



ACTION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 6:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

Mayor Anthony S. Ford
Councilman Elton Alexander
Mayor Pro Tem John Blount
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt
Councilwoman Neat Robinson
Councilman Alphonso Thomas

Administration

Randy Knighton, City Manager
**Camilla Moore, Asst. City Manager/
Community Development Director**
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Williams, City Attorney

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.

- I. Call to Order – Mayor Ford**
- II. Invocation – Mr. James Turner**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call – All members present**
- V. Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Item #8 – Blount/Gantt: Passed 4-1 (Alexander opposed).**
- VI. Approval of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
 1. 2/11/2019
 2. 2/26/2019
 3. 2/28/2019
 4. 3/01/2019**Motion to approve: Gantt/Robinson – 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. **None**

CEREMONIAL REVIEW

Mayor Ford reviewed the ceremonial presentations for:
 Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month
 Proclamation presented by the Henry County Board of Elections

Swearing-In of City of Stockbridge Fire Marshal, Demetries Wells

Mr. Wells thanked the City for the opportunity; referenced his 22 years of experience and noting this was his second job since college; looks forward to doing great things in the City, specifically, the quickness of issuing Certificates of Occupancy.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Council Consideration to amend Ordinance No. OR19-478 regarding Chapter 4.08 – Fire Prevention and protection of the Code of the City of Stockbridge, GA and amending Resolution No. R19-1029, Resolution No. R19-1030 and Resolution No. R19-1031 with an effective date of April 9, 2019.
 Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt- Passed 5-0.
6. Council Consideration to transfer Planning & Zoning services from Henry County to the City of Stockbridge effective April 9, 2019.
 Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve; Alexander/Gantt- Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Council Consideration to approve the request for use of the Ted Strickland Community Center on May 1, 2019 for the Greater Atlanta Homebuilders Association Luncheon.
 Presented by Mayor Ford
Motion to approve w/Community Development taking the lead, and to include other Builders and Developers in the invitation: Thomas/Blount - Passed 3-2 (Alexander and Robinson opposed).
8. Council Consideration to approve the request for use of the Merle Manders Conference Center on September 8, 2019 for the Council on Aging Fundraiser event.
 Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager
Item Removed from the Agenda

9. Council Consideration to approve the request for use of the Ted Strickland Community Center on April 19, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Youth Council Art Show
Presented by Councilwoman Robinson
Motion to approve: Robinson/Alexander- Passed 5-0.
10. Council Consideration to approve the request for use of the Merle Manders Conference Center on May 4, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Youth Council Workshop
Presented by Councilwoman Robinson
Motion to approve: Robinson/Alexander- Passed 5-0.
11. Council Consideration to approve the Printing and Marketing Services for the City to be awarded to - Curtis 1000, a Subsidiary of Taylor Strategic Relationships (TSR) RE: Contract No. 111815, City of Stockbridge Contract no. 2019008P not to exceed \$50,000.00
Presented by Lindell Miller – Purchasing Supervisor
Motion to approve: Gantt/Robinson- Passed 5-0.
12. Council Consideration to approve RFQ for qualified contractors to bid on the Amphitheater Project.
Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager
Motion to approve: Gantt/Robinson- Passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Randy Knighton commended staff for continuing to do a top notched job for the City; referenced the TSW architects and the pain staking process to get the Amphitheater project off the ground, noting in the end, everyone will be proud.

Upon request from Councilman Alexander, Mr. Knighton provided a projected timeline with a 2-tiered process with the RFQ going out for 30 days and coming back to the City for recommendations to be presented to the Council and then placing a bid out for constructions for 30 days and following the same process followed by a ground-breaking event.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

No comments

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas reflected on the First Responders Appreciation Luncheon he hosted earlier in the day noting the courage and commitment of each of the men and women who answer the call every day and noted the Department leaders thanked the City for recognizing them; referenced the Community Prayer Vigil held for the wounded officers and the Smith family to help the community come together and heal; thanked staff for their assistance, and anyone else who had a hand in making the event a success.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount concurred with the comments of Councilman Thomas, noting the luncheon was awesome and that he knows Officer Webb and had spoken with him and referred to him as a hero; referenced the Community Prayer Vigil, noting the family was thankful and stated there is no right or wrong way to comfort and love noting the City's new tagline "Where Community Connects"; noted the imaginary line between cities and counties that can't stop communities from coming together; referenced Cities Week and invited all seniors age 55+ to attend the Bingo Bash on April 24th from 10am – noon.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked the First Responders and all of the surrounding cities for their support, noting they all truly showed what happens when we all come together when we have a tragedy hit this close to home, noting she greatly appreciates the First Responders; noted the Community Prayer Vigil was great and asked that you continue to keep the families in prayer, and noted one of the victims was an innocent 16-year old young man who attended Dutchtown H.S.; asked for continued prayers for the City and County noting Stockbridge is "Where Community Connects"; and invited everyone out for the Art Painting event during Cities Week on April 25th at the Ted Strickland Community Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for coming out and tuning in; thanked all of the First Responders; noted he enjoyed the Community Prayer Vigil, noting he had met with the White family earlier in the day and stated the family needs help and support and referenced the GoFundMe account that he has shared on his personal page to assist the White family; referenced the Cities Week Trail Alive event taking place on April 27th from 10am – 1pm, and encouraged everyone to stay active because Henry County is #1 for heart disease.

Councilwoman Robinson referenced Officers Taylor Webb and Keegan Merritt who love our community and asked for continued prayers for them; thanked Pastor McBride for opening his arm to the family for the viewing on Wednesday; noted the NAACP Youth Council would be hosting a Prayer Vigil with the support of the Stockbridge Youth Council at Mickie D. Cochran Park on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. noting the youth are hurting as the kids come off Spring Break, this was one of their classmates who is now gone and ask that the community support the youth; referenced the Amphitheater, noting the Council has put things in motion to make this happen; asked that you share your thoughts, suggestions and ideas.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted that in light of the discussion surrounding the Facilities Use Policy, the Cities Week Meet the Mayor event will take place at City Hall on April 22nd; referenced the November Diabetes Education forum and an Economic Summit taking place in June; thanked the First Responders Officer Webb and Officer Merritt; referenced the Community Prayer Vigil, and noted the incident received national attention as Stockbridge is on the map where he noted, people are watching, good or bad; wished everyone a Happy Easter and asked that everyone keep the faith as the City moves forward.

Mayor Ford read the upcoming meetings and events.

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 meeting, Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m./ Levi Room.
- Downtown Development Authority meeting, Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m./Levi Rm.
- Community S.P.L.O.S.T. meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, GA
- Youth Council Advisory Committee, Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m./Levi Room
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m./Council Chamber
- Work Session meeting, Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Taste of Henry – Harper Event Center Friday, April 12, 2019 – McDonough, GA at 7:00 p.m. The City of Stockbridge Main Street and Events Team will have tents and Food Truck present.
- Tasty Tuesday Food Truck Takeover, Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart on Hudson Bridge Rd.
- Job Fair, Thursday, April 18, 2019 – 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 FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH FOR GOOD FRIDAY

CITIES WEEK ACTIVITIES:

April 22 – Mayor’s Meet & Greet Luncheon – City Hall.

Registration Required

April 23 – Scouts Appreciation– Ted Strickland Community Ctr.- closed event

April 24 – Bingo Bash – 10:00 a.m. – noon – Ted Strickland Community Ctr.

April 25 – Paint Mixer – Ted Strickland Community Ctr. – 6:30 p.m.

Registration Required

April 26 – Unity in the Community – Eagle’s Landing MS – 2:30 p.m.- closed event

April 27 – Trail Alive – Reeves Creek Trail/Memorial Park 10:00 a.m.

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- Meet & Greet the 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.
- 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 Clergy RoundTable – spearheaded by Councilwoman Robinson. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Quarterly *Welcoming Stockbridge* RoundTable – spearheaded by Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Quarterly *Homeowners and Neighborhood Association* RoundTable – spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Blount. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

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