



Where Community Connects

ACTION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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
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 – Mayor Ford**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call – All members were in attendance except Councilwoman Robinson who as of member of the was attending the Legislative Black Caucus Annual Heritage event.**
- V. Motion 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: Blount/Alexander – Passed 4-0.**
- VI. Review of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
 - 1. 1/14/2019**
 - 2. 1/31/2019 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. **None**

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
Memorandum presented noting day-to-day operations as listed under Economic Development would be effective immediately and the 2019 report would reflect this action. 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
Motion to extend the current Moratorium 180 days and to make sure Hair and Salons and Vape Shops are included; all applications in the hopper are excluded: Alexander/Gantt – 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
Motion to approve: Gantt/Thomas – Passed 4-0.
6. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution opposing HB302.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve: Blount/Gantt – 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 w/subject matter expertise such as attorneys, realtors, developers and zoning experts and to have powers similar to the City of Clarkson, GA.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve: Gantt/Alexander – 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 10am – 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 forward 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meeting will be held at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the city’s website www.cityofstockbridge.com, Facebook page or contact City Hall offices at 770-389-7900 for updates and detailed information.

- Council Retreat – February 28 & March 1, 2019 Kennesaw, GA
- Main Street Advisory Board meeting, Friday, March 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.

- City Council meeting, Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Youth Council meeting, Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Downtown Development Authority meeting, Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Youth Council Advisory Committee, Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Work Session meeting, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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
- 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.
- 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.

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate:
Blount/Gantt – Passed 4-0.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Gantt/Thomas – Passed 4-0.

Motion to Reconvene the meeting: Alexander/Thomas – Passed 4-0.

Motion to adjourn: Thomas/Gantt – Passed 4-0.