



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 **WORK SESSION MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018 4:00 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 – Councilman Alexander**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

- V. Motion to adopt the Agenda: Blount/Alexander – Passed 5-0.**

- VI. Review of the Minutes for the following meetings:**

- 1. 5/22//2018 2. 6/11/2018 **No Action**

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 spoke about Misty Ridge subdivision not being paved, while noticing street paving in other subdivisions; noted the pickup for limbs was a lengthy response time from Waste Industries and that they were difficult to contact; and spoke to the parking on the street in their subdivision – seeking a resolution.

Ms. Tamara Isbell noted she is a 17-year resident of the City and spoke to many of the same remarks as Mr. Moore, additionally noting locations of homes and/or businesses in the city that need to be addressed by the City's Code Enforcement department.

APPEAL TO MAYOR & COUNCIL:

3. Appellant Name: Jermaine Peterson
Address: 3057 East Fairview Rd. McDonough, GA 30252
Nature of Request: Denial of Business Permit
Location: 1300 Rum Creek Pkwy. Stockbridge, GA 30281
Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.
Mr. Peterson along with his business partner John Rodgers requested Council overturn the Denial of the Application.
Alexander/Gantt: To Uphold the Denial of the Application / Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution to move forward with an RFP for the Old Fire Station located on M.L. Sr. Heritage Trail
Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.
Alexander/Blount: Passed 5-0.
5. Council Consideration to amend the City's Proclamation Policy to complete all ceremonial items prior to 6:00 p.m.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Thomas/Blount: Passed 3-2 (Alexander/Robinson opposed).
6. Council Consideration to authorize the submittal of the 2018-2019 Georgia Department of Economic Development Tourism Product Development Resource Grant Funding Request for Signage, Informational Brochures & Rack, Historic Marker, Interpretive Signage and Decorative Banners for the Green Front Café/& former owner Mrs. Carrie Mae Hambrick.
Presented by: Kira Harris-Braggs, Main Street Manager
Thomas/Gantt: Passed 4-1 (Alexander opposed)

DISCUSSION:

7. Directive to staff to amend the Street and Off-Site Parking Ordinance to be heard by the Planning Commission on 7/19 and presented to the Council for approval at the 7/24 meeting to include a resolution to the street parking issues within the City.

Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.

Thomas/Robinson: Passed 4-1 (Alexander opposed)

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Knighton reminded everyone of the Education and Information Town Hall taking place at Tabernacle of Praise International Church on Hwy. 42 in McDonough on tomorrow; gave notice of the upcoming repaving of the Trail taking place in approximately two weeks, noting the trails would be out of use during that time; and noted the City would be participating in the County's Hot Cars awareness campaign to educate and inform citizens about leaving kids and animals in hot vehicles.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK

Mrs. Holiday referenced a phone call from the Henry Council Elections Superintendent regarding a change for the Early Voting for the July 24th runoff; schedule would be posted on the City's social media sites.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas thanked citizens for coming out and continuing to raise the issues and wants citizens to know the Council's heart is in the right place.

Councilman Blount thanked the City for participating in the Hot Cars Campaign, noting he rescues dogs and this is great to hear; and invited everyone to get the word about to Henry County students to come out to the Back-to-School Kickoff taking place on Saturday, July 28th at the Merle Manders Conference Center from 10am – 1pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt referenced the recent GMA Annual Convention and Training Sessions where ideas and information would be shared with the DDA Board; noted the City's Work Session Meeting is an opportunity to bounce ideas off of each other, and to try to come up with the best solutions for the City; noted the cities of Georgia received a huge victory while attending the GMA Convention where the Georgia Municipal Legislative Council voted to include specific language regarding Municipal Incorporation; and thanked everyone for their continued prayers and support.

Councilman Alexander noted his appreciation to citizens for coming out and stated the Council must be held accountable and be more efficient; asked citizens to keep input coming; called for improvements in the City to include an Improvement Package; and referenced the requirements for the City's 12-month Capital Improvement Plan.

Councilwoman Robinson referred to the voice of the citizens as powerful; asked that citizens continue to come out; noted issues of the City should not take 3-5 years to resolve and did not want such matters to take place on her watch; noted her confidence that staff is fully capable; noted Work Sessions are for good dialogue and does not agree with rushing through items before the Council; noted GMA's support of the City and does not want to tear down bridges; asked that she and her colleagues be leaders and be out front as she is here to serve; and thanked everyone for coming out.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford referenced the GMA convention, and thanked the entire Council and staff members who were present for being there to support and fight for Stockbridge and cities across the State for what is right, so they won't have to go through what Stockbridge is having to go through; wished everyone a Happy Fourth July; and asked everyone to keep the faith.

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.

- Education/Information Town Hall – Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Tabernacle of Praise.
- Youth Council Meeting, Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting scheduled for Friday July 13, 2018 **has been canceled.**
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Monday July 16, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Special Called Meeting – Pre-Planning of Joint Meeting, Friday July 20, 2018 from 5-7 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- City Joint Meeting, Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center.
- Council Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room

- Stockbridge Association of Businesses Meeting, Thursday, July 26, 2018 at **8:00 a.m.** at the Ted Strickland Community Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail

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.
- Food Truck Tuesday May 1st thru July 31st at Clark Community Park and will run through from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- Main Street FREE Movie – Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. on the City Hall Lawn (Featured movie – Coco).
- Sounds of Summer FREE Concert Series - Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 6 – 9:30 p.m. on the City Hall lawn
- Back to School Kick-Off – Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center – spearheaded by Councilman Blount

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: **Thomas/Blount – Passed 4-0. (Mayor Pro Tem Gantt was not present for the vote).**

Motion to reconvene the Work Session meeting: **Blount/Thomas – Passed 4-0. (Mayor Pro Tem Gantt was not present for the vote).**

Motion to adjourn: **Robinson/Thomas – Passed 4-0. (Mayor Pro Tem Gantt was not present for the vote).**