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Council Meeting Agenda September 25, 2018 10:00 AM

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AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 10:00 AM

Mayor & City Council
Mayor Anthony S. Ford
Councilman Elton Alexander
Councilman John Blount
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt
Councilwoman Neat Robinson
Councilman Alphonso Thomas

Administration
Randy Knighton, City Mananger
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Williams, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS: 8/28/2018 and 9/10/2018

1 Draft Minutes of 8/28/2018

2 Draft Minutes of 9/10/2018

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED)

3 Council Consideration to amend the City's Parking Ordinance as it relates to On-Street Parking

NEW BUSINESS

4 Council Consideration to approve an extension of the Service Delivery Strategies (SDS) Agreement

5 Council Consideration to use the Merle Manders Conference Center on November 17, 2018 and to partner with Connecting Henry for the 2018 Noel in November Event

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS (Randy Knighton)

CITY CLERK'S COMMENTS (Vanessa Holiday)

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR'S COMMENTS (Mayor Anthony Ford)

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Acts)

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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SUMMARY MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford.

Invocation by Pastor Cecelia Green.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday was asked to proceed with a verbal roll call. All members of Council were present except Mayor Pro Tem Gantt.

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to amend the Agenda to hear Item #13 following Public Comments to allow the guests to present prior to staff presentations; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Thomas reiterated the importance of submitting documents timely to the Clerk's Office to give the Mayor & Council ample time to review Agenda items prior to the meeting.

Review 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
   Request to review and revise Minutes of 8/16/2018; 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. There were no comments.

Councilwoman Robinson noted there was a discussion with the City Clerk regarding the August 16, 2018 Budget Retreat Minutes concerning a statement made about the Youth Council travel to the National League of Cities in Los Angeles in November. Councilwoman Robinson stated the minutes reflected asking for $3,000 to allow the Vice Chair of the Youth Council to attend the NLC; however, her direction was to have the already approved budget for 2018 to be included. Councilwoman Robinson also noted there was no mention on the response from the City Attorney, Michael Williams in his volunteer capacity; and expressed the Youth Council is not asking for extra monies but to use what was already approved. City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday stated her understanding was an email would be sent out and she was waiting to hear back from other members. Councilwoman Robinson noted she was waiting for this meeting to be verbally transparent.

Item #13 was presented.

13. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution for use of the Lower Level of the MMCC on November 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a Housing Forum with the Atlanta Urban League.
Presented by: Councilwoman Robinson & Johnette Brown, Director of the Greater Atlanta Urban League
Councilwoman Robinson referred to her hosting Housing Forums here in the City and has now reached out to Ms. Brown with the Urban League of Greater Atlanta to partner with them host a forum in this area. Ms. Jonette Brown, Director of the Housing Wealth and Community Development Program which is partnered with the Urban League of Greater Atlanta noted this is a 110-year-old organization that focuses on economic development for ethnicities and referenced the platforms of different programs such as entrepreneurship, an outreach advocacy program where they host voter registration drives and programs for the youth. Ms. Brown further noted her program focuses on educating people who would like to purchase a home, once the home is purchased, they also educate the homeowner on the upkeep of properties.

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to approve the Resolution for use of the Lower Level of the MMCC on November 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a Housing Forum with the Atlanta Urban League; second by Councilman. The motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Council Consideration to amend the Chapter 12 of the City's Code as it relates to Parking Requirements for Development.
Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.
Ms. Moore noted the parking standard and current ordinance is insufficient to address concerns for development in the community and asked the Council to consider appealing and replacing Chapter 12 of the City's Code as it relates to Parking Requirements for Development. Mayor Ford inquired if the changes reflected the survey. Ms. Moore noted it is different and focuses more on codes for development standards for new businesses and deals with the use of existing structures and new structures which will allow in making the correct calculations based on parking.

Public Hearing: No Comments in favor or opposed.

Councilman Alexander motioned to approve the amendment of Chapter 12 of the City's Code a s it relates to Parking Requirements for Development; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 4-0.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING (continued)**- Council Consideration to amend the City's Parking Ordinance as it relates to On-Street Parking.
Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.

Public Hearing: Ms. Cecelia Green spoke in opposition of the Ordinance; Ms. Elva Sherwood spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Ms. Moore noted a survey was conducted to retrieve feedback from subdivisions with established homeowners' associations noting staff has receive input from approximately 300 residents and suggests the survey remain open a little longer. Councilman Alexander disagreed and asked that the survey be closed. Councilwoman Robinson agreed to the survey remain open to receive input from the community. Ms. Moore noted overnight parking should be included. Councilwoman Robinson inquired if the County would enforce the Ordinance. Attorney Williams noted a new agreement would be in order. Attorney Williams noted if the City has a contract in place with a towing company once the Ordinance is in place, the HCPD would not need to be called. Councilman Blount expressed the City does not need the HCPD to deal with towing and recommended to continue the process with taking the formula and gather more information before voting prematurely.

There was a consensus of the Council to continue with the Online Survey and have the survey remain open and to also continue the Public Hearing item to be heard at the next Planning Commission meeting on September 20, 2018 and at the Council meeting on September 25, 2018 as a Public Hearing item – No Action Taken.

Councilman Alexander motioned to hear Item #10 (Consent Agenda) ahead of the next item; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

10. Council Consideration to approve the Consent Agenda Items as follows:

1. To approve Georgia Power Surveillance Cameras for Gardner Park & Memorial Park $41,645.52, Clark Park/Conference Center $9,133.32, Water Reclamation Facility $24,263.04 and Maintenance Facility $12,192.84 – Total Amount $87,234.72 General Fund Account.
2. To approve Site Engineering to install access road to test well site #2 in the amount of $31,950.00 SPLOST Funding
3. To move forward with an RFP for Management Services for the Amphitheater.
4. To move forward with an RFI (Request for Information) for a Contract Part-Time Grant Writer.
5. To approve the approve Public Works Policy.

Councilman Alexander motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Councilman Blount. The motion passed 4-0.

8. PUBLIC HEARING - Council Consideration to approve the Transmittal for the Short-Term Work Program/Capital Improvement Element (STWP/CIE)

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

Ms. Moore noted this is proposed to be transmitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) along with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Alexander referred to the data inquiring about opportunity zones and tax credits that would enable employers to issue a $3,400 tax credit to each new job created and inquired what the City would need to do to move forward with those incentives. Ms. Moore stated the City would have to get assistance from a consultant to deal with the census data for 2020 to look at the footprint for the City and draw areas that are eligible to receive the credits. Ms. Moore also noted the City has $25,000 for funding; and, once the Economic Development position is filled, an RFP will be put out and adjustment will be made once the RFP comes in. Ms. Moore also suggested that Council may want to add under Land park plan designations around the City noting a dollar amount would also need to be included with the funding source. Ms. Moore also noted the previous Council approved a Trail Plan that came with several recommendations and inquired if Council wants staff to implement the Trail Plan, noting she does not think the monies spent on the trail have been captured for the STWP and suggests whatever dollar amount that was approved for the trails to be put in place. Ms. Moore noted if Council desires to keep the Trail Plan, the funding will need to be identified. Ms. Moore stated Council could adopt as is and wait until next year or take any item 16,17 or 18 of trail implementations being the funds have already been approved and decide on the park plan and corridors. Councilman Alexander suggested taking the recommendations of Ms. Moore and suggested amending it to add parks throughout the City as well as the trail plan. Councilman Blount agreed. Ms. Moore recommended the motion should be to amend with aspects of land use to include park plan and the trail implementation with figures, and to clarify Item #10 under completed projects.

Public Hearing: No Comments in favor or opposed.

Councilman Alexander motioned to adopt with the amended Land Use to add the Trail Plan and Parks in the amount of $25,000 each and to clarify Item #10 of the report; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilwoman Robinson motioned for a 10-minute recess; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**- Council Consideration to approve the Transmittal for the 2038 Comprehensive Plan
Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.
Ms. Moore introduced Mr. James Shelby & Ms. Madeline Spann of the Collaborative Firm. Mr. Shelby noted the STWP/CIE plan goes together and mirrors what is in the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Spann referenced the highlights of the Comprehensive Plan noting the plan includes three important features that are required by the DCA (Department of Community Affairs): to identify the needs and opportunity, implementation and goal setting. Ms. Spann further noted there where several public meetings held and attended by stakeholders and members of the public where they received back from the community what they would like to see in Stockbridge. Ms. Spann noted the community would not like industrial type development; but is in favor of connecting existing trails to create a loop that connects city's throughout and wants to see connectivity between residential areas and parks and to have more recreational centers around. Ms. Spann also noted once the plan is submitted to DCA, it will be reviewed and returned with recommend changes, and should be adopted in October. Ms. Moore noted the whole concept of plans have changed and now everything is being clustered together as a live, work play community and note the Zoning Ordinance should mirror the Comprehensive Plan.

