

CITY OF RIVERDALE
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BUSINESS SESSION ACTION MINUTES
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City of Riverdale Mayor and Council Meeting March 8, 2021.



MAYOR

Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

CITY COUNCIL

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Frank Cobbs Jr, Ward 2
Wanda Wallace, Ward 3
Kenneth Ruffin, Ward 4

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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE THIS
MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

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

| Attendee's Name | Title | Absent | Present |
|------------------------|--|---------------|----------------|
| Evelyn Wynn-Dixon | Mayor, At-Large | | ✓ |
| Cynthia Stamps-Jones | Council Member, Ward 1 | | ✓ |
| Frank Cobbs Jr. | Council Member, Ward 2 | | ✓ |
| Wanda Wallace | Council Member, Ward 3 Mayor Pro-Tem | | ✓ |
| Kenneth Ruffin | Council Member, Ward 4 Parliamentarian | | ✓ |

- 3. INVOCATION:** Pastor Harry Riley of Lakewin Christian Center.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
- 5. RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Sergeant Derek Broughton
- 6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented with the following additions and deletions:

Addition(s): (None)

Deletion(s): (None)

Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: E. SCOTT WOOD

City Manager E. Scott Wood spoke about the following items:

- Announced that there will be a Budget Work Session Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 5pm
- Sale of a Police Dog
- Update of the Powers Street Project
- Update of the 6690 Church Street renovation
- Update of the Keep Riverdale Beautiful Program
- Update of the Riverdale Town Center
- Need direction from the Mayor and Council for the proposing contract with Republic Industries.
- Need direction from the Mayor and Council for the Riverdale Town Center to host the Riverdale High School Prom.
- Fire Chief Albert Wright came forward and presented a presentation on behalf of the Riverdale Fire Department. He provided an overview of the following items:
 - Revision of the handbook
 - Vacancies being filled.
 - Career development
 - Certification and education requirements
 - Vehicle replacement plan

Questions and comment were provided by the Governing Body.

8. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: L'ERIN BARNES WIGGINS

Attorney Wiggins spoke about the following items:

- HB 236 allow mixed drinks on premises.
- HB 499 will take away the standards of minimum wage.
- HB 77 will dispose of the misdemeanor of marijuana in an amount of 1 ounce or less.
- Bond refinancing is complete.

9. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2021 Business Session

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2021 Business Session, with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 MINUTE LIMIT) SEE BLUE CARD FOR RULES OF PARTICIPATION

- 1) Andre Brown, 7183 Hwy 85, Riverdale Ga. 30274, spoke about the property signs located in front of the COVID-19 Center. He asked for leniency regarding the code enforcement and to allow them to administer vaccines for COVID-19.

11. APPROVED AGENDA ITEMS:

➤ **OLD BUSINESS: (None)**

a. Discussion and Approval of new Fire Trucks/ Resolution No. 18-3-2021

Council Member Wallace made a motion to purchase new Fire Trucks/ Resolution No. 18-3-2021, with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

b. Discussion and Approval to surplus a 2004 Ford F150 / Resolution No. 19-3-2021

Council Member Wallace made a motion to surplus a 2004 Ford F150 / Resolution No. 19-3-2021 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

c. Discussion and Approval of Contract with EMC Security/ Resolution No. 21-3-2021 for the renovation construction of the 6690 building

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve a Contract with EMC Security/ Resolution No. 21-3-2021 for the renovation construction of the 6690 building, with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

d. Discussion and Approval of GMA Funding / Resolution No. 20-3-2021

This item was removed from the agenda.

e. Discussion of Moratorium for new Single-Family Homes

This item was for discussion only.

f. Discussion and Approval of GMA Lease Purchase Agreement

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve a GMA Lease Purchase Agreement, with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to recess the business session meeting at 6:45pm to enter into executive session to discuss a legal and personnel matter, with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:06 pm with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the business session meeting at 7:12 pm, with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan