

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
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MAYOR
Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

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Wanda Wallace, Ward 3
Kenneth Ruffin, Ward 4

CITY MANAGER
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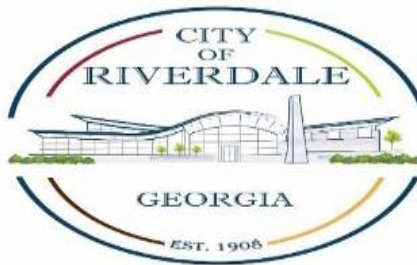
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CITY CLERK
Sylvia Vaughan

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WELCOME TO THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
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 Mary Granison
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City Manager:
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City Attorney:

The Honorable Kenneth Ruffin
The Honorable Wanda Wallace
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1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME - MAYOR

2. ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK

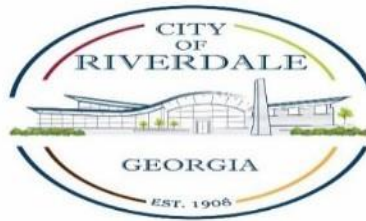
Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Evelyn Wynn-Dixon	Mayor, At-Large		✓
Mary Granison	Council Member, Ward 1		✓
Frank Cobbs Jr.	Council Member, Ward 2		✓
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3 Mayor Pro-Tem		✓
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4 Parliamentarian		✓

3. INVOCATION: Pastor Harry Riley.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited in unison.

5. RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS: Sergeant Derrick Broughton

6. PRESENTATION(S): None



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

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

Addition(s):

- Approval of a vacancy for the Board of Zoning and Appeals and Resolutions No. 49-58

Deletion (s): None

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

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

Mr. Wood spoke about the following items:

- Update of Highway 138 Sidewalk Project
- Towing of Semitrucks
- Update on rooming houses and renting rooms
- Announced that the 2021 Elections L & A Testing was Thursday, September 30, 2021.
- Update on the Town Center Events for the remainder of the year.
- The Keep Riverdale Beautiful Program was established in 2016 or 2017. Since then, there have been numerous awards given to the city for the upkeep of the city. Not to mention 2 months ago, a fulltime employee has been hired to pick up trash throughout the city. But with respect to the theater, this is not easily resolved as it may appear to the critics. We can spend \$8,000-\$10,000 of taxpayer money cleaning it up, only to have it most likely return pretty soon thereafter. We cannot position a security guard or police officer out there 24 hours a day or place security cameras on the property. We cannot fence it off due to legal reasons. We could declare it blighted but this will mean that the city would have to pay \$3,000,00. We have instead focused on bringing about a long term and permanent solution at the rightful owner's expense.

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

Attorney Wiggins spoke about the following items:

- Announced that the CCMA virtual meeting was September 30, 2021, and the last meeting for the year will be December 30, 2021
- Polling Place change need signage
- Court scheduled for code enforcement regarding re-rooming houses on 9-28-2021.
- Received an ante litem notice regarding an incident on Valley Hill Road.
- RFP was reviewed and submitted for Powers Street.

10. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021, Special Called Work Session Meeting and September 13, 2021, Regular Business Session Meeting



Council Member Wallace made a motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021, Special Called Work Session Meeting and September 13, 2021, Regular Business Session Meeting. Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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

- 1) Renee Rosser, 292 Heathrow Drive, Riverdale, Georgia, 30274, spoke about speeding in the Timber Trace -Heathrow Subdivision and she is requesting speed bumps or regular police presence to prevent these lawless motorists from disobeying the law.
- 2) Earnestine Smith, Heathrow Drive, Riverdale Georgia, 30274, spoke about repaving Valley Hill and repainting the lines in the road.
- 3) Linda Greer, 311 Hemingway Place, Riverdale, Georgia, 30274, spoke about businesses and homeowners with tall grass alongside Valley Hill, Lamar Hutchinson, and Hwy 85. She asked if the city could address her concerns.
- 4) Dr. Shirley Stankey, 6487 Hwy 85, Riverdale, Georgia, 30274, spoke about a concern she is having with starting her business. She asked if her concerns regarding the business service department could be addressed.

12. APPROVED AGENDA ITEMS:

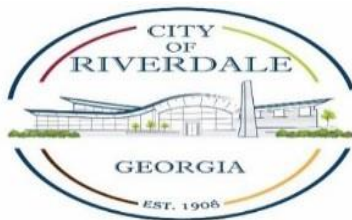
> OLD BUSINESS:

a. Consideration and Recommendation for the Advisory Boards (Planning Commission and Board of Zoning and Appeals and the Ethics Board/ Resolutions No. 46-58) – E. Scott Wood

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve for Beverly Patmon to serve on the Planning Commission with Council Member Granison providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve for Lucina Sagers to serve on the Ethics Board with Council Member Granison providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Cobbs made a motion to approve for Hildred Norman to serve on the Board of Zoning and Appeals with Council Member Granison providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**



b. Swearing in Ceremony for the Advisory Boards (Planning Commission, Board of Zoning and Appeals and Ethics Board - Attorney L’Erin Barnes Wiggins administered the oaths to the following Board Members:

Beverly Patmon	Planning Commission
Lucina Sagers	Ethics Board
Hildred Norman	Zoning and Appeals Board

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:** none

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm with council Member Cobbs providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan