

Stockbridge

Bringing People Together



AGENDA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Mayor & City Council

Mayor – Vacant
Councilman Elton Alexander
Councilman John Blount
Mayor Pro Tem Anthony S. Ford
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt
Councilwoman Neat Robinson

Administration

Michael Harris, City Manager
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Williams, City Attorney

- I. Call to Order **CITY CLERK**
- II. Invocation **PASTOR GREENE**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Swearing In of Newly Elected Officials – **JUDGE MATTHEW MCCORD**

V. Roll Call	Present	Absent
Councilman Alexander	___ X ___	_____
Councilman Blount	___ X ___	_____
Mayor (Vacant)	_____	_____
Councilman Ford	___ X ___	_____
Councilwoman Gantt	___ X ___	_____
Councilwoman Robinson	___ X ___	_____

- VI. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem - **Motion to appoint Anthony Ford Mayor Pro-Tem until next Organizational Meeting to be held after November 2017 Election made by Councilman Blount; second by Councilwoman Gantt; passed 4-0-1 (Mayor Pro-Tem Ford abstained from the vote)**

- VII. Adoption of the Agenda – Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.**
- VIII. Adoption of Minutes 11/9/15, 11/19/15, 11/24/15, 12/12/15 Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All persons wishing to speak for public comment must sign in with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. You must sign your name, address, and phone number. You will be able to address the Mayor and Council for three (3) minutes. Speakers must respect all members of the elected body, officials, and staff. Defamation, unruliness and/or swearing will not be tolerated while meetings are in session.

Mr. Wendell Moore congratulated Council; spoke regarding transparency, spending funds wisely, and parking on the street and noise at the Transfer Station.

Ms. Mildred Reed spoke regarding the Stockbridge Beautiful Program (formerly Don't Trash Stockbridge); Private Security and citizens input into that process.

Mrs. Kathryn Gilbert congratulated the Council; spoke about the CID item on the Agenda and Council must adopt an Ordinance; Charter changes and District Voting; December 28th Swearing In of the newly elected officials.

Mr. Matthew McCord (serves as the Municipal Court Judge, Stockbridge) noted the tragic loss of his son and on the same night received an email from Henry County on the proposed Police Services Agreement where the county would receive 40% of revenue from the Municipal Court of Stockbridge. Judge McCord noted the court system should not be a means of raising revenue; stated he was charged with justice being done fairly; and noted the proposed agreement for law enforcement for the City would deeply cut his court, however, he believes the Council did the right thing.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY

Pursuant the City Charter, Section 2.12.040, the City Attorney shall be appointed at the first meeting of the Mayor and Council in January of each year.

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.

ITEM #2 – HENRY COUNTY E911 & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Presented by: Don Ash, E911/Emergency Management Director

ITEM #3 - EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Act)
NO ACTION

ITEM #4 – RESOLUTION – Appointment of Vacated Main Street (Downtown Business or Property Owner) Board Member to serve remaining year of an initial 2-year term (Expires December 31, 2016) **TABLED Gantt/Alexander 5-0**

Appointment of City Council Main Street Board Member to serve remaining year of an initial 2-year term (Expires December 31, 2016). **Motion to appoint Anthony Ford made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Alexander; passed 4-0 (Mayor Pro-Tem Ford abstained from the vote).**

ITEM #5 – RESOLUTION – Appointment of Vacated Downtown Development Authority Board Member to serve remaining four years of a 6-year term (Expires December 9, 2019); **Motion to appoint Rocio Camacho made by Councilman Alexander; second by Councilwoman Robinson; motion failed 2-3-0 with Mayor Pro-Tem Ford, Councilman Blount and Councilwoman Gantt opposed.**

Appointment of Expired Downtown Development Authority Board Member to serve four-year term (Expires December 9, 2019); **No Action.**

Appointment of Expired City Council Downtown Development Authority Board Member whose term shall coincide with the appointed council member's term in office. **Motion to appoint LaKeisha Gantt made by Councilman Blount; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Ford; passed 4-0. (Councilwoman Gantt abstained from the vote) – 2yr term.**

ITEM #6 – RESOLUTION – Appointment of Zoning Advisory Board Member to serve remaining two years of a 3-year term (Expires July 2017). **TABLED Gantt/Blount 5-0**

ITEM #7 – ORDINANCE – Amendment of the City of Stockbridge Ethics Ordinance to increase the number of members appointed to the Ethics Board from three (3) members to five (5) members. Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney **Motion to approve made by Councilman Alexander; second by Councilwoman Gantt; passed 5-0.**

ITEM #8 – RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Stockbridge requesting the Henry County Legislative Delegation to introduce local legislation in the General Assembly authorizing Charter amendment (s). Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney. **Motion to approve Option 1 for Charter changes made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Blount; passed 5-0.**

Motion to approve Charter change to Section 5 Line #983 regarding 50%+1 for majority vote for Mayor made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Blount; passed 5-0.

