns, Update - Council Member Stamps-Jones**

Council Member Stamps-Jones spoke about previous concerns regarding the Steeple Chase Community. She asked for an update regarding the list of issues from City Manager, E. Scott Wood.

Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.

**8. Discussion of Mary Lee Court repavement - Council Member Stamps-Jones**

Council Member Stamps-Jones spoke about a current Riverdale resident who inquired about the scheduled repavement of Mary Lee Court.

Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.

**9. Update on Antonio Whites Complaint - Council Member Stamps-Jones**

Council Member Stamps-Jones indicated that City Attorney, L'Erin Wiggins sent the Board a previous e-mail regarding Antonio Whites Complaint.

**There were no questions or concerns on this item.**

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**10. Discussion of Evans the Road Sidewalk Contract - E. Scott Wood**

**There was no discussion on this item.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn Work Session at 7:40 pm. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried.**

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**Mayor, Evelyn Wynn-Dixon**

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**City Clerk, Sylvia Vaughan**