Public Hearing: No Comments in favor or opposed.

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to approve the Transmittal for the 2038 Comprehensive Plan; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Council Consideration to amend the City's Alcohol Ordinance regarding an Open Container District.
Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.
Ms. Moore stated that as businesses come to the City, the City would like to be able to allow patrons who visit restaurants in the Downtown District the option of walking

around outside with their alcoholic beverages while listening to music and enjoying the area. Ms. Moore noted the designated area will be included on the comprehensive map and once the distance requirements are met, it will allow the open containers. Attorney Williams noted if the boundaries are within the geographical area, there would only be a small amendment to the Ordinance and inquired if Council wanted a more defined map to be attached. There was a consensus of the Council to include the designated map area. The Clerk inquired about the effective date if this is tied to the Comprehensive Plan that is scheduled to be adopted in October. Attorney Williams noted it would be Council's discretion.

Councilman Alexander motioned to Table to clarify the boundaries; second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 4-0.

12. Council Consideration to approve Budget Amendment No. 2018-006 in the amount of $401,500 for Permitting.
Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.
Ms. Moore noted Council approved the creation of the Permitting and Building budget; however, when the budget was created, staff had no clue what the cost or revenues would be due to no prior history with the County. Ms. Moore mentioned the City decided to look at what would come in, and so far, the City has generated $359,883.02 and expended $179,909.45. Ms. Moore stated she would like to set a budget for the remainder of the year to $401,500, noting the only data staff has to help project next year is based on how the City will do by the end of the year.

Councilman Alexander motioned to approve Budget Amendment No.2018-006 in the amount of $401,500; second by Councilman Blount. The motion passed 4-0.

Council Consideration to approve Budget Amendment No. 2018-005 in the amount of $50,000 for Professional Fees for TSW.
Presented by: John Wiggins, Interim Treasurer
Mr. Wiggins noted the Finance Department created Fund #353 for City-wide projects and noted this is to move $50,000 that was originally approved in April for TSW from the General Fund to the 353 account to capture all cost associated with Capital Improvement projects.

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to approve Budget Amendment No. 2018-005 in the amount of $50,000 for Professional Fees for TSW; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

13. Council Consideration to amend the fee schedule for Park Pavilion and Gazebo Rentals in City Parks effective January 1, 2019.
Presented by: Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Mrs. Holiday stated the Clerk's Office is requesting that the City increase the pavilion and gazebo rental fees for 2019, effective January 1, 2019. Mrs. Holiday stated the proposed increases as follows:

	CURRENT FEE RESIDENT	**PROPOSED FEE RESIDENT**		**CURRENT FEE NON-RESIDENT**	**PROPOSED FEE NON-RESIDENT**
PAVILION RENTAL					
APR - SEP HALF DAY	$ 75.00	$ 100.00		$ 100.00	$ 150.00
APR - SEP FULL DAY	$ 100.00	$ 150.00		$ 150.00	$ 200.00
GAZEBO RENTAL					
APR - SEP HALF DAY	$ 60.00	$ 85.00		$ 75.00	$ 100.00
APR - SEP FULL DAY	$ 75.00	$ 100.00		$ 100.00	$ 125.00
PAVILION RENTAL					
OCT - MAR FULL DAY ONLY/NO HALF DAY	$ 100.00	$ 150.00		$ 150.00	$ 200.00
GAZEBO RENTAL					
OCT - MAR FULL DAY ONLY/NO HALF DAY	$ 75.00	$ 100.00		$ 100.00	$ 125.00

Mrs. Holiday noted staff looked at the City of Jonesboro's rates who currently charges $100/hour with a minimum of 3 hours and a $25 fee for each additional hour and noted with the proposed increase, Stockbridge is still below the average cost and will continue to increase in increments to help cover the expenses it takes to maintain the parks.