Motion to amend the Charter Section 2 Line # 792 to remove the word State to allow officials to be appointed on a State Board made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.

Motion to amend the Charter to eliminate Section 2.35 Line #738 & #739 regarding the sentence that states the Mayor Pro Tem shall not have Veto Power made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Blount; approved 4-0-1 (Mayor Pro-Tem abstained from the vote).

Motion to approve the Resolution with agreed to Charter changes made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.

ITEM #9 – RESOLUTION - To award contract for Inclusive Playground Equipment for Memorial Park in the amount of \$80,134.18. Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager. Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.

ITEM #10 – RESOLUTION - To award contract for Privatized Sanitation Services. Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager. Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Alexander; passed 5-0.

ITEM #11 - ORDINANCE - Creating the position of Economic Development Director. Presented by: Councilman Alexander. TABLED – Blount/Gantt 5-0

ITEM #12 – RESOLUTION – Encouraging the business community to consider the creation of Community Improvement Districts (CID) in Stockbridge community. Presented by: Councilman Alexander TABLED – Blount/Gantt 4-1 (Alexander Opposed)

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

ITEM #13 – Discussion - Building repairs for City Hall and Municipal Court. Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager

ITEM #14 – Discussion - Career Expo at the Merle Manders Conference Center 1st Qtr. 2016. Presented by: Councilman Alexander and Quinton Irvin, Goodwill Career Center Manager, Stockbridge, GA Motion to approve Resolution for Career Expo as a City Event made by Councilman Alexander; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 4-0. (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote).

ITEM #15 – Discussion - Potential Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Henry County to look into converting the SPLOST IV Sidewalk Project for Walt Stephens Rd. to Multi-Use Paths connecting Walt Stephens Rd. to Reeves Creek Trail. Presented by: Councilman Alexander No Action.

ITEM #16 – Discussion - Keep Stockbridge Beautiful Program adding beautification to North Henry Blvd in front of Stockbridge Elementary School, the corner of Hwy 138 and North Henry Blvd, the hill in front of the water tower, at the I-75 exit, across from the new Fairfield Inn Hotel, as well as keeping the city litter free on an ongoing basis. Presented by: Councilman Alexander. No Action - Consensus to discuss at the February Retreat.

ITEM #17 – Discussion of Committee Appointments

Motion to bring Committee Chair and Member appointments forward at the January 26, 2016 Work Session made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ford; second by Councilwoman Gantt; passed 5-0.

ITEM #18 – Discussion of Henry County GO! Grant Resolution

Presented by: Councilman Alexander. Item to be presented at the January 26, 2016 Work Session upon review of deadline.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Michael Harris noted it was great hearing new ideas and excited about the enthusiasm and energy from the Council.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Councilman Alexander noted he was excited about the City's future and goal is to be productive; city needs discussion on transit on January 26th.

Councilman Blount thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked everyone for coming out and commended and thanked staff.

Councilwoman Robinson wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted she was passionate to work together as a team; ready to do the City's business and liked that staff was present.

MAYOR PRO-TEM'S COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ford stated it's a New Year with new beginnings and also stated the City has an outstanding staff; announced Billy Petit as Henry County Paramedic of the Year!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

All meetings will be held at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the city's website www.cityofstockbridge.com, Facebook page or contact City Hall offices at 770.389-7900 for updates and detailed information.

- **Swearing-In Ceremony for Newly Elected Officials, Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Drive Stockbridge GA at 6pm.**
- **All City offices will be closed Monday, January 18, 2016 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**
- **Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6pm. Council Chambers.**
- **Coffee with a Cop spearheaded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ford will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 8:30am – 10am at Bridgeview Country Cooking 4727 N Henry Blvd, Stockbridge, GA 30281.**

Meeting Adjourned.