



Mission: To provide visionary leadership and superior municipal services that enhance the quality of life for citizens while creating a welcoming business atmosphere focused on sustainability and expansion of tourism and cultural events.



ACTION MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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 – **Reverend Jacqueline Johnson**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Councilman Thomas	___X___	_____
Councilman Blount	___X___	_____
Mayor Ford	___X___	_____
Mayor Pro Tem Gantt	___X___	_____
Councilman Alexander	___X___	_____
Councilwoman Robinson	___X___	_____
- V. Motion to adopt the Agenda: **Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of the Minutes of the following meetings:

1. 4/10//2018 2. 4/11/2018 3. 4/24/2018 4. 5/14/2018

Motion to approve: Blount/Alexander – 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. Derek Favors of the Falling Waters Community Association noted a home in the neighborhood is in violation of the City's parking ordinance and noted the homeowner had been cited for operating an illegal business in their home.

Mr. Knighton, City Manager, noted court action had taken place earlier today.

Ms. Molly Hammer referenced the comment made by Mr. Favors and also noted the homeowner's blatant disregard for the law and the neighborhood covenants.

CEREMONIAL:

5. Mayor Ford presented a Proclamation to Elizabeth Bradley in honor of National Alzheimer's Awareness Month (also in attendance was Kevin Bradley and Debbie Watkins).
6. Mayor Ford presented a Proclamation to Ross Childress, co-founding member of the band Collective Soul of Stockbridge, Georgia.

Mayor Ford reviewed the Proclamation ceremony held prior to the meeting presented to Reverend Jacqueline Johnson and Minister Rick Johnson of Trinity UMC for their service to the Stockbridge community.

Mayor Ford reviewed the Letter of Recognition ceremony prior to the meeting that was presented to Jackie Watson and Chris Smith celebrating Caribbean American Heritage Month.

OLD BUSINESS:

7. Council Consideration to postpone the Western Parallel Lighting Agreement until further notice.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve: Gantt/Blount – Passed 4-0-1 (Alexander abstained)
8. Council Consideration to approve the City's Vehicle Usage Policy.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve: Blount/Thomas – Passed 3-2 (Alexander/Robinson opposed)
9. Council Consideration to extend the City's Truck Moratorium.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve: Gantt/Blount – Passed 4-0-1 (Alexander abstained)

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Council Consideration to amend Title 9, Section 9.12 of the Stockbridge Municipal Code by hereby deleting and replacing Section 9.12 in its entirety, as it pertains to the Solicitation Permit and process.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.
11. Council Consideration to amend Chapter 9.01 of the Stockbridge Municipal Code by hereby amending and adding a new Section 9.01.260 to provide for Disabled Veterans engaging in operating businesses or practicing professions.
Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.
Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0
12. Council Consideration to approve selection of the City's Health and Wellness Insurance Policy - staff recommendation Cigna Healthcare
Presented by: Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve: Alexander/Robinson – Passed 5-0.
13. Council Consideration to approve and amend the City of Stockbridge Personnel Policy to reflect Georgia State Law House Bill 673 (HB673) – Hands Free Cell Phone Policy effective July 1, 2018.
Presented by: Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve: Gantt/Thomas – Passed 5-0.
14. Council Consideration to approve and ratify the Architectural firm TSW for No. 08-Project Assignment Agreement to construct the amphitheater.
Presented by: Randy Knighton, City Manager
Motion to be heard following Executive Session: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Knighton encouraged everyone to attend the Education and Information Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. taking place at the Merle Manders Conference Center and also invited everyone to come out and enjoy Food Truck Tasty Tuesday taking place at Clark Park.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK

Mrs. Holiday notified the public of the decision of the Henry County Elections Board voting not to have an early voting location in the City of Stockbridge for the run-off and that early voting would take place at the Elections Office in McDonough, with voting at your regular polling location on July 24th, election day.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas thanked everyone for their participation with the Don't Trash Stockbridge No Litter Campaign; commended Ms. Moore and staff for their work on the City's Comprehensive Plan and crisscrossing of the city.

Councilman Blount stated as elected officials, they are here to serve the citizens and do what is best for the City; noted there are many challenges facing the City and asked individuals to get involved; referenced the upcoming Back-To-School Kickoff on Saturday, July 28th and noted donations are being accepted and to contact the Ex. Asst. to Mayor & Council, LaQuinda Jackson for more information.

Councilwoman Gantt had no comment.

Councilman Alexander thanked citizens for tuning in and being engaged in the community; stated everyone needs to be engaged to move the City forward; reflected on the Letters of Recognition for Caribbean Heritage Month noting the contributions of the community and the importance of diversity in the community; noted the proposed city is an area of the City of Stockbridge; noted his personal experience seeking a business license years ago of not knowing that his residence has a McDonough address and is located in the City of Stockbridge, and the same applies to his neighbors; noted Buckhead is an area of the City of Atlanta; referenced three groups in the proposed city hi-lighting the silent majority; noted that he is listening to their concerns along with the wants and needs of everyone in the entire City; wants to continue to move the city forward.

Councilwoman Robinson noted the Youth Council just completed a successful 2-day Retreat and thanked staff, and City Manager for their assistance, and specifically thanked the City Attorney for his assistance and leading the youth in the right direction; asked that everyone get engaged, as this is your City; noted they are leaders who sometimes make bad decisions; reiterated that everyone get involved.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted his recent visit to Tasty Tuesday and the length of time it took find a parking space, which was a good thing noting Stockbridge has great diversity and is a great community; noted it was great to see so many people out and enjoying themselves; referenced the proclamations and noted his personal experience with his father's struggle with Alzheimer's; noted it was an honor to present the proclamation for Rev. Johnson as she truly deserved the recognition; and likewise to Ross Childress formerly of Collective Soul, noting he looks forward to seeing his performance at the Sounds of Summer Free Concert on Saturday, June 16th

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, Facebook page or contact City Hall offices at 770-389-7900 for updates and detailed information.

- Youth Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Monday June 18, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Stockbridge Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting, Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Stockbridge Comprehensive Plan Final Open House Meeting, Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center
- Council Work Session Meeting, Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Stockbridge Association of Businesses Meeting, Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Ted Strickland Community Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Food Truck Tuesday begins, May 1st at Clark Park and will run through July 31st from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Excludes July 3rd
- Sounds of Summer FREE Concert Series - Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 6 – 9:30 p.m. on the City Hall lawn

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

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session: Robinson/Thomas – Passed 5-0.

Motion to Reconvene: Thomas/Robinson – Passed 5-0.

Motion to approve Item #14: Alexander/Thomas – Passed 5-0.

Motion to appoint Charles Michael Carly to the Henry County Board of Health – Robinson/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

Mayor Ford noted a strong recommendation for candidate E. Jill Bolton would be presented to County Chair, June Wood.

Motion to adjourn: Thomas/Robinson – Passed 5-0.