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MAYOR AND COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED  
BUSINESS SESSION ACTION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 | 6:00 PM

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2020



MAYOR

Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

CITY COUNCIL

Cynthia Stamps-Jones, Ward 1

Frank Cobbs Jr., Ward 2

Wanda Wallace, Ward 3

Kenneth Ruffin, Ward 4

CITY MANAGER

E. Scott Wood

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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

The Honorable Cynthia Stamps-Jones  
 The Honorable Wanda Wallace

The Honorable Frank Cobbs Jr.  
 The Honorable Kenneth Ruffin

City Manager:  
 City Clerk:  
 City Attorney:

E. Scott Wood  
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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 with the exception of Council Member Wallace 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 Council Member Cobbs.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
5. **RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Sergeant Derek Broughton
6. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: E. SCOTT WOOD**

Mr. Wood spoke on the following items:

- Announced that the adoption of the Millage Rate is on the agenda for tonight, so the tax letters can be sent out. The due date on tax payments are December 15, 2020. The net millage rate of 11.48 is the same rate we have been able to maintain it for the past five years.

- Update on the Highway 138 Sidewalk project and we need to secure four or five temporary construction easements before we can go forward with a construction contract and that is being worked on by our civil engineer, Lisa Kopro.
- Announced that there will be a reception for the new Fire Chief Wednesday, September 30, 2020
- Commended Chief Spivey for coordinating with the three battalion chiefs and announced that there are three new recruits for the fire department
- Announced that there are two new recruits for the Police Department
- Announced that Judge Ronald Freeman has resigned, effective at the end of the year
- Announced that Lynette Batiste will be retiring, and a farewell reception will be given for her later this year.
- Announced that the last day for the 2020 Census is Wednesday, September 30, 2020
- Announced that there will be a drive-thru Christmas Festival at the Riverdale Town Center

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

Attorney Wiggins provided her report in executive session.

**8. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2020 Work and Business Sessions

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2020 Work and Business Sessions with Council Member Cobbs providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

Addition(s): Executive Session

Deletion(s): (None)

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

**10. PRESENTATION (s)**

➤ (None)

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

1. Jimmy Taylor, 447 Durham Crossing, Riverdale, Georgia 30274, spoke about the concerns he has regarding code enforcement citation fees and the time between violations and citations.

2. Ursula Still, 6849 Sandy Creek, Riverdale, Georgia 30274 spoke about Stinchcombe properties and stated that this property is not being kept up. She asked for assistance from the city regarding this matter.
3. Wanshez Miller, 6831 Sandy Creek Drive, Riverdale, Georgia 30274, spoke about zoning concerns and asked when questions could be asked regarding zoning.

## 12. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with Council Member Cobbs providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:** (None)

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Discussion and Adoption of the Millage Rate /Resolution No. 20-9-2020 - City Manager E. Scott Wood

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to approve the adoption of the Millage Rate /Resolution No. 20-9-2020 with Council Member Cobbs providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 2) Discussion and Adoption to change the Court Administration Paygrade from a Grade 8 to a Grade 12/Resolution No. 21-9-2020 - City Manager E. Scott Wood

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to change the Court Administration Pay Grade from a Grade 8 to a Grade 12/Resolution No. 21-9-2020 Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

## 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council Member Ruffin made motion to recess and go into executive session at 6:43pm to discuss a legal matter with Council Member Cobbs providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to adjourn executive session at 7:05pm and reconvene the special called meeting with Council Member Cobbs providing the second. **The motion carried.**

## 14. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to adjourn the special called meeting at 7:08pm with Council Member Cobbs providing the second. **The motion carried.**

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Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

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City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan