

Stockbridge

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 SEPTEMBER 10, 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 at 6:05pm.

II. Invocation- Randy Knighton

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 agenda

Councilman Alexander motioned to amend the agenda to include a discussion to authorize the trip to Los Angeles for the Youth Council; no second. Motion failed.

Motion to amend the agenda to move Item#6 to Item #7, and Item #7 to Item #6
Blount/Thomas- Passed 5-0.

VI. Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:

1. 7/20//2018 2. 7/24/2018 3. 8/13/2018 4. 8/16/2018 5. 8/17/2018
Blount/Thomas- Passed 4-0-1 (Gantt abstained)

REVIEW OF CEREMONIAL:

Mayor Ford sworn in Lawrence Wilborn as the newest Planning Commission Member

Councilman Alexander presented a Letter of Appreciation to Urban One/Radio One received by Tim Davis and Brenda Lowery

Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation- was not presented

Walk to End Alzheimer's Proclamation - was not presented

Mayor Ford presented to the Stockbridge Association of Business; and made an Announcement of New Businesses

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. **None.**

PRESENTATION

6. Hands of Hope Clinic 15th Annual Goblin Gallop
Presented by: Elizabeth "BJ" Mathis, Executive Director
Elizabeth "BJ" Mathis, Executive Director of Hands of Hope presented to Mayor and Council the Hands of Hope Clinic's 15th Annual Goblin Gallop.
No action taken.
7. FY2017 Financial Audit Report
Presented by: Hope Pendergrass of Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA
Hope Pendergrass of Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA presented the FY2017 Financial Audit Report. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Council Consideration to amend the City's Alcohol Ordinance regarding an Open Container District to include map of boundaries of designated area.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve: Gantt/Alexander- Passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution for use of Ted Strickland Community Center on October 3, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for a Bingo Bash activity for seniors of the community.

Presented by: Councilman Blount

Motion to approve: Blount/Gantt- Passed 5-0

10. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution for use of Ted Strickland Community Center on December 14, 2018 for a Toy Drive.

Presented by: Councilwoman Robinson & Clarence Boone of Dream Achievers – Stockbridge Jonesboro Nupes.

Motion to approve: Robinson/ Thomas- Passed 5-0

11. Council Consideration to approve the Wage & Salary Survey Analysis and Option 2 recommendation.

Presented by: Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager

Motion to approve: Gantt/ Robinson- Passed 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Thanked Deputy City Clerk, Randi Rainey for facilitating tonight's meeting. Mr. Knighton commended the clean audit report and thanked Rashonda Favors and the finance department for a job well done.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

No comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas thanked the citizens involved with the Comprehensive Plan Process and taking ownership; thanked staff and Commended Council on all the initiatives.

Councilman Blount noted to look at the City to stay informed and wants everyone to make a sound choice on November 6th.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt expressed to continue to keep Council and the City in your prayers with the battle against Eagles Landing and thanked all the citizens.

Councilman Alexander noted he wants the citizens to understand "these are great days in the City of Stockbridge" with the economy booming, wages going up and new businesses coming into the City; noted he sees how Hudson Bridge is on the same level as Eagles Landing Pkwy and thanked the Public Works Department.

Councilwoman Robinson thanked everyone for allowing the community to be involved; also thanked colleagues for connecting with the citizens; also thanked

Councilman Alexander for bringing up the Youth Council and is happy to move forward with the youth.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford apologized for not recognizing Areatha Franklin at the last meeting and wants her to Rest In Peace; Mayor Ford also expressed there was an unauthorized photo of him that was used on the Eagles Landing social media webpage stating he was for the split; it has since been taken down. Mayor Ford appreciate all those in support and expressed he is NOT for a split, he rather have the City whole and complete. Mayor Ford noted he wants the City to grow and be prosperous and asked the citizens to keep the faith.

UPCOMING MEETINGS- Mayor Ford read the upcoming meetings and announcements 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 – Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vineyards Community Club House.
- Youth Council Meeting, Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, Friday, September 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Education/Information Town Hall – Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Landing Country Club.
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Council Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Stockbridge Association of Businesses Meeting, Thursday, September 27, 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.
- 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Tuesday, September 11, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m. City Hall

- Bridgefest- September 28-29, 2018- City Hall Lawn

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Estate, Litigation and Personnel

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt motioned to convene into Executive Session for Real Estate, Litigation and Personnel; second by Councilwoman Robinson. Passed 5-0

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to adjourn Executive Session; second by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. Passed 5-0

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to reconvene into the regular meeting; second by Councilman Thomas. Passed 5-0

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; second by Councilman Thomas. Passed 5-0.