Councilman Alexander expressed his concerns about raising rates when the city is financially stable and posed the question if the current council already adopted something as such. Mrs. Holiday noted Council approved a rate increase effective January 2016. Councilman Alexander expressed he is more concerned about residents inside City limit and does not think the rates should be increased. Councilman Blount stated he has seen significant changes and believes the City is still the lowest. Councilman Thomas' concerns is for Clark Park with pavilions A-C being under one canopy and inquired if staff receives push back from renters. Mrs. Holiday noted Clark Park is the first park to rent, followed by Memorial and then Gardner and noted 2019 already has a waiting list for 2019 even with the proposed fees. Councilman Thomas inquired if there is a discount when renting all three parks. Mrs. Holiday expressed currently there is no discount or fee schedule for renting all three.

Councilman Blount motioned to approve to amend the fee schedule for Park Pavilion and Gazebo Rentals in City Parks effective January 1, 2019; second by Councilman. The motion passed 3-2 (Alexander/Robinson opposed).

14. Council Consideration to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission
Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Development Dir.
Councilman Thomas stated he would like to table this item and has issues with how the application process goes and believes applicants should be able to relate to planning. Ms. Moore stated there was a discussion about boards bringing back job descriptions as it relates to planning.

There was a consensus of the Council for this Item to be heard following Executive Session.

Councilman Alexander motioned to appoint Lawrence Wilborn to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION:

15. Council Discussion of Moratoriums for certain businesses in the city.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Attorney Williams noted during the budget retreat there was a discussion on a potential moratorium on certain types of businesses noting there was never any direction from Council and recall Mayor Pro Tem Gantt not being there during the discussions noting she was the only one who submitted a list for the moratorium that included: salons and barber shops, pawn and title lending shops, vapor shops, thrift stores, cash for title shops, uses appliance shops, tattoo shops and assembly uses and requested for Council to give more direction. Attorney Williams also noted the thought was the moratorium could be put in place pending final approval of the Comprehensive Plan and the adoption of the zoning codes relative to implementing the recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan, which would be in about 4-6 months and would be the length of the moratorium.
Consensus of the Council was to move forward with a 30-day Moratorium on the following businesses: Salon/Barbershops; Tire Shops; Loan Companies; Vapor Stores; Thrift Stores; Cash for Title Shops; Appliance Companies; Storefront Churches; Auto Shops; Tattoo Shops and to receive data/research information from the Business Services Department to include: Number of each of the businesses, Number of locations, and Zoning Classifications and report back to the Mayor & Council within the next 30-60 days.

Councilman Alexander motioned to approve to move forward with a 30-day moratorium for certain businesses; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
Mr. Knighton stated: "It is a great day in Stockbridge!"

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK
Clerk stated: "I concur!

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL
Councilman Thomas stated: "I concur!

Councilman Blount stated: "I concur!

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for attending and tuning in; noted the meeting was productive and a lot was accomplished; looking forward to getting the parking issue resolved.

Councilwoman Robinson stated: "I concur to all!"

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR
Mayor Ford wished everyone a Happy Labor Day; stated the City is not going to split, but rather the City will continue to grow; referenced the Capitol One lawsuit and appreciates them for having done their due diligence; referenced the flags being lowered to half-staff in respect for the late Senator John McCain who was a military man and great humanitarian.

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.

- Council Meeting, Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber

- 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to adjourn Executive Session; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Thomas motioned to reconvene meeting; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Alexander motioned to appoint Lawrence Wilborn to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to adjourn; second by Councilman. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk CMC

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor

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SUMMARY 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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford at 6:05pm.

Invocation by City Manager, Randy Knighton.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Deputy City Clerk, Randi Rainey was asked to proceed with a verbal roll call. All members of Council were present.

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

Councilman Blount motioned to amend the Agenda to move Item#6 to Item #7, and Item #7 to Item #6; second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Blount motioned to adopt the Minutes for the following meetings: 7/20//2018 2. 7/24/2018 3. 8/13/2018 4. 8/16/2018 5. 8/17/2018; second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 4-0-1 (Gantt abstained).

REVIEW OF CEREMONIAL:

- Mayor Ford swore 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, will present later during the month
- Walk to End Alzheimer's Proclamation - was not presented, will present later during the month
- Mayor Ford presented Stockbridge Association of Business members; and announced new businesses in the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mayor Ford acknowledged his visit to the assisted living facility, Benton Village today for National Assisted Living Week where a Proclamation was presented to Mayor Ford during his visit.

PRESENTATION

6. Hands of Hope Clinic 15th Annual Goblin Gallop
   Presented by: Elizabeth "BJ" Mathis, Executive Director
   Mrs. Mathis announced the Hands of Hope Clinic's 15th Annual Goblin Gallop. Mrs. Mathis also gave an overview of the Hands of Hope clinic noting facility is a non-profit clinic that provides medical and dental care to low income and uninsured residents of Henry County; and is currently located behind Piedmont Henry Hospital in Stockbridge. Mrs. Mathis noted the clinic has served over 5,000 patients and provides primary care, dental counseling services, and offer several health and wellness classes. Mrs. Mathis also noted the Hands of Hope Clinic will host its 15th Annual Goblin Gallop 5K, 10K and 15K race on October 20th at Panola State Park with a start time of 7:30 a.m. noting the clinic is trying to raise $30,000 to go towards the clinic and inquired if the City would like to become a sponsor.

   Councilman Blount expressed his sentiments and recommended the City to become a sponsor. Councilman Thomas echoed the sentiments of Councilman Blount and asked Mrs. Mathis to provide the number of citizens they serve out of Stockbridge. Mrs. Mathis stated approximately 38-42% of

their patients come from the Stockbridge area. Councilman Alexander thanked Mrs. Mathis for all their work and invited Hands of Hope Clinic to the next Job Fair to connect with other businesses. Councilwoman Robinson thanked Mrs. Mathis for coming and informed her of the Clergy Roundtable meetings with local pastors. Mayor Ford inquired with Council if they wanted to vote on this matter now of have further discussions about it. Mayor Pro Tem Gantt suggested discussing it after looking at the budget. Mrs. Mathis invited Council to visit the clinic.
No action taken.

7. FY2017 Financial Audit Report
Presented by: Hope Pendergrass of Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA
Ms. Pendergrass presented the FY2017 Financial Audit Report noting the biggest highlight of the report is the City received unmodified opinions (once known as unqualified opinions) and reported no findings. Ms. Pendergrass noted the City's assets are $103.5 million; with limited liability of only $19.3, resulting in an equity position of $84.2 million and noted most of the equity is tied into the physical planned buildings which totals $44.1 million in restricted net positions; which means the equity is not readily available for discretionary use. Ms. Pendergrass also noted $15.3 million is for SPLOST and $24.77 million is for unrestricted and as of December 31, 2017, the net income was almost $4 million dollars. Ms. Pendergrass noted majority of expenditures came from building and planning and the second highest came from Public Works and parks; and the City has had an increase of $2.63 million in the fund balance. Ms. Pendergrass explained in the budget to actuals; revenue exceed the general fund by $786,000, general government expenditures had a variance of $1 million; and total expenditures had a variance of $1.663 million, with a total variance budget of $3.1 million. Ms. Pendergrass noted the SPLOST IV funds had assets of $12 million with liabilities of $500,000 and almost $11.6 million in fund balance (SPLOST is restricted to what is approved by the voters). Ms. Pendergrass expressed for the current year, SPLOST IV has revenues of almost $2.6 million and expenditures of $3.6 million; and, SPLOT III had a balance of $2.9 million left with revenues of $500,000 (interest only), total expenditures totaling up to $450,000 and noted City has a positive cash flow of $760.000.

