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Randi Rainey

CITY ATTORNEY

Michael Williams

**Council Meeting
Agenda
March 26, 2019 6:00 PM**



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AGENDA COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019 6:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- 1 February 11, 2019 Draft Minutes
- 2 February 26, 2019 Drafts Minutes
- 3 February 28, 2019 Draft Retreat Minutes
- 4 March 1, 2019 Draft Retreat Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION

- 5 DSPII (Discovering Solders Potential)

OLD BUSINESS

- 6 Council Consideration to approve Facility Use Policy

NEW BUSINESS

- 7 Council Consideration to Partner with A Friend's House to allow for the Annual Fundraiser "Taste of Henry" April 12, 2019
- 8 Council Consideration of establishing a relationship with the SAB (Stockbridge Association of Business)

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS (Randy Knighton)

CITY CLERK'S COMMENTS (Vanessa Holiday)

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR'S COMMENTS (Mayor Anthony Ford)

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Acts)

ADJOURNMENT



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SUMMARY MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 6:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

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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.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford.

Invocation by City Manager, Randy Knighton.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited unison.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Blount motioned to adopt the Agenda as printed; second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount motioned to adopt the Minutes for the following meetings: December 10, 2018 and December 18, 2018; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion 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. There were no Public Comments.

CEREMONIAL REVIEW

Mayor Ford presented the 2019 Proclamation for African-American History Month to Councilman Thomas and referenced the recent event.

Mayor Ford also noted the Proclamation for Coach Kevin Whitley of Stockbridge High School would be presented at the school on Wednesday, February 13th at 8:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

3. FY2018 Henry County Convention & Visitors Bureau DCA Report

Presented by: Laura Luker, Director of Tourism

Laura Luker noted tourism has become bigger over the year, bringing in over \$283 million tourism dollars for the year 2017. Ms. Luker also noted the CVB has been working on a year-long research study as to when and why visitors visit the county and city; as well as working with individuals to write about their experiences while staying in Henry County and the City of Stockbridge. Ms. Luker reviewed the CVB Annual report and referenced the entities that were highlighted in the 2018 guide and those who will be featured in the 2019 brochure.

4. Council Consideration to approve use of the Merle Manders Conference Center for an event in partnership with the Psi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and their non-profit: The Southern Crescent Pearl's Foundation for the Women in Business on March 17, 2019 event.

Presented by: Councilwoman Robinson and Clayton County Superior Court Judge Shana Rooks Malone

Councilwoman Robinson asked that this item be Tabled until further notice.

5. Authorization for Ground-Water Services, Inc. to compete (2) Test Wells - S.P.L.O.S.T. funding in the amount not to exceed \$78,000.00.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted staff is in the process of receiving permits to drill two (2) test wells to become apart of the city's water supply with using SPLOST funding which will be use not to exceed in the amount of \$78,000.00. Mr. Aaron also noted staff will be looking to save around \$10-\$12,000 per month.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount motioned to approve authorization for Ground-Water Services, Inc. to compete (2) Test Wells - S.P.L.O.S.T. funding in the amount not to exceed \$78,000.00; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Statutory requirements and expectations of transfer of Fire Prevention Services and Planning & Zoning Services Effective 4/1/2019
Presented by: Camilla Moore - Community Development Director
Ms. Moore introduced Linda Logan the new Senior Planner for the City. Ms. Moore noted Council authorized the transfer of a Fire Marshall and Planning and Zoning from the County to the City in December 2018. And noted there are statutory requirements that the Georgia General Assembly requires which are governed by law. Ms. Moore also noted both Fire and Planning & Zoning services were provided by the County, and now will be provided by the City. Ms. Moore state she hopes to have the Fire Marshal in place by April 1, 2019. Ms. Moore stated that bringing the Fire Marshal in-house will reduce the turn-around 7 – 15 days for inspections.

Ms. Moore noted the statutory requirements for Planning and Zoning are governed by several statutes in which the County is responsible for going out and looking at all sites, zoning verifications, etc. Ms. Moore also noted the City will start out with one (1) Planner to determine case loads and will try to do so by April 1, 2019.

7. Council Consideration to approve Ordinance to amend Chapter 4.08 - Fire Prevention and Protection of the Stockbridge Municipal Code- Repeal & Replace – Effective 4/1/2019
Presented by: Camilla Moore - Community Development Director
Ms. Moore noted the state requires an Ordinance to be adopted that is consistent with the transfer of services and asked for repeal and replace Chapter 4.08- Fire Marshal Prevention Services.

Councilman Alexander motioned to approve and Ordinance to amend Chapter 4.08 - Fire Prevention and Protection of the Stockbridge Municipal Code - Repeal & Replace which will be effective 4/1/2019; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Council Consideration to approve Resolution adopting Fire Services 2019 Fee Schedule – Effective 4/1/2019
Presented by: Camilla Moore - Community Development Director
Ms. Moore noted this is a Fee Schedule for Fire Prevention Services.

Councilwoman Gantt inquired if the fees are higher than normal. Ms. Moore noted staff looked at Henry County and cities of the same size and wanted to stay consistent.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to approve a Resolution adopting Fire Services 2019 Fee Schedule which will be Effective 4/1/2019; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Council Consideration to approve Resolution to transfer Fire Services from the State of Georgia to the City of Stockbridge—Effective 4/1/2019
Presented by: Camilla Moore - Community Development Director
Ms. Moore noted the state requires a Resolution to be adopted that transfers Fire Marshal Services from the State to the City effective April 1, 2019.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to approve Resolution to transfer Fire Services from the State of Georgia to the City of Stockbridge which will become effective 4/1/2019; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Council Consideration to approve Resolution to transfer Fire Services from Henry County to the City of Stockbridge - Effective 4/1/2019
Presented by: Camilla Moore - Community Development Director
Ms. Moore noted the state requires a Resolution to be adopted that transfers Fire Marshal Services from the County to the City effective April 1, 2019.

