



Where Community Connects

ACTION MINUTES

WORK SESSION MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019 3:30 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
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 – Vanessa Holiday**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Roll Call – All present except Councilwoman Gantt; Mayor Ford noted she was attending a two-day training conference.**
- V. **Motion to adopt the Agenda – Alexander/Robinson: Passed 4-0.**
- VI. **Review of the Minutes for the following meetings:**

1. 12/10/2018 2. 12/18/2018 **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.

No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS

3. Council Consideration for funding of the *Leader in Me Program*
Presented by: Steve Cash, Executive Director - Henry Council for Qualify Growth
Motion to properly align funding in the budget for programs and to establish relationships with the current 4th and 5th District School Board Representatives to determine the needs at each of the schools with City of Stockbridge residents where improvements can be made to improve scores made by: Thomas/Blount. Alexander/Robinson opposed. Mayor Ford voted in favor. Motion passed 3-2.
4. Council Consideration to approve use of the Merle Manders Conference Center February 20, 2019 for a musical event.
Presented by: Mayor Ford and Jerry Hesselink
Motion to approve: Robinson/Blount: Passed 3-0. Councilman Alexander was not present for the discussion and was not present for the vote.
5. Council Consideration to accept bid from Coggins Construction Company LLC in the amount of \$237,017.71 for replacement of the Central Line Water Main. Funding is SPLOST IV.
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Blount/Thomas: Passed 4-0.

Decius Aaron introduced new staff members Donnie Mullis, Water Superintendent and Gary Smith, Facilities Supervisor.
6. Council Consideration to authorize bids for a Public Works Facility in the amount of \$3,000,000.
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Robinson/Thomas: Passed 3-1(Alexander opposed)

John Wiggins introduced new staff member Lindell Miller, Procurement Supervisor.
7. Council Consideration to approve 2018 Budget Amendments
Presented by: John Wiggins, Interim Treasurer
Motion to approve: Blount/Thomas: Passed 3-0-1 (Alexander abstained)
8. Council Consideration to approve 2019 Budget Amendment to transfer Salary & Benefits from Stormwater to Events
Presented by: John Wiggins, Interim Treasurer
Motion to approve: Thomas/Blount: Passed 3-1 (Alexander opposed).

9. Council Consideration to approve bid selection of RFP18ITB103018-DRR for Broker Services from MSI Benefits Services.
Presented by: Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve: Alexander/Robinson: Passed 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Randy Knighton announced the completion of certifications for: Randi Rainey - Municipal Clerk Certification, Shannon Maddox – Code Enforcement Certification and Renee Wheeler – Human Resources Certification.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK’S OFFICE

Vanessa Holiday thanked the Council for all they do and congratulated fellow staff members of their recent certifications.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas invited everyone to the 8th Annual African-American Heritage Celebration; read the City’s Mission Statement; and noted his support of the SAB (Stockbridge Association of Businesses) with a focus on the three “p’s” – Protocol, Process and Procedure.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount noted the Council is working diligently to make Stockbridge great and believes we are Better Together; noted citizens want to see progress; and noted while there may be differences, turn the negatives into positives, and asked that those differences be hashed out behind closed doors.

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for tuning in, and is working towards moving the City forward; noted there will always be a process, but it is up to the Council to act, noting to act takes courage, vision and leadership; commended the GMA Mayor’s Day Conference and speakers, and gained a wealth of knowledge and information on best practices; referenced the Leader in Me Program which demonstrated results as the low school scores are unacceptable and wants to find funding resources to replicate the program and other successes, noting funds were found for other activities and students and education should be a priority.

Councilwoman Robinson congratulated staff members on their certifications; recited a quote: “actions speak louder than words, something that is told to our students, and until your actions change, no progress will be visible” and asked that everyone remember that.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford congratulated staff on their certifications; referenced the Mayor’s Day Conference and specifically the Legislative Breakfast where officials noted Georgia being the 8th largest state population wise, and for (6) six consecutive years, Georgia is #1 for businesses, which started under Governor Deal; and referenced

the upcoming Super Bowl taking place in Atlanta and to be aware of Human Trafficking during this very busy weekend and asked everyone to report suspected activities and enjoy the game.

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.

- Main Street Advisory Board meeting, Friday, February 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- City Council meeting, Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Youth Council meeting, Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Downtown Development Authority meeting, Monday, February 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room. – Meeting changed to Tuesday, February 19, 2019.
- 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

- Seniors Painting Event Thursday, February 7th at the Ted Strickland Community Center 130 ML King, Sr. Heritage Trail, Stockbridge, GA spearheaded by Councilwoman Gantt
- 8th Annual African-American Heritage Celebration – Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference – spearheaded by Councilman Thomas
- Rural African-American History Celebration – Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the Cochran Library, Stockbridge, GA– spearheaded by Councilman Alexander
- Quarterly Town Hall – Tuesday, February 19, 2019 Location: 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 – 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.
- 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 Mayor Pro Tem LaKeisha Gantt. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

Attorney Williams noted while there were no items for Executive Session Discussion, he had been made aware of the following item for Council Consideration.

10. Council Consideration to amend current moratorium on businesses to accept applications for the same type of business with a changed in ownership.

Presented by: Camilla Moore Asst. City Mgr./Community Dev. Director

Motion to approve: Alexander/Blount: Passed 4-0.

Code Enforcement Office T. D. Johnson announced his retirement from the City, thanked the Mayor & Council for their support and noted it has been a pleasure working for the City.

Mayor Ford and Council Members expressed their thanks and appreciation and wished Mr. Johnson well in his retirement.

Motion to adjourn: Alexander/Blount. Passed 4-0.