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ACTION MINUTES **WORK SESSION MEETING**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 – Pastor Kenneth McFarland**
- 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> </u>	<u> X </u>
Councilman Alexander	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilwoman Robinson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

- V. Motion to adopt the Agenda: Blount/Thomas – Passed 4-0.**

VI. Review of the Minutes for the following meetings:

- 1. 11/27/2018 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

Pastor Kenneth McFarland referenced the Stockbridge Youth Council noting members participation at City events and councilmember initiatives and was here to answering any questions or concerns from the Council.

Mr. Ronald Wong asked the Council to reconsider the 2019 LMIG list for street resurfacing and include streets of the Winslow subdivision; and noted the subdivision developer left the roads unfinished and uneven, and further noted this was a concern that was noted the proposed city referendum.

Mr. Clay Lloyd, a consultant, noted he had been invited by Councilman Alexander to speak to multi-use trails in the City and was available to help; noted he had been a Henry County resident since 1980 and has seen the community grow over the years; appreciates what the City has done thus far with its trails, and noted trails would be a good source of exercise for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt joined the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Continuation of Third Reading & Adoption of the FY2019 Operating Budget

Presented by: Randy Knighton, City Manager and

Mr. Knighton presented the proposed FY2019 Operating Budget at **\$10,879,841.88**; Mayor Pro Tem Gantt requested Line Item 100-15160-531132 under the Business Services Department funds in the amount of \$30,000 be used only for the SAB (Stockbridge Association of Businesses) and not interchangeable within the department; Councilman Thomas agreed and requested the funds be set aside until the necessary steps are taken to establish the SAB Board by Resolution in January 2019 followed by the appointment of Board members. There were no objections.

Mayor Ford opened the Public Hearing: There were no speakers. The Public Hearing was closed. Motion to approve the FY2019 Operating Budget: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Council Consideration to approve the City's Branding Tagline

Presented by: Kira Harris-Braggs, Main Street Manager

Motion to approve the City's branding tagline: "Where Community Connects" Gantt/Alexander: Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to approve a Site Agreement with Extenet Systems for AT&T small antennas – New poles cost = \$1500 per year; existing poles cost = \$500 per year.

Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney

Motion to approve: Gantt/Blount – Passed 4-0-1 (Alexander abstained as he was not present during the discussion).

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Knighton thanked the Mayor & Council for their support and approval of the FY2019 Operating Budget; referenced information provided to Governing Body by Camilla Moore regarding the SAB (Stockbridge Association of Businesses) and asked that Ms. Moore give a brief summary of the timeline. Ms. Moore referenced the history of the original (SBA) Stockbridge Business Association and its notation in the City's STWP (Short-Term Work Program) and spoke to the process to revamp and change the name to the (SAB) Stockbridge Association of Businesses where a Resolution would be presented to the Council to create the Board in January 2019; and introduced business owner LaSonya Cato who spoke to the proposed SAB's mission and vision for businesses of the City regarding retention, beautification, assisting with training, becoming Partners in Education and businesses being held accountable, further noting she is reading to jump in to help to make Stockbridge businesses wonderful.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Mrs. Holiday wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas thanked everyone who participated in the "Don't Trash Stockbridge" year-end celebration and noted the Spring kickoff would be approaching soon.

Councilman Blount thanked everyone who came out to the last Senior Bingo Bash where the seniors of the community come out and really enjoy themselves and noted the success of this event with more to come in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year noting now is the time to give; referenced the upcoming Welcoming Stockbridge Roundtable encouraging everyone to apply and attend; thanked staff for the Volunteer Appreciation Gala where a great time was had by all.

Councilman Alexander reflected on his three (3) years in office and the City's many accomplishments during that timeframe which includes the approval of the amphitheater, technology, extended hours at the Cochran library, beautification efforts in the City, extended Code Enforcement and he looks forward to the City's future projects including a Youth/Senior center and continuing to serve.

Councilwoman Robinson wished everyone Happy Holidays, thanked staff; referenced the Youth Council and asked that if there are any questions or concerns to attend the meetings or reach out to her; noted the Youth Council recently attended the National League of Cities Conference in Los Angeles and was paid for by business sponsors; noted the Youth Council recently completed their annual Service Project filling Christmas Stockings stuffed with love for the Henry County Public Safety Officers; and invited Youth Council Chair, Kelli Crews to say a few words: Miss Crews stated she had learned a lot over the past two (2) years about local government and is grateful for the opportunities and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays; Councilwoman Robinson continued with an announcement that the City of Stockbridge is partnering with the Georgia Municipal Association to host the annual GMA Youth Conference March 22-24, 2019; asked that everyone get involve and noted the City is Better Together.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford referenced the City's new tagline "Where Community Connects"; thanked everyone for the recent Volunteer Appreciation Gala; continues to look to move the City forward; asked that everyone enjoy family and friends during this holiday season, God Bless and enjoy the holidays.

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 Advisory Committee meeting, Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Youth Council meeting, Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Downtown Development Authority Retreat, Friday, January 11, 2019 and Saturday, January 12, 2019 Location: Smyrna, GA
- Stockbridge Main Street Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. has been canceled. The next meeting will take place on Friday, February 8th in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Council meeting Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Work Session meeting, Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Adopt-A-Family Christmas Toy Giveaway, Saturday, December 22, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Red Oak United Methodist Church 3894 Walt Stephens Rd. Stockbridge spearheaded by Councilman Alexander in partnership with Red Oak United Methodist Church Vulcan Materials, Eagles Landing Baptist Church, Toys for Tots, Because We Care Henry – Atlanta South, Smoothie King – Eagles Landing Pkwy.
- All City offices will be closed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25, 2018 in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- All City offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1, 2019 in observance of New Year's Day.
- Job Fair – Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, GA
- All City offices will be closed Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday celebration.
- Monthly Bingo Bash – Wednesday, January 23, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Ted Strickland Community Center 130 ML King, Sr. Heritage Trail, Stockbridge, GA

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- Don't Trash Stockbridge No Litter Campaign – Ongoing – spearheaded by Councilman Thomas. Contact: LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Monthly Bingo Bash at the Ted Strickland Community Center – spearheaded by Councilman Blount. Visit the City's website or Facebook page for dates and information.
- Quarterly Town Hall – Ongoing – spearheaded by Councilman Alexander. Visit the City's website or Facebook page for dates and information.
- Keep Stockbridge Beautiful – Ongoing – spearheaded by Councilman Alexander. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Quarterly Welcoming Stockbridge RoundTable – spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem LaKeisha Gantt. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

Motion to approve Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate: Robinson/Alexander – Motion Failed 2-3-0. (Blount/Gantt/Thomas opposed).

Meeting adjourned.