Councilman Alexander motioned to approve Resolution to transfer Fire Services from Henry County to the City of Stockbridge which will become effective 4/1/2019; second Councilwoman Gantt provided the second. The motion passed 5-0.

11. Council Consideration to approve Resolution for 2019 Occupational Tax Fee Schedule/ Non-Regulatory.
Presented by: Camilla Moore - Community Development Director
Ms. Moore referenced approval of the Regulatory Fee Schedule in December 2018 noting this is approval of the non-regulatory Fee Schedule.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to approve the Resolution for 2019 Occupational Tax Fee Schedule/Non-Regulatory; second by Mayor Pro Tem Blount. The motion Passed 5-0.

12. Council Consideration to adopt the 2018 CIE (Capital Improvements Element and Comprehensive Plan Update as approved by the ARC (Atlanta Regional Commission) January 3, 2019.
Presented by: Camilla Moore - Community Development Director
Ms. Moore noted in August 2018, the Comprehensive Plan was submitted to DCA; however, upon analysis, some of the Public Works projects required further review and/or corrections. Ms. Moore noted the numbers have been reconciled and re-submitted to the State and approved.

Councilman Thomas referenced the report noting there was not an Economic Development Director on staff when the original report was submitted and following conversations with Mr. Knighton, recommends those items under Economic Development section of the report be the responsibility of the Economic Director.

Attorney Williams explained the Council can approve document as written and can amend as recommended at the next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to approve document as approved by the DCA with an amendment to task the Economic Development Director with certain items of the report to be presented at next meeting on 2/26/2019; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

13. Council Discussion of Impact Fees

Presented by: Camilla Moore - Community Development Director

Ms. Moore noted Impact Fees are put in place to make sure cost of new developments are not placed upon the citizens, and instead, passed on to the developers. Ms. Moore further noted Impact Fees would allow the City to attach a one (1) time fee to every single development that comes to the City; noting surrounding cities and the County impose Impact Fees. Further discussion will take place at the upcoming Retreat and presented to the Council for consideration at the March 11, 2019 meeting.

14. Update: On-Street Parking and Implementation.

Presented by: Camilla Moore - Community Development Director

Ms. Moore noted the Public Works staff has completed inventory of streets to be affected; mailer will go out to citizens in March regarding the Street Parking Ordinance, Policy and Procedures are being created; Warning Notices will be issued for (3) three months prior to citations being issued; however, HOA's currently have ability to tow (no booting); costs are still being analyzed.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to amend the Agenda to discuss the creation of a Development Authority for the City and to present Local Legislation to the General Assembly; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.

15. Council Consideration to the create a Development Authority for the City and to present Local Legislation to the General Assembly.

Presented by: Councilwoman Gantt, James Touchton, Economic Development Director and Raoul Clarke, DDA Chairman

Mr. Touchton noted during the DDA Retreat, there was a discussion with Former Senator Doug Stoner who explained expanding the territory of the DDA or creating a City-Wide Development Authority.

Attorney Williams noted the DDA Act provides that the City create a Resolution that designates a downtown area with no limitations attached, or a city-wide area in the Downtown District. Attorney Williams noted the City of Stockbridge already has a city-wide URA but has not been active in years.

Attorney Williams further noted the issue would be the membership of the board which holds between 7 to 9 members, with Council making the determination of long the terms of the board would be. Attorney Williams also noted the membership requires 4 members that are taxpayers, however, seeing the City does not have a tax for residents; business owners who pays into Occupational tax would be considered. Attorney Williams suggested having the General Assembly create a Development Authority by local legislation where Council would work with the local legislation delegation to determine what membership would be best for the City, stating this could be business owners or a combination, somewhat similar to the already established DDA.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to approve Council Consideration to the create a Development Authority for the City and to present Local Legislation to the General Assembly; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount motioned to suspend Council & Mayor Comments and the Meetings & Announcements portion of the Agenda to be heard following Executive Session; second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 4-1 (Alexander Opposed).

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

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COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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- Youth Council meeting, Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Downtown Development Authority meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room. (note change in date).

- Youth Council Advisory Committee, Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Work Session meeting, Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Council Retreat – February 28 & March 1, 2019 Kennesaw, GA

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rural African-American History Celebration – Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the Cochran Library, Stockbridge, GA– spearheaded by Councilman Alexander 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Quarterly Town Hall – Tuesday, February 19, 2019 7:00 p.m. at: Red Oak UMC 3894 Walt Stephens Rd. Stockbridge, GA – spearheaded by Councilman Alexander
- Stockbridge Active – location: Pamela Bennett Fitness 272 E Atlanta Rd Suite 1D, Stockbridge, GA– Saturday, February 23, 2019 10: am – 12:00 pm Registration Required (space is limited) – spearheaded by Councilman Alexander
- Monthly Bingo Bash – Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Ted Strickland Community Center 130 ML King, Sr. Heritage Trail, Stockbridge, GA spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Blount

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.
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Alexander motioned to adjourn Executive Session; second by Councilwoman Gantt. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Alexander motioned to reconvene meeting; second by Councilwoman Robinson. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Alexander thanked Stockbridge Youth Council Advisory Committee Chair Kenneth McFarland for his service and made a motion to accept his resignation and removal from the Stockbridge Youth Council Advisory Committee; second by Councilwoman Gantt: Mayor Ford asked for reconsideration stating this would be a mistake and rather to accept the resignation at the end of May 2019; Councilwoman Robinson thanked Mr. McFarland for his service and stated he had done an excellent job and thanked him for volunteering for the committee and agreed with the Mayor this would be a mistake and shameful and would cast a negative light upon the city. The motion passed 4-1 (Robinson opposed).

