

Stockbridge

Bringing People Together



ACTION MINUTES

WORK SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Mayor & City Council

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

Administration

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

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Ford, all members of the Council were present.

Motion to amend the Agenda to add Ceremonial Proclamation for MLK, Jr. and Presentation for Atlanta Food Truck made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.

2nd motion to amend the Agenda to add Presentation by Stockbridge Business Association made by Councilman Alexander; second by Councilwoman Gantt; passed 5-0.

Draft Minutes 12/14/15, 12/21/15, and 1/7/16 – Under review.

CEREMONIAL

PROCLAMATION - Recognizing January 18, 2016, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Mayor Pro Tem Ford read proclamation, and presented the proclamation to the citizens of Stockbridge and invited members of the audience to join the Council for a group photo.

PROCLAMATION - Recognizing January 2016 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month Presented by: Mayor Pro Tem Ford (initiated by Councilman Alexander) to Dr. Kai Ashby, Founder of Chasity House, McDonough, GA
Proclamation for Chasity House was moved to follow Public Comments on the Agenda.

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.

Ms. Lisa Fareed-Muhammad noted her involvement in the community, local library, the Main Street Advisory Board and the Small Business Saturday event and wants to see the City continue to grow in these areas; and supported the MOU for the Main Street Program.

Ms. Mildred Reed reference the December 14, 2015 Joint meeting between the City of Stockbridge and the Stockbridge DDA where the budget was tabled until after the joint Retreat which to her knowledge, has not been scheduled.

Mr. Leonard Yancey noted a fire in the Wild Wind Subdivision last week and referenced the continued issue with parking on the streets; noise from the Transfer Station and is working on a petition; and thanked Mr. Harris for the amended Ordinance for music in the parks.

Mr. Wendell Moore referenced the fire in the Wild Wind subdivision and the issue with parking on the street; noise at the Transfer Station; and is concerned about lighting along Reeves Creek Trail.

Mr. Melvin Thomas-Fulton applauded the Council for item #10 – lighting along the M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail as this would enhance the neighborhood and allow for safe travel.

Mr. Tavaras Powell supports the GO Transit for Henry County; supports the encouragement of business support of the CID and supports the MOU for the Main Street Advisory Board.

City Manager, Michael Harris clarified the lights for Reeves Creek Trail to be placed in the parking area at Flippen Rd. and not along the trail.

PRESENTATIONS

Following proclamation, Dr. Ashby of Chasity House presented information regarding sex trafficking in Henry County and prime locations for activity; spoke about awareness and education.

Hands of Hope Clinic - Stockbridge, Georgia

Presented by: Councilman Blount and Mollie Cole, Director of Hands of Hope Clinic.

Ms. Cole noted the facility was a faith-based non-profit clinic relying on volunteers, donations and grants, in partnership with Piedmont Henry to provide services to City of Stockbridge and Henry County residents.

The Fuller Center for Housing - McDonough, Georgia

Presented by: Councilman Blount and D. Wayne Smith, Vice-Pres. Of Construction of the Fuller Center for Housing.

Mr. Smith noted Mr. Millard Fuller founded the Fuller Center for Housing in 2005 and was the founder of Habitat for Humanity. Likewise, they are also a faith-based ministry and their main focus is renovation and rehab of homes in Henry County utilizing volunteers and donations. Help is always needed; current project is home located at 957 Flippen Rd; Stockbridge, GA.

Atlanta Food Truck

Presented by: Councilwoman Gantt and Tan Bowers, Director

Ms. Bowers introduced the concept of Food Truck Tuesdays at City Hall with shared costs between the vendor and the City of Stockbridge. The City of Stockbridge would be the Pilot Program in Henry County with 4-8 trucks operating from 5-8:30pm. More information to follow.

Stockbridge Business Association

Presented by: Don Dunlap, President

Mr. Dunlap introduced the Shop Stockbridge logo and stickers and asked the City of help with getting the word out and encouraged all to Shop Stockbridge, participating businesses are sponsoring prizes!

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – Committee Appointments

Presented by: Mayor Pro-Tem Anthony S. Ford

Finance Committee Chair Gantt - Councilmembers Ford, Blount

Public Works Committee Chair Robinson – Councilmembers Blount, Gantt

Public Safety Committee Chair Alexander - Councilmembers Ford, Robinson

Community Relations Committee Chair Blount – Councilmembers Robinson, Alexander

Building Committee Chair Ford – Councilmembers Gantt, Alexander

Motion to move Agenda Item #6 forward made by Councilman Ford; second by Councilwoman Gantt; passed 5-0.

ITEM #2 – RESOLUTION to approve contract for City Hall and Municipal Court building repairs. Presented by: City Manager, Michael Harris

Action of Item #2 was deferred until after Item #6 on the Agenda was heard. Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.

ITEM #3 – RESOLUTION - In support of Henry County GO! Transit.

Presented by: Councilman Alexander

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

ITEM #4 – RESOLUTION – Encouraging the business community to consider the creation of Community Improvement Districts (CID) in Stockbridge community.

Presented by: Councilman Alexander

Motion to approve made by Councilman Alexander; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 3-2. (Opposed by Councilman Blount/Councilwoman Gantt)

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #5 – RESOLUTION – Authorizing the 2016 Georgia Classic Main Street Program Memorandum of Understanding.

Presented by: Main Street Manager, Kira Harris-Braggs.

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

ITEM #6 – RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Council to vote during Work Session.

Presented by: City Attorney, Michael Williams

Motion to approve with a modification to the language made by Councilman Blount; second by Councilman Alexander; passed 5-0.

ITEM #7 – RESOLUTION – Approving the policy for Board Appointments.

Presented by: City Attorney, Michael Williams

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

ITEM #8 – ORDINANCE – Budget Amendment DDA funds transfer.

Presented by: Treasurer, Linda Nabers

Motion to defer action on this item until after Executive Session made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Blount; passed 5-0.

Motion to deny budget amendment and \$50,000 returned from DDA escrow to the City of Stockbridge made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Blount; passed 5-0.

ITEM #9 – RESOLUTION – Authorizing Lighting Services Agreements for Reeves Creek Trail

Presented by: City Manager, Michael Harris

Motion to Table made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Ford; passed 5-0.

ITEM #10 – RESOLUTION – Authorizing Lighting Services Agreements for M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail (formerly Berry Street)

Presented by: City Manager, Michael Harris

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

ITEM #11 – RESOLUTION – Authorizing Lighting Services Agreements for Country Club Dr.

Presented by: City Manager, Michael Harris

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

Motion to convene Executive Session for Items A- F and H made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Alexander; passed 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Act)

- ❑ **A.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A). The subject discussed was [identify the case or claim discussed but not the substance of the attorney-client discussion].
- ❑ **B.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).
- ❑ **C.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- ❑ **D.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D).
- ❑ **E.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).
- ❑ **F.** Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- ❑ **G.** Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- ❑ **H.** Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was [identify the matter but not the substance of the discussion].
- ❑ **I.** Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-3(a) (1).

Motion to adjourn Executive Session made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0

Motion to reconvene Work Session Meeting made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Michael Harris – **no comments.**

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Councilman Alexander – thanked everyone for coming out; committed to serving the community.

Councilman Blount – no comments.

Councilwoman Gantt – thanked everyone for coming out and introduced Henry County Day at Universoul Circus – Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Councilwoman Robinson – thanked everyone for coming out; Mayor's Day was a great training experience, training makes Council better to serve.

MAYOR PRO TEM'S COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Ford – **thanked everyone for coming out; keep everyone in your prayers and they will continue to serve logically w/transparency.**

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.

- Coffee with a Cop, Spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Ford, Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am at Bridgeview Country Cooking 4727 N Henry Blvd, Stockbridge, GA 30281
- Joint Town Hall Meeting with City of Stockbridge and Henry County 5th District Commissioner Bruce Holmes (Traffic and Highway Improvements), Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 9:00 am at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281
- Council Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6pm – Council Chambers.
- Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6pm. Council Chambers.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Alexander; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.