



CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BUSINESS SESSION  
ACTION MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2020 | 6:00 PM

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 24, 2020



MAYOR

Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

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Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Ward 1

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



**CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR &  
COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION  
ACTION MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020 | 7:00 PM**

The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

The Honorable Cynthia Stamps-Jones  
The Honorable Wanda Wallace

The Honorable Frank Cobbs Jr.  
The Honorable Kenneth Ruffin

City Manager:  
City Clerk:  
City Attorney:

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- 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		✓
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:** Provided by Alan Dotson.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
- 5. RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Sergeant Derek Broughton
- 6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020 Work and Business Sessions

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020 Work and Business Sessions with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to adopt the agenda with the following additions and deletions:

Addition(s): None

Deletion(s): None

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

**8. PRESENTATION (s)**

- **Proclamation recognizing Pastor Timothy Starks for his services in the community**

*Pastor Timothy S. Starks  
Services To The Community*

*Whereas:* Timothy Sharod Starks is the Pastor (Pastah) and Kingdom leader of the Mount Nebo Baptist Church, in Pike County, Georgia. He was born in Palmetto, Georgia and later transferred to the City of Riverdale, attending Riverdale High School; however, he graduated from Richard Arnold High School, an all boy's school in Savannah, Georgia; and

*Whereas:* Pastor Starks is a colossal voiced movement for the ancient and approaching times. He is a generational Leader and messenger with a prolific sound cultivated to the systemized Kingdom of God. As an uncommon pastor, he is characterized as an old man in a young man's body—gifted to reconnect generational divides by consolidating church and community with Christ and bringing Kingdom liberation to an unbalanced society. Pastor Starks is also a mentor for the Youth Challenge Program and a Chaplain for Hope 4 Tomorrow ;and

*Whereas:* Pastor Starks experiences have carpentered his anomalous call to the ministry of kingdom building and sharpened his unique ability to cultivate a nation back to God with the Kingdom language called the gospel and his life of a servant is more sharpened and balanced with strength when it is lived in a village of kingdom minded people; and

*Whereas:* On June 29, 2020, Pastor Stark gave out 1850 boxes in the City of Riverdale alone and 18,575 boxes in the state of Georgia, between the May and June 2020; and

*Now Therefore* I, Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Riverdale, Georgia, and on behalf of City Council Members Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Frank Cobbs, Jr., Wanda Wallace, and Kenny Ruffin, do hereby proclaim August 24th, 2020, as Pastor Timothy Sharod Starks Day and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of entrepreneurship, to thank Pastor Starks and Mount Nebo Church, in providing a valued service to the citizens of Riverdale and partnering with Riverdale businesses to give back to the community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 24th day of August 2020, and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Riverdale, to be affixed hereto:

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 MINUTE LIMIT) SEE BLUE CARD FOR RULES OF PARTICIPATION: (None)**

**10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

Additions: (None)

Deletions: (None)

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

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:** (None)

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Consideration and Possible Approval of Ordinance No. 5-8-2020 / the Use of Mask and Face Coverings

Council Member Wallace made a motion approve Ordinance No. 5-8-2020/ the Use of Mask and Face Coverings with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried with Council Members Wallace, Cobbs and Ruffin voting “Yes” and Council Member Stamps-Jones abstained because she stated that the city should not put a financial mandate against the citizens to wear a mask when they are already wearing a mask. Council Member Ruffin stated that there should be a conflict of interest to abstain.**

The following code sections referencing abstaining was discussed by the Governing Body:

**Sec. 3-9. - Other disclosures of interest.**

Elected officials who have personal or financial interests which, because of the timing of such interests, were not identified in their annual disclosures, shall disclose the precise nature and value of such interest prior to the governing authority taking official action if said official has reason to believe that said interest may alter his/her independent judgment or substantially interfere with the exercise of his/her official duties. In such instances, said official shall:

- (1) Disclose the interest by making a verbal statement on the record of the minutes;
- (2) Refrain from debate and voting;
- (3) Refrain from all ex-parte communications with other elected officials regarding the issue in which he/she has an interest; and
- (4) At the first available opportunity, but in no case later than 20 days after discovery of the interest, amend the disclosure form required by section 3-8 to reveal the interest.

**Sec. 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 there being taken any official act or actions.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried.**

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Mayor Evelyn Wyn-Dixon

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City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan