



ACTION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 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 – Chair June Wood**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call – All members were in attendance except Councilwoman Robinson who was attending the National League of Cities conference.**

Motion to amend the Agenda to: Add Item #15 – Council Consideration to urge the Stockbridge Legislative Delegation to create a Public Facilities Authority; Add Item #16 – Council Consideration to amend the Job Classification for the Building Permit Coordinator from Non-Exempt to Exempt status; Add Item #17 – Council Consideration to approve use of the Merle Manders Conference Center on 3/25/2019 for a Henry County Clergy event. Blount/Gantt – Passed 4-0.

I. Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:

- 1. 1/14/2019
- 2. 1/31/2019

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

CEREMONIAL REVIEW

Mayor Ford reviewed the following ceremonial items:

Women's History Month Proclamation – Celebration of City Staff

Women's History Month Celebration - Volunteer Appreciation

Annual African-American Heritage Celebration - Volunteer Appreciation

Adopt-a-Street - Zeta Mu Nu Alumni Chapter of the Omega Si Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Youth Day 2019

Red Oak United Methodist Women 150-year Anniversary

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.

Ms. Mildred Reed made a request to the Council on behalf of the Henry County Council on Aging for use of the Merle Manders Conference Center on September 8, 2019 (first choice) or September 5, 2019 (second choice) for a fundraising event.

3. Mayor Ford presented the 2019 Mayor's State of the City Address

PUBLIC HEARING

VARIANCE REQUEST: VR-18-14-S

4. Ngozi Ochulo of Locust Grove, GA has requested a Variance to reduce the minimum rear setback requirements from seventy-five feet (75') to forty-five feet (45') to construct a home on a golf course lot, on the property located at 845 Cog Hill, in Land Lot 17 of the 6th District. The property consists of 0.55 +/- acres.
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director

Public Hearing: No speakers in favor or opposed

Motion to approve with the following condition: At least 50' setback. Gantt/Blount. Passed 3-0-1 (Alexander abstained).

NEW BUSINESS

5. Council Consideration approve a Resolution to adopt the Henry County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; to Transmit this Resolution to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Gantt/Alexander – Passed 4-0.

6. Council Consideration adopt the revised 2019 Planning & Zoning schedule and Planning Commission meeting dates.
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 4-0.
7. Council Consideration to approve an Ordinance creating Impact Fees for the City of Stockbridge.
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Motion to approve: Alexander/Blount – Passed 4-0.
8. Council Consideration to adopt Impact Fee Schedule
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Motion to approve: Alexander/Blount – Passed 4-0.
9. Council Consideration to adopt an Ordinance requiring Homeowner and Neighborhood Associations to register with the City.
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Motion to approve: Gantt/Blount – Passed 4-0.
10. Council Consideration to approve Resolution to move forward with an RFP for the creation of the City's Zoning Ordinance & Unified Development Code (UDC).
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION

11. Demolition Services.
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
No Action
12. Annexation
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
No Action
13. Update on Parking Requirements for subdivisions Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Item to be presented for Consideration at the April 8, 2019 Council Meeting.
14. Update on RFP for Towing Services for Parking Requirements.
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
No Action

15. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution to establish a Public Facilities Authority.

Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney

Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 4-0.

16. Council Consideration to approve an Ordinance amending the Classification for the Building & Permit Coordinator position from Non-Exempt status to Exempt status.

Presented by Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager

Motion to approve: Gantt/Alexander – Passed 4-0.

17. Council Consideration to approve use of the Merle Manders Conference Center for a Clergy Roundtable Meeting on March 25, 2019 (at the request of Councilwoman Robinson).

Presented by Mayor Anthony S. Ford

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

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Randy Knighton thanked staff for their efforts; noted the City has received 100% of the construction plans for the amphitheater and will be putting out bids; noted tremendous progress is being made.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Vanessa Holiday thanked the Mayor & Council for the Women's History Month acknowledgements.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas thanked Michael Hightower of the South Metro Development Organization for the Perseverance Award presented to the City; invited everyone to the 9th Annual Carrie Mae Hambrick Day Celebration on May 18th sponsored by the Stockbridge Civic Association; referenced the Cultural Arts Center named for Mrs. Hambrick; acknowledged Diane Miller as the new owner of the Green Front Café and noted a special presentation during this year's event.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount also thanked Mr. Hightower for the distinguished honor during the SMDO event and noted the difference he is making not only in south metro, but the region; noted the City is moving forward, whereas in a time where so much change is occurring, moving forward has no color, race, or religion, it's simply progress; thanked the citizens for being a part to help promote and better the City; and noted things are being done right now that you never would have dreamed of twenty years ago, and they are historical; and thanked his fellow colleagues for being a part of the vision to move the City forward.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked everyone for coming out and asked for their continued prayers and support and noted there are 6 members of the Governing Body and 28,000 residents; thanked Mr. Hightower for recognizing the hard work of the City and the citizens of Stockbridge on a day-to-day basis; thanked staff for their work; referenced a neighborhood sign that spoke about volunteering, whether it be at schools, or picking up trash along the roadside – stating, it takes a village, and everyone has to do their part; asked that everyone respect where we live and make sure all areas of the City are pristine.

Councilman Alexander noted the City's media presence and referenced YouTube; echoed the SMDO comments further stating Mr. Hightower was a champion of the southside; noted it was good to recognize Women's History Month where 21 exceptional women were recognized including Judge Pandora Palmer, First Female State Court Judge in Henry County, Pam Bettis, First Female Solicitor General of Henry County, and First Lt. Andrea Lewis, First African American Female Pilot of the Georgia Air National Guard; noted the Council's support of legislation and policies passed in support of women regarding business and wages; spoke to the health issues of women; asked the community to support and advocate for the facility for the Youth and an Arts Center during the SPLOST V discussions; asked the Council to support three projects getting off the ground this year; spoke about the Keep Stockbridge Beautiful campaign along with Councilman Thomas' Don't Trash Stockbridge Initiative as both being collective efforts to help keep the City's roadways free of debris and entice travelers to exit in Stockbridge and contribute to the local businesses, because in doing so, keeps the City from having to impose a City Tax upon its residents, and further noted that being located along I-75 is a gift that comes with the responsibility of keeping the City clean.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford referenced remarks he made in the State of City Address earlier in the evening; noted he has a listening ear, encourages open dialogue and in doing so, helps the elected body make sound collective decisions; thanked Mr. Hightower for the Perseverance Award presented to the City, and thanked him for being a great supporter of the City and his work with the City's Comprehensive Plan; noted the City is on an upswing with everyone is coming together to get it done for the citizens. God Bless, appreciates everyone for listening.

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, 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 [Levi Meeting Room](#) (note change in location).
- Work Session meeting, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- City Council meeting, Monday, March 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monthly Bingo Bash – Wednesday, March 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
- Paint Henry Blue – Raising Awareness for the Prevention of Child Abuse – Thursday, March 28, 2019. Stay tuned to the City's Social Media pages for more information.
- Keep Stockbridge Beautiful, Saturday, March 30, 2019 – Location TBD; spearheaded by Councilman Alexander. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.
- GMA Youth Summit (hosted by the City of Stockbridge Youth Council) March 22-24, 2019 at the Merle Manders Conference Center.

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- Meet 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 Mayor Pro Tem LaKeisha Gantt. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

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

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

Motion to reconvene the meeting: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 4-0.

Motion to retain the legal services of Jack Wilson to assist the City in its litigation and negotiation with Henry County on the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) Agreement
Gantt/Blount – Passed 4-0.

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