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

Attorney Williams noted the map was prepared by the request of Council to give them options on where they would like to consider an Open Container District and referenced the pink area of the map stating this represents the central area where it is proposed to have the open container district and noted a big section of that is City Hall, and noted under the current codes, alcohol is only allowed at City events. Attorney Willems noted the amendment to the codes would be simply adding a map in which the area Council agrees upon. Councilman Blount expressed his concerns and stated he does not think the area above North Henry should apply. Mr. Knighton explained the area's added are commercial properties. Attorney Williams proposed redrawing the map to exclude everything north of Burke Street and Martin Luther King, Sr, Heritage Trl, and going north towards the Merle Manders Conference Center. Mr. Knighton noted North Henry would be the dividing line. Mayor Pro Tem Gantt agreed with amending the map to exclude the highlighted areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt motioned to approve the Ordinance regarding an Open Container District and map, excluding those highlighted across the street of North Henry (Nolan St. and Herald Dr.); second by Councilman Alexander. The motion 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
   Councilman Blount noted he would like to host a Bingo Bash for seniors on October 3, 2018 from 10:00am-12pm at the Ted Strickland Community Center and motioned 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; second by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion 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.
   Councilwoman Robinson noted this will be the 2nd annual Toy Drive in the Historic Downtown District and can partner with the Dream Achievers who are a group of 12-14 yr. old boys showcase baseball team. Councilwoman Robinson introduced Clarence Boone, President of Dream Achievers who noted the objective is to inspire service within the public interest. Mr. Boone

gave an overview of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in Stockbridge whom was internationally recognized and has been Chapter of the year in 2007, 2013 and 2015 and referenced supporting and/or working in partnership with Councilman Thomas and Councilman Blount on their community service initiatives and allocated funds to develop the free little library in Clark Park. Mr. Boone noted Dream Achievers – Stockbridge Jonesboro Nupes have developed a signature holiday toy drive event that starts the day after thanksgiving and will end December 14th; and has partnered with Councilwoman Robinson for the second year. Mr. Boone concluded normally men brings in toys for boys, and women brings in toys for girls; and asked for the Council's support in allowing the Dream Achievers to partner with Councilwoman Robinson to continue to support her efforts to be able to reach and provide services needed and would like to help host the toy drive that will be held on December 14th at the Ted Strickland Community Center from 7:30pm-11pm.

Councilwoman Robinson motioned to approve a Resolution for use of Ted Strickland Community Center on December 14, 2018 for a Toy Drive; second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 5-0.

11. Council Consideration to approve the Wage & Salary Survey Analysis and Option 2 recommendation.
Presented by: Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager
Ms. Wheeler noted there are two recommendations: the first recommendation is to revise the title of some classifications, collapse the titles of some positions and expand titles for other positions suggested during the budget retreat; the second recommendation is to approve the pay plan with competitive open range pay aligned with the City's compensation philosophy. Ms. Wheeler noted it will slot all classifications into the plan based on the external and internal equity and will also implement the new structure by transitioning employee salaries into the new plan.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like for the City to be able to compete for the top talent and would like to make sure all employee' are paid adequately. Mayor Pro Tem Gantt expressed she was proud of how the City has turned around.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt motioned to approve the Wage & Salary Survey Analysis and Option 2 recommendation made by HR; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Thanked Deputy City Clerk, Randi Rainey for facilitating tonight's meeting; 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's website and Facebook page to stay informed and wants everyone to make a sound choice on November 6th.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt asked everyone 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 Aretha Franklin at the last meeting and wants her to Rest In Peace; 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 and appreciates all those in support and expressed he is NOT for a split, he rather have the City whole and complete as he wants the City to grow and be prosperous and asked the citizens to keep the faith. Mayor Ford read the upcoming meetings and announcements

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 – 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.

Respectfully submitted by:

Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk	Anthony S. Ford, Mayor

OLD BUSINESS

3. Council Consideration to amend the City's Parking Ordinance as it relates to On-Street Parking. Presented by: Camilla Moore, Asst. City Mgr./Community Dev. Dir.

RESOLUTION NO. ____________

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO SIGN REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO NEGOTIATE SERVICE DELIVERY ACT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Georgia Service Delivery Act, the current Service Delivery Strategy Agreement ("SDS Agreement") between Henry County ("County") and the municipalities within its jurisdiction must be revised and a new agreement entered by the County and all municipalities located within the County;

WHEREAS, although the City has been in negotiations with the County, as well as all the other municipalities within the County for months, at the present time no revised Service Delivery Strategy Act agreement has been negotiated - and the deadline for reaching such a compromise is nearing;

WHEREAS, the City (as well as the County and the other County municipalities) believes it prudent to request that the existing SDS Agreement continue in effect until such time as a new Agreement is negotiated by and between the parties;

WHEREAS, the City believes this appropriate in order to ensure that the City remains entitled to receive of any and all grants or funding that may otherwise be available by the State;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to extend the existing SDS Agreement for only that period of time authorized by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, or until another new such Agreement is enacted, whichever period is shorter;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1. **Authorization of Request for Extension.** – The Mayor and/or City Manager is authorized to execute the Service Delivery Strategy Act Extension Document attached hereto as Exhibit A. This request for extension shall only seek to extend the existing SDS Agreement from the date of adoption for the period of time authorized by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, or until such time as another Service Delivery Agreement is approved, whichever period is shorter.

Section 2. **Approval of Execution** - The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents and to perform all other acts necessary to effectuate this Resolution on behalf of the City of

Stockbridge. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. **Severability** - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED, this the 25th day of September, 2018.

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA

ANTHONY S. FORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

VANESSA HOLIDAY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibit A

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 5: Certifications for Extension of Existing SDS

Instructions: This two page form must, at a minimum, be signed by an authorized representative of the following governments: 1) the county; 2) the city serving as the county seat; 3) all cities having a 2010 population of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 2010 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with a 2010 population below 500 and local authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so.

If the strategy for providing **ANY** local service is being revised, FORM 5 CANNOT be used. When revisions are necessary, a submittal MUST include updates to FORM 1, FORM 2, and FORM 4 that cover ALL local services.

COUNTY: **TYPE COUNTY NAME HERE**

We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the jurisdictions listed below, certify that:

1. We have reviewed our existing Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) and have determined that it continues to accurately reflect our preferred arrangements for providing **ALL** local services throughout our county and no changes in our Strategy are needed at this time. We authorize its extension until:

Select 1 box, below	Type End-Year Below
☐ **February 28,** ☐ **June 30,** ☐ **October 31,**	**YEAR**

2. Each of our governing bodies (County Commission and City Councils) that are a party to this strategy have adopted resolutions agreeing to the Service Delivery arrangements identified in our strategy and have executed agreements for implementation of our service delivery strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-21);
3. Our service delivery strategy continues to promote the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner for all residents, individuals and property owners throughout the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1));
4. Our service delivery strategy continues to provide that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider are reasonable and are not arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (2));
5. Our service delivery strategy continues to ensure that the cost of any services the county government provides (including those jointly funded by the county and one or more municipalities) primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county are borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive such service (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (3));
6. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the officially adopted County and City land use plans of all local governments located in the County are compatible and nonconflicting (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(A));
7. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the provision of extraterritorial water and sewer services by any jurisdiction is consistent with all County and City land use plans and ordinances (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(B)); and
8. DCA has been provided a copy of this certification and copies of all forms, maps and supporting agreements needed to accurately depict our agreed upon strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-27).

SDS FORM 5, continued				
JURISDICTION	TITLE	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
LIST EACH JURISDICTION HERE, ALPHABETICALLY	List the Title of the Authorized Representative of Each Jurisdiction Here, Respectively	List the Names of the Representatives Here, Respectively		

SDS FORM 5, continued				
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STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HENRY
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. ________

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NOEL IN NOVEMBER EVENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2018 AT THE MERLE MANDERS CONFERENCE CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with being fiscally responsible concerning the use and expenditure of all public funds;

WHEREAS, Section 1.12(b)(41) of the City Charter, the City in vested with certain broad powers "to exercise and enjoy all other powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities necessary or desirable to promote or protect the safety, health, peace, security, good order, comfort, convenience, or general welfare or the city and its inhabitants;"

WHEREAS, Section 1.12(b) of the City Charter states that "the powers of this city shall be construed liberally in favor of the city. The specific mention or failure to mention particular powers shall not be construed as limiting in any way the powers of this city;"

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize a Noel in November event at the Merle Manders Conference Center to be held on November 17, 2018 of the City of Stockbridge;

WHEREAS, the City specifically finds that the proposed event promotes and protects the safety, health, peace, security, good order, comfort, convenience, and general welfare or the city and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that the Noel in November event is in the best interest of the City and its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. **Authorization** – The Mayor and Council of the City of Stockbridge hereby authorizes a Noel in November event to be held on November 18, 2017 at the Merle Manders Conference Center.

Section 2. **Documents** – The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. **Severability** - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon the date of its adoption by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED, this the 25th day of September, 2018.

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA

ANTHONY S. FORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

VANESSA HOLIDAY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, CITY ATTORNEY