Motion to suspend Comments and Meeting and Announcements portion of the Agenda and adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk CMC

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor



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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford.

Invocation by Mayor Ford.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday was asked to proceed with a verbal roll call. All members were in attendance except Councilwoman Robinson who was attending the Legislative Black Caucus Annual Heritage event.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount motioned to amend the Agenda to add Item No. 6 – Council Consideration on HB302 and Item No. 7 – Council Consideration to approve a Resolution for local legislation for the creation of a Development Authority; second by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

Review of the Minutes for the following meetings:

1. 1/14/2019
2. 1/31/2019 No Action

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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OLD BUSINESS

3. Council Consideration to amend the 2018 CIE (Capital Improvements Element and Comprehensive Plan Update relating to the Economic Development Section of the Report.
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager
Mr. Knighton referenced the previous meeting where it was noted that all items under the Economic Development section of the Short-Term Work Program report would be assigned to the recently hired Economic Development Director (James Touchton) as the responsible party. Mr. Knighton also referenced a memorandum issued to the Mayor & Council that reflected this changed and confirmed the day-to-day operations as listed under Economic Development would be effective immediately and the 2019 report would reflect this action. There was no action required by the governing body.
4. Council Consideration to amend and extend the Moratorium on the acceptance of applications for certain businesses in the City.
Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney
Attorney Williams noted there will be a request for an RFP at the next council meeting for a zoning re-write and would like to extend the Moratorium for certain businesses another 180 days and include the changes made. Mayor Pro Tem Blount requested a list of businesses currently in the hopper that would be excluded from this extension.

Councilman Alexander motioned to extend the current Moratorium 180 days and to make sure Hair and Nail Salons and Vape Shops are included; with all applications in the hopper being excluded; second by Councilwoman Gantt. The motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Council Consideration to approve Citywide Furniture – State of Georgia Contract No. 99999-SPD000010
Presented by Lindell Miller, Procurement Supervisor
Ms. Miller noted this request is to a for authorization to utilize a state contract through February 2020 (if needed) and to purchase furniture for city staff.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to approve Citywide Furniture – State of Georgia Contract No. 99999-SPD000010; second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 4-0.
6. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution opposing HB302.
Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney
Attorney Williams noted HB302 would grant regulations on building aesthetics and noted GMA is in opposition of the Resolution and encourages all cities to adopt a Resolution in opposition.

Attorney Williams also recommended the Council to direct staff to submit the Resolution if approved, to its local legislative delegation.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount motioned to approve a Resolution opposing HB302; second by Councilwoman Gantt. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution requesting the General Assembly to approve the creation of a 7-member Development Authority for the City of Stockbridge consisting of (3) three residents of the City (1) of those being a member of the Governing Body and (4) four members to be Henry County residents with subject-matter expertise such as attorneys, realtors, developers and zoning experts and to have powers similar to the City of Clarkston, GA.

Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney

Attorney Williams noted what is proposed is to ask the General Assembly to enact a local legislation in creating a Development Authority for the City, that is different from the normal statutory Development Authority. Attorney Williams noted staff recommends the creation of a 7-member Development Authority for the City of Stockbridge consisting of (3) three residents of the City (1) of those being a member of the Governing Body and (4) four members to be Henry County residents with subject-matter expertise such as attorneys, realtors, developers and zoning experts and to have powers similar to the City of Clarkston, GA.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to approve Resolution; second by Councilman Alexander; the motion passed 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Knighton noted Stockbridge is a great city “Where Community Connects” and commended staff, and noted he is looking forward to moving the City forward.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK’S OFFICE

Mrs. Holiday referenced the City’s upcoming Retreat and is looking forward great things to come out of the retreat.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas thanked Cotton Indian Elementary School for hosting the “Don’t Trash Stockbridge” event he attended along Mrs. Jackson, noting there were over 300 students in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount invited everyone out to the Bingo Bash tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Ted Strickland Community Center for lots of fun for the seniors in the community; and thanked the Public Works staff for the concrete cleanup.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked everyone for their continued prayers and support.

Councilman Alexander invited who have not registered to attend the 4th Annual Women's History Month Celebration on Sunday, March 3rd at 3pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center, tickets can be obtained through Eventbrite; thanked everyone who attended the recent Town Hall at Red Oak UMC noting great feedback for proposed city projects and referenced kids of the community having to leave the area to participate in activities; thanked everyone who participated in Stockbridge Active event at ClubSpin;; thanked Main Street for coordinating the event to recognize 1st Lt. Andrea Lewis, and her send-off, and thought it was fitting for Black History Month; referenced the Retreats and how Council must act, as it is up to the elected body to direct staff; and challenged fellow council members to move forward with projects in 2019.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted he is looking forward to a productive Retreat based on financial and good logical sense; noted the great Main Street activity for 1st Lt. Lewis, the first African-American pilot in the Georgia National Guard and wishes her family all the best; referenced the City's attendance at the South Metro Development Conference where for the first time in 17 years of the conference, they issued the Perseverance and Leadership Award to the City of Stockbridge for victory to defeat the cityhood referendum, and stated the real heroes were the citizens who knocked on doors and voted, and noted the City still has a mission to heal and mend the city and embrace the entire community; noted the city is prepare for the 2020 census; thank Michael Hightower for the award; noting the City's work is not yet done; noted he would be bringing forward the State of the City at the March 11th meeting; and asked everyone to keep the faith; God Bless.

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- Women's History Celebration Brunch, Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the MMCC, Stockbridge, GA– spearheaded by Councilman Alexander 3:00 p.m. RSVP required: ljackson@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov
- GMA Youth Summit (hosted by the City of Stockbridge Youth Council) March 22-24, 2019 at the Merle Manders Conference Center.

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- Mayor Mondays with Mayor Anthony S. Ford from 10:00 a.m. - noon **every fourth Monday** of the month (appointment required). Please contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information and scheduling.
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Councilwoman Gantt motioned to adjourn Executive Session; second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Alexander motion to reconvene the meeting; second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURN

Councilman Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting; second by Councilwoman Gantt. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk CMC

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor



Retreat Summary Minutes
Thursday, February 28, 2019
8:30 A.M.

Embassy Suites – Kennesaw Town Center
620 Chastain Road
Kennesaw, GA 30144

2019 WINTER RETREAT / DAY 1

Facilitated by Randy Knighton, City Manager

Welcome - Mayor Ford

Call to Order – Mayor Ford

Roll Call – Members Present: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Blount, Councilman Alexander, Councilwoman Gantt, and Councilman Thomas. Councilwoman Robinson was not present for the roll call (as she was attending Henry County Day at the State Capitol) and did join the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Also present - Randy Knighton, Vanessa Holiday, Camilla Moore, Kira Harris-Braggs, James Touchton, John Wiggins and Michael Williams

City Manager's Report and Review of FY2018 Goals & Objectives

Randy Knighton reviewed the FY2018 goals, with the De-Annexation Referendum being the top priority, while noting the current objectives to be focusing on funding and timelines. Mr. Knighton also referenced the staff DISC Assessments currently underway, noting the importance of a cohesive team. Mr. Knighton referenced a proposed Referendum for the re-allocation of \$4 million dollars of SPLOST funds; and noted the City of Stockbridge and other cities in Henry County should get their fair share of SPLOST funds and that the current 75%/25% does not line up with current population. A reference was made to the request to the County to return Title 14 and Title 16 infractions to City with an offer to split the revenue, noting the County has not responded.

Councilman Alexander referenced the City's Master Trail Plan and incorporating the Trail Plan with sidewalks throughout the city and providing funding in the City's Operating Budget.

City of Kennesaw Economic Development Presentation
Presented by: Mayor Derek Easterling

Mayor Easterling reviewed the State of the City for Kennesaw and showed a presentation of various city departments, and businesses while highlight their many success stories and noting the many years it took while building relationships and partnerships to make it happen.

TSW (Tunnel Spangler and Walsh) Architects

Heather Hubbell presented the Amphitheater design and referenced an estimated cost of \$10 million dollars, noting that neither roads nor parking was included in that estimate. Ms. Hubbell also gave an estimated 12 to 18 month timeline for completion.

Ms. Hubbell presented two concept designs of the proposed Cultural Arts Center with both a 1-story building and 2-story building. Estimates were around \$15 million dollars.

Ms. Hubbell presented the Monument Sign design to be located across from City Hall and in front of the fountain. The estimated cost is \$167,000 with a 3-month timeline for completion. Ms. Hubbell noted the turning lane that was included in the RSVP has been accounted for in the design in coordination with Falcon Design & Engineering, GDOT and the Inspection officials.

Kennesaw City Hall Visit

Presenters: Darryl Simmons, P & Z Administrator & Bob Fox, Economic Development Director
Both Mr. Simmons and Mr. Fox offered excellent information for the Governing Body to put forth their vision for the City, and then allow staff to carry it out. Additionally, they spoke about the collaborations and patience to make the vision a reality. Noting where in some cases land remained vacant until the time and project was right.

Tour of Downtown Kennesaw

The tour travelled through downtown Kennesaw noting businesses located along the railroad and the success of the mixed-use developments, while still incorporating some of the old charm.

Development Review/Permit Process

Ms. Moore reviewed the Permitting process noting Charles Abbott Associates contracted staff will process HVAC permits and the newly created Building Permit Coordinator position for the City would meet & greet prospective developers and process building permits.

Impact Fees

Ms. Moore reviewed Impact Fees and noted this item would be presented to the Council for Consideration at the March 11th. Meeting.

Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB) Discussion

Mrs. Harris-Braggs reviewed the report previously presented by Henry County CVB Tourism Director Laura Luker along with additional information regarding the role and purpose of the CVB. After discussion, the Council decided to start the process of moving away from the Henry County CVB and establishing its own. Motion made by: Alexander/Blount. Passed 4-1. Robinson opposed.

Review of Day 1 and Closing Remarks

Mr. Knighton noted he was pleased with the information on Day 1 and looks forward to Day 2. Ms. Moore provided a Legislative Update noting Senate Bill 453 sponsored by Senator Mullis will drop on 3/1/2019. Mr. Ford referenced all to review the Code of Conduct, all agreed.

Motion to adjourn: Blount/Robinson Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk CMC

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor



Where Community Connects
Retreat Summary Minutes

Friday, March 1, 2019

8:30 A.M.

Embassy Suites – Kennesaw Town Center
620 Chastain Road
Kennesaw, GA 30144

2019 WINTER RETREAT / DAY 2

Facilitated by: Randy Knighton, City Manager

Welcome - Mayor Ford

Call to Order – Mayor Ford

Roll Call – Members Present: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Blount, Councilman Alexander, Councilwoman Gantt, Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Thomas.

Also present - Randy Knighton, Vanessa Holiday, Camilla Moore, Decius Aaron, James Touchton, Rashonda Favors, John Wiggins and Michael Williams

City Manager's - Establish and Confirm Mayor and Council Fiscal Year 2019 Goals

Randy Knighton noted today's session would focus on financing, financial advice and the City's Overall financial picture.

Mr. Wiggins reviewed the City's 5-year CIP (Capitol Improvement Plan) noting FY2019 has \$7.5 million in the approved plan. Mr. Aaron noted an estimated \$12 million for road Improvements for the proposed RSVP to Lee Street. Mr. Knighton noted no commitment had been made to the Jodeco project for any funding at this point. Ms. Moore referenced an upcoming visit with the Interim Treasurer to the State Capitol to review SPLOST balances. Mr. Knighton recommended the city come to an agreement with Henry County regarding SPLOST, unlike the mediation on the SDS agreement due to the timing.

Mr. Aaron noted Falcon Design was completing a neighborhood survey of the Tye Street area regarding curb & gutter; and also noted a street and sidewalk assessment is funding through SPLOST IV and he will ask for funding in SPLOST I as well.

Councilwoman Robinson recommended reaching out to District 4 Commissioner Thomas to discuss projects prior to the March 7th meeting.

A consensus of the Council agreed to move forward with the monitor @ Monument Park as it falls under the City Manager's threshold.

Financial Advisor

Mr. Edmund J. Wall, Managing Director of Piper Jaffray gave an overview of the Piper Jaffray firm, reviewed the City's financial reports and presented the Council with a Financial Plan for the City.

Mr. Wall noted he would recommend a Sales Ratio Study with the Tax Assessor's office (which state law requires every 3 years), would also recommend using Hotel/Motel tax to pay down the debt; gave a sample of a 1-2 mil tax and the funds that could be generated; noted the County has 12 mils; Board of Education 20 mils; and the Henry County Water Authority has 2 mils.

Financial Advisor

Mr. Courtney Rogers, Sr. V.P., Mr. Ricardo Cornejo, Sr. Vice President and Mr. Douglas Gebhardt, Vice President of Davenport & Company gave an overview of Davenport & Company and presented the Council with a Financial Plan for the City.

Mr. Rogers noted he attended the City's Branding launch and proposed spending \$10 million dollars of fund balance on projects. And stated their role as Financial Advisors would be an extension of the City. It was also noted they are engaged by more municipalities than any other Financial Advisor in the state of Georgia.

Motion to approve Piper Jaffray as Financial Advisor for the City: Gantt/Robinson – Passed 4-0 (Councilman Thomas was not present for the vote).

Facility Use Policy

Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney

Attorney Williams recommended the City have a consistent message regarding policy and use of facilities, and keep in mind the financial repercussions.

After discussion, Attorney Williams was tasked with bringing back to the Council a policy with limited use of the MMCC specifically.

Funding Projects / Grants / S.P.L.O.S.T.

Mr. Knighton noted with the approval to hire a Financial Advisor, their office will review and assess, and he will present the plan to the Council.

Mr. Aaron presented upcoming an in the works Public Works projects.

Ms. Moore referenced the Main Street "Alley Way" project.

Jessica Taylor, CEO of Azimuth Companies briefly reviewed the Grants strategy for the City.

Procurement Process

Lindell Miller, Procurement Supervisor gave an overview of the City's procurement process and procedures; and recommended one additional staff member be added to her team along with the Inventory Clerk.

Review of Day 2 and Closing Comments

Mr. Knighton noted with the approval to hire a Financial Advisor, their office will review and assess, and he will present the plan to the Council. Mr. Aaron presented upcoming an in the works Public Works projects. Ms. Moore referenced the Main Street "Alley Way" project.

Councilwoman Robinson notified the Council of a Special-Called meeting of the Youth Council Advisory Board tonight at 6:30 p.m. to address the reinstatement of members.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk CMC

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What Does DSPII do? We provide services to homeless veterans and soldiers transitioning from the military back to civilian life.



How Does DSPII do it?

We bring all veteran-related services together in one location giving the soldier and their family a more efficient experience in meeting all of their transitional needs.



How is DSPII able to do this?

By partnering with community organizations and individuals to pool resources to help veterans become more productive and viable members of the community they will call home.



Services Provided Onsite

Temporary housing 18-24 months

Educational training programs from accredited certificate and Degree Institutions

Veteran Service Military Organizations

Veteran Service Community Organizations

Veteran Administration Educational application and medical disability processing

Budget Planning/Financial and budget training

Resume Writing/ Interview preparation

Job assistance and placement

Children's Services

Service member spousal assistance

Access to medical, dental and mental health facilities

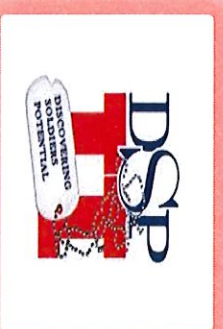
Funeral services



Waypoints are:

sanctuary centers for Veterans designed to provide an integrated continuum of care that emphasize access, quality, effectiveness, efficiency, and compassion. Services are centered on service members or veterans and their families. Principles of resilience, prevention, and recovery are emphasized.

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Discovering Soldiers Potential II
"The Second Time Around"



What Is DSPII?

We are 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to assisting with all transitional needs and the eradication of homeless veterans in America

DSPII Basic Business Concept

- **Our business concept:** Service to the present and future Veteran Community in Spalding and surrounding counties.
- **What industry does our concept belong to:** Housing, Education and Healthcare (benefits)
- **What products or services do we offer?** We host multiple services in the center which allow for better access to care.
- **Who do we see as our potential customers:** Any Veteran seeking assistance properly transitioning from military service
- **Our basic overall marketing and sales strategy:** Assisting in finding safe affordable housing, determining healthcare, education, employment and counseling needs
- At present there are no other organizations similar in the Community

Programs and Services

Case Management – We understand how difficult it can be for veterans to access care. Case managers help connect veterans with the right resources to help them with determining benefits and services they have earned, live healthy lives and achieve their goals.

Benefits Counseling Services - Benefits counseling services ensure that veterans and their families take full advantage of all government-provided benefits available. Counseling services range from filing applications for federal disability compensation, pensions, education benefits, and insurance, to enrollment in VA health care.

Employment Resources & Services – Waypoint provides a full range of employment services and offers one-on-one assistance to job applicants, resume preparation, job coaching and pathways to overcome employment barriers, helps employers find qualified veteran job applicants, as well as other intensive services.

Behavioral Health Treatment - The long wars are winding down and the troops are coming home, but thousands of military service members, veterans and their families must tend to the psychological wounds of battle for years to come.

Readjustment Counseling Services - Readjustment Counseling Services refers to therapy and counseling services provided to address mental health and chemical dependency needs of veterans. On and off-site licensed staff provide clinical services including Equine therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy and general readjustment counseling. Services are designed to complement, not duplicate, other quality community-based resources available to veterans and their families.

Legal Services - Low- or no-cost legal services help veteran families address a range of legal issues provided through partnerships with community legal aid organizations.

Financial Counseling & Coaching Services - Financial Counseling and Coaching Services connect veterans with experts trained to help families manage their finances and access community resources related to financial stability.

Education Resources & Services - Education services support veterans and family members in taking full advantage of educational resources. Assistance including filing education benefit applications, exploring career goals, selecting appropriate colleges and majors, financial aid planning, and supporting the transition to college.

Housing & Emergency Services - Housing services run the gamut from emergency shelter through transitional, supportive, and independent living housing options.

Why is it so important to transition properly from military service.

- Over two-thirds of veterans experience a difficult time transitioning
- Veterans name "finding a job" as the greatest challenge in transitioning with transferring military skills to a civilian environment a major battle
- Most feel their military experience is respected by employers, but three in five veterans express concerns about cultural balances
- Two-thirds say they are facing a health challenge as a result of their military service.
- Not all veterans receive support training for transition to the civilian workforce
- About one in five veterans surveyed were unemployed and currently seeking employment. A great number of them stated that they need the most help with their job searches and networking skills

How we partner in your community to better serve our veteran population past, present and future





what is a waypoint?

A **waypoint** is a reference point in physical space used for purposes of navigation.

Waypoints are veteran **sanctuaries for veterans**. Waypoints are designed to provide an integrated continuum of care that emphasize **access, quality, effectiveness, efficiency, and compassion**. Services are centered on service members or veterans and their families. Principles of **resilience, prevention, and recovery** are emphasized.

why is this important?

A veteran is someone who at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America", for an amount of "up to and including my life."

The state of Georgia and its citizens are at a crossroads with veteran reintegration care. One road is well traveled yet inadequate. The landscape is dominated by an overburdened DoD/VA healthcare system, which not only is challenged in delivering necessary health related services to a majority of veterans, it's a model that currently does not facilitate the community bonds required for resilient civilian life. The other road is a comprehensive service- and community- based approach. This WayPoint is designed to provide an integrated continuum of care that provides supportive housing, information, services, clinical support, job placement and job training. While we would never propose to replace the DoD/VA model, we are proposing a concurrent alternative capable of maximizing all stakeholders' resources. All too frequently, our warriors and caregivers must navigate the transition from military to civilian life with little knowledge or skills. Many continue to struggle without basic services and community support. This service and community gap is severe, especially in Georgia where the veteran population is anticipated to increase by 250,000 over the next five to seven years.

who are we?

Waypoint – Griffin is a barrier-free one-stop center for veterans and their families. Waypoints provide assistance, referral, education and information to veterans and their families. Through Waypoints veterans can access a coordinated, individualized suite of services designed to serve veterans and their families while at the same time providing access to a variety of community resources. We engage veterans and their families in a process of healing and growth that celebrates their individuality, identifies all barriers to success, mitigates those barriers, and challenges each veteran to live to their utmost potential.

what we do?

Services include workforce and employment assistance; mental health counseling; health care referrals to qualified and vetted professionals; assistance with VA benefits forms and enrollment; information on education institutions including higher education colleges, technical and trade schools; legal aid clinics; housing opportunities; and a clearinghouse for community resources and updates from community based organizations that serve veterans.

programs and services

Case Management – We understand how difficult it can be for veterans to access the benefits and services they have earned. With so many different resources and the red tape of bureaucracy, it's easy to get confused and feel lost. Case managers help connect veterans with the right resources to help them live healthy lives and achieve their goals.

Benefits Counseling Services - Benefits counseling services ensure that veterans and their families take full advantage of all government-provided benefits available. Counseling services range from filing applications for federal disability compensation, pensions, education benefits, and insurance, to enrollment in VA health care. This type of counseling also includes accessing state-level benefits like education and targeted annuity programs, as well as making referrals to state agencies that provide veteran-targeted programs in areas such as employment, homeownership, property tax exemption, motor vehicle registration, substance abuse services, and mental health resources.

Employment Resources & Services – Waypoint provides a full range of employment services and offers one-on-one assistance with job applicants, resume preparation, job coaching and pathways to overcome employment barriers, helps employers find qualified veteran job applicants, as well as other intensive services. Intensive services are offered to disabled veterans and veterans with barriers to employment, including but not limited to homeless, economically or educationally disadvantaged veterans with other barriers to employment.

Behavioral Health Treatment - The long wars are winding down and the troops are coming home, but thousands of military service members, veterans and their families must tend to the psychological wounds of battle for years to come. Mental health disorders, signature injuries of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, affect one in five active duty service members and are the most common cause of hospitalization. Too often, once a war is over, the mental health needs of those who have served are forgotten.

Readjustment Counseling Services - Readjustment Counseling Services refers to therapy and counseling services provided to address mental health and chemical dependency needs of veterans. On and off -site licensed staff provide clinical services including creative arts therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy and general readjustment counseling. Services are designed to complement, not duplicate, other quality community-based resources available to veterans and their families throughout the broader continuum of care. This means that while some therapies are provided in house, other needs are met through referrals to outside agencies or the VA.

Legal Services - Low- or no-cost legal services help veteran families address a range of legal issues including employment, child support, guardianship, and eviction. Legal services are provided through partnerships with community legal aid organizations, volunteer hours from attorney associations, or from in-house qualified staff.

Financial Counseling & Coaching Services - Financial Counseling and Coaching Services connect veterans with experts trained to help families manage their finances and access community resources related to financial stability. Services include income tax preparation assistance, financial literacy education and assistance in asset building, match veterans and families with trained financial coaches who provide confidential, one-on-one money management education and guidance designed to help them gain and maintain self-sufficiency.

Education Resources & Services - Education services support veterans and family members in taking full advantage of educational resources. Assistance includes help filing education benefit applications, exploring career goals, selecting appropriate colleges and majors, financial aid planning, and supporting the transition to college.

Housing & Emergency Services - Housing services run the gamut from emergency shelter through transitional, supportive, and independent living housing options. WayPoint provides supportive services to Veteran families living in or transitioning to permanent housing. The Sanctuary will provide eligible veteran families with outreach, case management, and assistance in obtaining VA and other mainstream benefits that promote housing stability and community integration. Emergency services such as personal hygiene kits, financial crisis assistance, food, clothing, and health care referrals can also help to meet acute needs.

Incarcerated veterans - Veterans can sometimes run into issues with law enforcement and the criminal justice system resulting in incarceration. It is important justice-involved Veterans are familiar with VA benefits including what VA benefits they may still be eligible to receive, what happens to the VA benefits they are already receiving if they become incarcerated, and what programs are available to assist them with reintegrating back into the community once released from incarceration.

how to help?

DSPII is a non-profit 5013© organization depending solely on financial gifts, volunteer services, and other items beneficial to keeping our doors open while we provide extensive and comprehensive services to our veterans. They (the veterans) are not charged a fee for the services we provide.

The Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund (VEAF) - Through this fund, we provide immediate support and assistance to families and veterans in need all the while maintaining the dignity of families and individuals in need. Through VEAF, veterans and their families will be able to access emergency financial assistance to pay rent, security deposit payments, delinquent utilities, purchase food, moving expenses, secure financial benefits for restoration of utility services, heating bills, fuel costs, and basic housing repair and replacement.

Waypoint location?

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Griffin, GA. 30223**

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ORIGINAL VERSION

CITY MEETING SPACE USAGE POLICY

A. PRIORITIES FOR USE

Reserving and/or booking City meeting spaces made available to the general public, including the Merle Manders Conference Center but excluding City Hall, shall be prioritized in the following order:

1. Meetings related to the administration and operation of city government, including but not limited to city council meetings or meetings of the various boards and authorities of the City, have first priority for use of any meeting space so that City business may be conducted. Unless precluded from doing so by a valid rental contract, the City reserves the right to preempt a non-city related use, when necessary, to conduct essential city business.
2. Programs or events administered by the City.
3. Programs or events administered or sponsored by organized non-profit youth groups under adult supervision whose major objective is serving the youth of the City. (i.e. Boys & Girls Club, youth athletic leagues, scouting organizations)
4. Programs or events administered or sponsored by organized non-profit service, community, government and public groups/agencies that serve residents of the City. (i.e. Henry County Schools, Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, Red Cross, etc.)
5. Programs or events administered or sponsored by organized non-profit, self-serving, special interest community groups. (i.e. chambers of commerce, NAACP, Kiwanis, Rotary Club)
6. Private parties such as wedding receptions, birthdays, parties, family reunions, banquets and other similar functions.
7. Business and commercial meetings (corporate banquets or training events)
8. Political uses (i.e. for campaign events or meetings of political parties)
9. Private, or public promotional events and fund-raisers.

B. RENT

1. Except as provided for herein, the City shall collect rent at its standard rates any time any meeting space is utilized.

2. Where City meeting spaces are utilized by the City for City meetings, programs and/or events of the City, the rental rate charged to the applicable City budget line item shall be the cost (actual or estimated) of the operation of the space for the period of time such event.
3. Where City meeting spaces are utilized by any organization in partnership with the City for a program or event, such organization shall be responsible for 50% of the standard rental rate.
4. City employees shall be entitled to receive an employee discount of ____% for the use of any City meeting space for wedding receptions, birthdays, parties, family reunions, banquets and other similar functions. Such employee discount shall not be transferable. Employees found to be violating this provision shall be required to pay to the City the difference between the discount rate and the standard rental rate and may be subject to additional disciplinary action.
5. Subject to the written approval of the City Manager, the City staff is authorized to offer price matches or other competitive discounts from the City's standard rental rates where prudent in order keep the City's meeting spaces competitive with similar options available in the market.
6. All rents collected, including rents from City functions, shall be deposited into the revenue account of the enterprise fund out of which the meeting spaces are maintained.

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3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part 2 above, each Council Member shall be permitted to utilize either the Merle Manders Conference Center or the Ted Strickland Center for City business without charge once each year on a weekend (Friday – Sunday) and once each year on a weekday (Monday – Thursday).
4. Where City meeting spaces are utilized by any organization in partnership with the City for a program or event, such organization shall be responsible for 50% of the standard rental rate.
5. Subject to the written approval of the City Manager, the City staff is authorized to offer price matches or other competitive discounts from the City's standard rental rates where prudent in order keep the City's meeting spaces competitive with similar options available in the market.
6. All rents collected, including rents from City functions, shall be deposited into the revenue account of the enterprise fund out of which the meeting spaces are maintained.

OPTION 2

CITY MEETING SPACE USAGE POLICY

E. PRIORITIES FOR USE

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2. Programs or events administered by the City.
3. Programs or events administered or sponsored by organized non-profit youth groups under adult supervision whose major objective is serving the youth of the City. (i.e. Boys & Girls Club, youth athletic leagues, scouting organizations)
4. Programs or events administered or sponsored by organized non-profit service, community, government and public groups/agencies that serve residents of the City. (i.e. Henry County Schools, Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, Red Cross, etc.)
5. Programs or events administered or sponsored by organized non-profit, self-serving, special interest community groups. (i.e. chambers of commerce, NAACP, Kiwanis, Rotary Club)
6. Private parties such as wedding receptions, birthdays, parties, family reunions, banquets and other similar functions.
7. Business and commercial meetings (corporate banquets or training events)
8. Political uses (i.e. for campaign events or meetings of political parties)
9. Private, or public promotional events and fund-raisers.

F. RENT

1. Except as provided for herein, the City shall collect rent at its standard rates any time any meeting space is utilized.

2. Where City meeting spaces are utilized by the City for City meetings, programs and/or events of the City, the rental rate charged to the applicable City budget line item shall be the cost (actual or estimated) of the operation of the space for the period of time such event.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part 2 above, each Council Member shall be permitted to utilize either the Merle Manders Conference Center or the Ted Strickland Center for City business without charge twice each year.
4. Where City meeting spaces are utilized by any organization in partnership with the City for a program or event, such organization shall be responsible for 50% of the standard rental rate.
5. Subject to the written approval of the City Manager, the City staff is authorized to offer price matches or other competitive discounts from the City's standard rental rates where prudent in order keep the City's meeting spaces competitive with similar options available in the market.
6. All rents collected, including rents from City functions, shall be deposited into the revenue account of the enterprise fund out of which the meeting spaces are maintained.

Welcome To A Friend's House



All children need a home to provide a sense of security and unconditional love. Unfortunately, for many children, "home" is a place devoid of these necessities. In 1995, a group of concerned Henry County citizens decided to take a stand for abused, neglected and abandoned children. The result was A Friend's House, a home for children in crisis. The doors opened on October 27, 1998 and over 2040 children have been welcomed since. A Friend's

House operates as a home for children in the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services. Residents stay for an unspecified length of time while a best course of action is determined based on a child's assessment needs.

The support of Henry County citizens helped build A Friend's House. The dream is still moving forward as additional construction was completed in 2006 on a million dollar expansion that doubled the size of A Friend's House. This expansion includes an additional 12 bed adolescent wing, additional offices and much needed storage space.

The children need your continued support. In 2016, the Henry County Department of Family and Children Services received over 4000 reports of child abuse, neglect or abandonment. That averages over 300 reports each month! The statistics are heartbreaking considering these numbers have more than doubled since 2008.

A Friend's House is dedicated to meeting the emotional and physical needs of children in crisis. Services such as counseling, medical treatment, academic assistance and recreational opportunities are available for the children. Please join us in our effort to improve the lives of these special children. Please visit the other pages on our website detailing volunteer opportunities or giving opportunities.

A Friend's House is a 501(c)3 organization as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions given to A Friend's House are deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes. Tax ID# 58-2130097

Thank you for your interest in A Friend's House.

Taste of Henry



Get your tastebuds ready!

Where else can you try culinary delights from upscale gourmet fare to downhome southern cooking and see many of Henry County's tourism attractions all under one roof?

Taste of Henry showcases over 30 local restaurants/food vendors with dishes that are sure to satisfy every palate. The taste-size portions let you sample a variety of different flavors and restaurants. From delicious main courses to appetizers and desserts – if its great food, you are sure to find it. In 2014, a partnership was formed between Taste of Henry and the Henry County Office of Tourism and the McDonough Hospitality and Tourism office that also allows attendees to see many of the great tourism opportunities that Henry County has to offer. Great door prizes are a part of the fun as well.

Mark your calendar for Taste of Henry!

Taste of Henry is Friday, April 12, 2019 from 6:00 pm til 9:00 pm at the Jason T. Harper Event Center at Heritage Park in McDonough. Tickets are available in advance (beginning March 15) or at the door the day of the event.

Taste of Henry is a great value!

ADULT ADMISSION (AGES 13+):

\$20 admission. Adults receive an entrance wristband.

SENIOR ADMISSION (AGES 65+):

\$15 admission. Seniors receive an entrance wristband.

CHILDREN'S ADMISSION (AGES 3-12):

\$5 admission. Children receive an entrance wristband.

All kids under the age of three are admitted free!

Dine with friends, family, and neighbors for a great cause... The annual, open to the public **Taste of Henry** event benefits A Friend's House, Henry County's home for abused, neglected, and abandoned children. This is definitely one night of the year where you can indulge without feeling guilty, as one hundred percent of the proceeds from ticket sales benefit this great cause.

Council Consideration of
establishing a
relationship with the
SAB (Stockbridge
Association of
Businesses)
Presented by
Michael Williams
City Attorney