

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
MEETING ACTION MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2022|6:00 PM

City of Riverdale Mayor and Council Meeting January 10, 2022.



MAYOR

Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

CITY COUNCIL

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Wanda Wallace, Ward 3
Kenneth Ruffin, Ward 4

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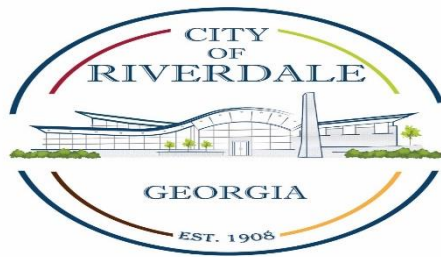
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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE THIS
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The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

The Honorable Mary Granison
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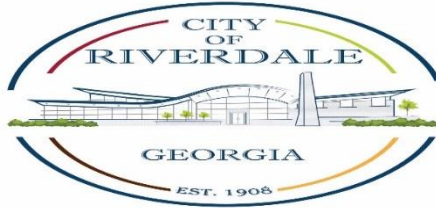
1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon.
2. **ROLL CALL -CITY CLERK:** Sylvia Vaughan

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, Lakewin Christian Center
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
5. **RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Sergeant Derrick Broughton
6. **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): Move item 12 under the swearing in ceremony to item 10 new business

Deletion(s): Agenda item 11; subsection 1 through 4



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

7. PRESENTATION(S): None

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 MINUTE LIMIT) SEE BLUE CARD FOR RULES OF PARTICIPATION (none)

9. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2021, Business Session

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Council Member Granison provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

10. AGENDA ITEMS:

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:** (None)

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **APPOINTMENTS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

1) Appointment of Mayor Pro -Tem / Resolution No. 1-1-2022

Council Member Cobbs made a motion to appoint Council Member Wallace as Mayor Pro -Tem / Resolution No. 1-1-2022. Council Member Granison provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2) Appointment of Parliamentarian / Resolution No. 2-1-2022

Council Member Wallace made a motion to appoint Council Member Ruffin as Parliamentarian / Resolution No. 2-1-2022. Council Member Granison provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3) Approval of Liaison for the Clayton County Municipal Association (CCMA) 2022

Council Member Wallace made a motion to appoint Council Member Granison liaison as CCMA 2022. Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4) Approval of Medical Director Agreement - E. Scott Wood

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve Christopher Eden Medical Director. Council Member Granison provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

5) Approval of GMA Voting Delegate 2022 - E. Scott Wood

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve for Council Member Cobbs to serve as GMA Voting Delegate 2022. Council Member Granison provided the second. **The motion**

carried unanimously.

6) Approval of Purchase Sale Agreement for Church Street Property- E. Scott Wood

Mr. Wood stated that the purpose of this agreement is to purchase the church street property in the amount of \$230,000.00. He also stated that this property could be purchased through the city's property sales tax funds or the general fund.

Council Member Wallace asked Mr. Wood to provide a report to the citizens about all the different projects and improvements that are going on at the city.

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

- Update on Adult Senior Housing on Powers Street
- Update on expanding Powers Street
- Update on widening Wilson Road
- Acquired old buildings on Main Street
- Update on Performing Arts Center
- Expansion of code enforcement
- Update on Keep Riverdale Beautiful (KRB)
- New Chipotle in front of Walmart and Philly Cheese Steak Restaurant located in the Kroger center
- Oak Street Medical Services located in the Wal-Mart Plaza, this will enhance outpatient health services
- Taylor Road Theater has been purchased
- Completion on new Greg Barney Public Safety Complex for the police and fire
- Acquired almost 1.75 million in new fire trucks
- Built new Taylor Road Fire Station 2.5 million
- Update of the Taylor Road trash issues
- Continue to upgrade police vehicles and equipment including body cameras and emphasizing additional training
- He stated that the city is entering into the third year of our housing grant program with a minimum of \$100K city investment leveraged each year with the private share by the property owners between a half a million to a million in privately owned housing.
- Construction of new sidewalks on Taylor Road and Highway 138
- Programs and services - the public is recognizing our Christmas extravaganza including the following: prominent national entertainment, indoor ice-skating rink and a recreation program for our youths.
- He stated that the city is continuing to work with state and national leaders. Governor Brian Kemp was here last month and next month we will be meeting with state director for US Senate, Senator John Ossoff. In addition, we are keeping the city in the best financial shape it has ever been by not raising taxes and maintaining healthy reserve.
- And even despite rampant economic inflation and fighting the effects of covid -19, in the past three weeks, twenty-six of our employees have tested positive for covid -19. However, we are working together and securing a bright and prosperous future for our city.
- Thanks to the public for electing good public servants and supporting our SPLOST. I would also like to thank the service administrators and staff for their honesty and hard work.

After discussion, Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Purchase Sale

Agreement for Church Street Property. Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

11. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) Approval of Legal Organ for the City of Riverdale - Clayton Daily News 2022

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve for Clayton Daily News to service as the Legal Organ for the city of Riverdale, 2022. Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

➤ CONTINUATION OF APPOINTMENTS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- 2) Appointment of Municipal Court Judge Resolution No. 8-1-2022 Judge Wanda Dallas – Attorney Wiggins

Council Member Wallace made a motion to appoint Wanda Dallas as Municipal Court Judge /Resolution No. 8-1-2022 Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 3) Appointment of Council Member Mary Granison Ward 1- Judge Wanda Dallas

Council Member Wallace made a motion to appoint Mary Granison as Council Member for Ward 1/ Resolution No. 8-1-2022 Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 4) Appointment of office of Council Member Wanda Wallace Ward 3 - Judge Wanda Dallas

Council Member Cobbs made a motion to appoint Council Member Wanda Wallace as Council Member for Ward 3. Council Member Granison provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 5) Appointment of office of Judge Pro-Tem - Honorable Chris Chapman, Esq. / Resolution No. 3-1-2022

Council Member Wallace made a motion to appoint Chris Chapman, Esq / Resolution No. 3-1-2022 Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 6) Appointment of office of City Attorney - L'Erin Wiggins / Resolution No. 6-1-2022

Council Member Wallace made a motion to appoint L'Erin Wiggins as City Attorney/ Resolution No. 6-1-2022 Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 7) Appointment of office of City Clerk - Sylvia Vaughan / Resolution No. 7-1-2022

Council Member Wallace made a motion to appoint Sylvia Vaughan as City Clerk / Resolution No. 7-1-2022 Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 8) Appointment of office of City Solicitor - Jerry Patrick / Resolution No.5-1-2022

Council Member Wallace made a motion to appoint Jerry Patrick as City Solicitor / Resolution No.5-1-2022. Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

12. **SWEARING IN CEREMONY:** Attorney L’Erin Wiggins and Municipal Court Judge Wanda Dallas administer the oath of office

- 1) Wanda Dallas - Municipal Court Judge
- 2) Mary Granison - Council Member Ward 1
- 3) Wanda Wallace - Council Member Ward 3
- 4) L’Erin Wiggins - City Attorney
- 5) Sylvia Vaughan - City Clerk
- 6) Jerry Patrick - City Solicitor

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Council Member Cobbs provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan