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## **ACTION MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

### **Mayor & City Council**

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

### **Administration**

**Randy Knighton, City Manager  
Camilla Moore, Asst. City Manager  
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk  
Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk  
Michael Williams, City Attorney**

- I. Call to Order – Mayor Ford**
- II. Invocation – Vivian Thomas**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**

| <b>IV. Roll Call</b>         | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Councilman Thomas</b>     | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Councilman Blount</b>     | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Mayor Ford</b>            | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Mayor Pro Tem Gantt</b>   | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Councilman Alexander</b>  | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Councilwoman Robinson</b> | <b>X</b>       |               |

- V. Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Item#7 and add Item #8 Council Consideration to approve use of the TSCC 8/30/2018 for a Volunteer Appreciation event spearheaded by Councilman Blount.  
Blount/Thomas – Passed 5-0.**

## VI. Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:

1. 6/27//2018    2. 7/9/2018  
Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

### **Review of Ceremonial Activities:** Swearing in of the Stockbridge Youth Council

#### **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. Kenneth McFarland thanked the City Council for their support of the Stockbridge Youth Council; noted Youth Council members were paying for their transportation to attend the NLC conference in Los Angeles and that other donations were coming in to help with the costs.

Mr. Greg Horton of BarnBeautiful addressed concerns with the City's film permit process and the effect on local businesses as it related to parking, street closures, and communication. Mr. Horton made a request to notify businesses no less than 5 days in advance of filming.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

3. **PUBLIC HEARING-** Council Consideration to amend the Chapter 12 of the City's Code as it relates to Parking Requirements for Development.  
Presented by: Randy Knighton, City Manager

Public Hearing was opened with no speakers in favor or opposed.  
The Public Hearing was continued to August 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.  
Consensus of the Council was to extend the parking survey one week.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING-** Council Consideration to amend the City's Parking Ordinance as it relates to On-Street Parking.  
Presented by: Randy Knighton, City Manager  
Public Hearing was opened with no speakers in favor or opposed.  
The Public Hearing was continued to August 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.  
Consensus of the Council was to extend the parking survey one week.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

5. Council Consideration to move forward with an ITB (Invitation to Bid) for Wrecker Service in the City of Stockbridge.  
Presented by: Donald Riley, Procurement Specialist  
Robinson/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

6. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution expressing the Mayor and Council's support of House Bill (HB) 930 which is legislation to create the Atlanta Regional Transit Link (ATL) and to authorize referendums of Taxation for Transportation.  
Presented by: Randy Knighton, City Manager  
**Alexander/Robinson – Passed 5-0.**
7. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution for use of the Merle Manders Conference Center on November 17, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for an event spearheaded by Councilwoman Robinson.  
Presented by: Councilwoman Robinson  
**Removed from the Agenda.**
8. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution for use of the Ted Strickland Community Center on August 30, 2018 a Volunteer Appreciation Event at 6:00 p.m. spearheaded by Councilman Blount.  
Presented by: Councilman Blount  
**Blount/Robinson – Passed 5-0.**

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

**Mr. Knighton noted the walking trail at Clark Park Community Park had been completed and that the walking trail at Memorial Park was next.**

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK**

**No Comments**

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

**Councilman Thomas thanked the Stockbridge Youth Council, Troop #65 and others for participating in the Don't Trash Stockbridge Initiative that took place on August 4<sup>th</sup>; thanked the local businesses for participating in the No Litter Campaign video for a great message; agreed with the owner of BarnBeautiful that we need a clean and vibrant city and he appreciates the support of the initiative.**

**Councilman Blount thanked his colleagues for the work they put in; thanked the Stockbridge Youth Council for their participation in the Back-To-School Kickoff event along with Global Impact Christian Ministries, all the volunteers, sponsors and donations for making this a successful event; referenced all the beautiful parks here in the City and asked all to visit and enjoy.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Gantt thanked everyone for coming out and tuning in; referenced a recent book she is reading that speaks about communities and what everyone could do as a whole which could be as simple as a smile; asked that everyone get to know your community and become both engaged and involved; asked empty nesters to volunteer at the local schools, and volunteer in the community; noted her focus is on the community.**

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for tuning in; congratulated the Stockbridge Youth Council; referenced his upcoming Quarterly Town Hall that will speak to the Future of Stockbridge taking place on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Stockbridge and will highlight the City's many accomplishments and speak to many more things to come to improve the quality of life for Stockbridge residents; noted weekend code enforcement coming forward at the end of the month; noted the upcoming SPLOST V and asked everyone to get involved to make your requests heard; echoed the sentiments of Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; and noted the City's official Chaplain is Pastor Terrance Gattis of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Councilwoman Robinson thanked everyone for coming out; thanked the Stockbridge Youth Council and the Youth Council Advisory Committee for their time and sacrifices as it does not go unnoticed; noted she is both thrilled and happy the City is supporting the Youth Council Ambassadors as this is an opportunity for these young people who will become the future leaders of Stockbridge; asked that everyone work together and not just say it, but do it; thanked the City Attorney as he volunteers his time to assist with the Stockbridge Youth Council outside of his work for the City.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Ford asked everyone to continue to be engaged as the City continues to move forward; emphasized that the City has no intentions of splitting, and will instead grow, together and do what is in the best interest of all of the citizens of Stockbridge; noted the City will continue to inform and educate residents on the issues; thanked everyone for their support of the Stockbridge Youth Council, as he is certain there are good things to come; asked everyone to be careful on the roads as school has resumed and to watch out for the kids.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Meeting 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](http://www.cityofstockbridge.com), Facebook page or contact City Hall offices at 770-389-7900 for updates and detailed information.**

- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Council Retreat, Thurs., August 16, 2018 and Friday, August 17, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Education/Information Town Hall – Monday, August 20, 2018, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at

the Red Oak Village Club House.

- Education/Information Town Hall – Wednesday, August 22, 2018, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Landing Country Club.
- Stockbridge Association of Businesses Meeting, Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Ted Strickland Community Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail
- Education/Information Town Hall – Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margrits Village Community 100 St. Margrit Circle, Stockbridge.
- Council Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Education/Information Town Hall – Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vineyards Community Club House.
- Education/Information Town Hall – Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Landing Country Club.

#### **UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Don't Trash Stockbridge No Litter Campaign – Ongoing – spearheaded by Councilman Thomas. Contact: LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Quarterly Town Hall – Tuesday, August 21, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Location: Mt. Olive Baptist Church 469 Mt. Olive Rd. Stockbridge, GA spearheaded by Councilman Alexander

**Motion to convene Executive Session Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate Blount/Robinson – Passed 5-0.**

**Motion to adjourn Executive Session Thomas/Robinson – Passed 5-0.**

**Motion to reconvene the meeting Robinson/Thomas – Passed 5-0.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting Thomas/Alexander – Passed 5-0.**