



ACTION MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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 – Kenneth McFarland**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call – All members were present**
- V. Motion to amend the Agenda: Remove Item #8: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.**
- VI. Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
 - 1. 04/08/2019**
 - 2. 04/30/2019 Blount/Gantt -Passed 5-0.**

Mayor Ford reviewed the following ceremonial items and recognitions

- 2018 Gold Award - WWTP
- Congratulations - 2019 Dutchtown High School Valedictorian – Christina Wilcher
- Letter of Commendation – Christina Wilcher
- Youth Council 2018 - 2019 Mayor's Award
- Letter of Commendation – Kelli Crews
- Letters from Gov. Kemp and Secretary of State Raffensperger – Kelli Crews
- Recognition of 2018 - 2019 Youth Council NLC/Youth Symposium Sponsors
- Introduction of 2019 – 2020 Teen Ambassadors & Pinning Ceremony
- Letter of Commendation – Eagle's Landing Community Association

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

The following citizens spoke during Public Comments regarding the City of Stockbridge - Silverstone - DraPac lawsuit – HOA Communications/Billing Issues/Property Liens/Lack of Use of Amenities/Code Violations/Abandoned Vehicles/Flooding/Homes Under Construction and other issues in the Pine Grove/Pine View Subdivision: Noel & Kimberly Collins, Ronnette Walton, Rod Jackson, Dwayna Dawkins on behalf of Francine Lyken, Anthony & Chantae Mays, Nettie Ross Wiggins, Nedra B. Byron Pratt, Melisha Parson, Tyrone and Sheronda Hardy, and Mattie Simpkins. Councilwoman Neat Robinson also spoke as a resident of the subdivision.

Motion to add the Pine Grove/Pine View matter to the Agenda as a Discussion Item: Alexander/Robinson: Passed 5-0.

Randy Knighton referenced a list of items that had been addressed in the Agreement that were to be fixed, noting it was stated that approximately 90% of the items were reported to be resolved, however, none of these fixes had been confirmed by the City.

Camilla Moore stated she would visit the site tomorrow, June 11th and report back the findings to the Council at the next meeting on June 26, 2019; and take citizens contact information and keep them updated on the status as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tyrone Smith (2020 Recruiting Assistant) spoke regarding job openings with the 2020 Census Count and reminded everyone of the importance of being counted, and the funds associated with the Census.

Councilman Alexander made Mr. Smith aware of the City's upcoming Job Fair on June 20th.

AGENDA REQUEST

3. Appeal Hearing

Applicant: Jacqueline Kennedy / Kennedy Events LLC

Nature of Request: Denial of Business Permit

Location: 114 West Burke Street - Proposed Use: Event Center

Reason for Denial: Moratorium in place for Assembly Uses

Presented by Camilla Moore, Community Development Director

Motion to approve the exemption and issue a pending license:

Alexander/Gantt 5-0

Motion to remove Appeals from the Moratorium and insert Stand-Alone facilities, excluding those in the hopper: Alexander/Gantt 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to approve the Jodeco Development Standards and Site Plan.
Presented by Camilla Moore, Community Development Director
Jeff Grant noted his appreciation to the City on this project and noted the proposed vendors are reviewing the Design Guideline Standards and Site Plan and will submit to markups to staff.
No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Council Consideration to approve Policy for Theft of Service and Tampering with Water Meters.
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve - Gantt/Robinson: Passed 5-0.
6. Council Consideration to approve Policy for Water Leak Adjustments and Application Process.
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve - Gantt/Robinson: Passed 5-0
7. Council Consideration to fill vacancies and appoint members of the Youth Council Advisory Committee.
Presented by Ericka Harvey Youth Council Advisory Committee Chair
Item to be heard following Executive Session.
8. Council Consideration to appoint members of the Development Authority and Public Facilities Authority.
Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney
Item removed from the Agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Announced the upcoming Summer Concert Series that begins on Saturday and invited everyone to come out and enjoy the event.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

No Comments

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas wanted to address his comments to the residents of Pine Grove and let them know they have been heard, and there will be results.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount echoed the sentiments of Councilman Thomas; stated we are *Better Together* and would like everyone to be of one sound mind and saying the same thing, and if that doesn't happen, work to find out how we all get back to a place where we are all on one accord and shooting for one goal; stated the City Hall and Chamber should never be used as a battlefield, but rather a place of progress and a place to make a difference noting when you use this place as a battle field, no one wins, as war is never good and asked that the Chamber be used as a place or getting things done and seeing results; and by doing that you will see the economic development; elated to see the citizens who came out tonight and asked that they keep up the good work.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked everyone who remained throughout the meeting; thanked the citizens who came out and expressed their views and concerns about their community; noted there are (6) members of the governing body and tons of citizens, noting the City wants to do what they can and what is best as long as they can legally do so; noted Food Truck Tuesday is in its' 4th year, noted the citizens are having a great time at the event and noted the upcoming unique Pop Up Farmer's Market tomorrow with fresh produce and asked everyone to come out and support noting this could lead to a Community Garden and Food Market here in Stockbridge; and thanked everyone again for their support and concerns and thanked those for coming out to express their concerns noting that she doesn't want to sell anyone a dream because sometimes the answers given may not be what you want to hear, but she must be honest and do what's in the best interest for Stockbridge and for your community.

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for tuning in; noted there was a large crowd there and stated the City needs this type of participation at every meeting and noted citizens need to be heard and involved and at the table and be a part of the democratic process and not focus what is happening in Washington and on the Network TV cable news channels, but rather be involved here locally as these are decisions relating to their lives on a daily basis and asked that everyone stay engaged and stay tuned; referenced the Campground Rd. Extension project nearing completion will be without sidewalks and is a, referencing the Winslow @ Eagle's Landing subdivision is not the only community that is being affected, and noted the road project has no bike lanes or lighting with a 45 mph speed limit, noting there should be a higher priority on building better roads and facilities embracing pedestrian connectivity and safety and noted this was a 100% Henry County project noting the City of Stockbridge had no involvement, noted the ROW land was donated to the County by the Developer and when Campground Rd. subdivisions were annexed, the ROW was never annexed into the City of Stockbridge; and also noted there was extra SPLOST funds in the account and those funds were transferred out of the account to other projects in the County and now this project is being built in an inferior capacity; and asked that citizens reach out and demand that every road project be built with to include sidewalks.

Councilwoman Robinson thanked everyone for coming out; congratulated the (14) Teen Ambassadors, and noted they have great things ahead on their calendar, and will serve the City well, and be on the lookout for what they will be doing as are ready to shine; thanked her Pine Grove community for coming out as your voices have been heard tonight noting you have been fighting a long time, and it's not over; noted as stated by staff, the community is going to get people together who will come to City Hall and get answers and communicate and will be pushing forward to make the community whole again; thanked her colleagues for hearing her community and prays that all will stand boldly on their comments to make sure all of the residents get what they deserve.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford appreciates that the citizens were here and encourages constant dialogue and wants to get things straightened out; asked that everyone keep the faith as we continue to make things happen; congratulated Michael Harris of Stockbridge High School who was drafted in the 3rd round by the Atlanta Braves and hopes he does well; best wishes.

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.

- City Council meeting, Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Youth Council Advisory Committee, Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m./Levi Room
- Main Street Advisory Board meeting, Friday, June 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m./Levi Room
- Downtown Development Authority meeting, Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m./Levi Rm.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m./Council Chamber
- Work Session meeting, **Wednesday**, June 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Food Truck Tuesday, Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Welcoming Stockbridge RoundTable – Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Levi Meeting Room - spearheaded by Councilwoman Gantt
- Economic Summit, Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center – spearheaded by Mayor Anthony S. Ford
- Don't Trash Stockbridge No Litter Campaign, Saturday, June 15, 2019 Location: spearheaded by Councilman Thomas. Contact: LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

- FREE Sounds of Summer Concert, Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. on the City Hall Lawn; bring your chairs and blankets
- Food Truck Tuesday, Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Food Truck Tuesday, Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Career Expo, Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center
- Monthly Bingo Bash Wednesday, June 26, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Ted Strickland Community Center – spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Blount
- Stockbridge Active – *Morning on the Range*, Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Rum Creek Golf Range 107 St. Ives Crossing, Stockbridge, GA – spearheaded by Councilman Alexander

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 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Ted Strickland Community Center spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem 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 every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Levi Meeting Room – spearheaded by Councilwoman 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 convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate: Robinson/Blount: Passed 5-0.

Motion to end Executive Session: Alexander/Blount – Passed 5-0.

Motion to reconvene the meeting: Gantt/Alexander – Passed 5-0.

Motion to amend the Youth Council Advisory Committee Ordinance to allow up to 12 members on the Committee and remove the Council Liaison: Gantt/Robinson: Passed 5-0.

Motion to fill vacancies and appoint members to the Youth Council Advisory Committee: Glenn Collins, Ericka Jennings, Ollie Richardson and Sharika Zellars Robinson/Gantt: Passed 5-0.

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