



ACTION MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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 – Darius Pattillo**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call – All members were present**
- V. Motion to adopt the Agenda to remove Item #4 to be presented on 6/10/2019: Blount/Thomas – Passed 5-0.**
- VI. Review of the Minutes for the following meetings: No Action**
 - 1. 04/08/2019 2. 04/30/2019

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

PRESENTATION

- 3. Presentation by Henry County District Attorney Darius Pattillo
No Action

OLD BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to approve the Jodeco Development Standards and Site Plan.
Presented by Camilla Moore, Community Development Director
Item Removed from the Agenda – To be presented on 6/10/2019
5. Youth Council Presentation and Update
Presented by Ericka Harvey, Committee Chair
Youth Council update presented to Council noting the Financial Report to be presented on 6/10/2019.

Motion to amend the Youth Council Ordinance to revise criteria to allow for Henry County citizens to be members of the Advisory Board: Gantt/Blount – Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to fill vacancies and appoint Youth Council Advisory Committee members.
Presented by Erica Harvey, Committee Chair
Consensus of the Council to extend the application process following the amendment to the Ordinance referenced in Item #5.
7. Council Consideration to approve 2019 – 2020 Benefits Renewal Package for the City.
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager, Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager and John Leggett, MSI Benefits
Motion to approve 6-month renewal w/Cigna effective 07/01/2019 through 12/31/2019: Robinson/Alexander: Passed 5-0.
8. Council Consideration to fill vacancy and appoint Interim of the Stockbridge Municipal Court Solicitor.
Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to appoint Julie Kert as Interim Municipal Court Solicitor: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

9. Council discussion Healthy Food Overlay/Ordinance
Presented by Councilman Alexander
Motion to approve a Moratorium on Small Box Stores less than 12,000 sq. feet and selling items on average of less than \$10: Alexander/Robinson (in favor) Blount/Thomas (opposed) Gantt (abstained from the vote) Mayor Ford (opposed) Motion failed.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Knighton thanked everyone for participating in the City's Annual Memorial March event and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice; thanked the Public Works team for their work with the County on State Route Hwy. 138, and beautification efforts on the gateway entrances to the City; noted he met with members of Council and rode the City and spoke about shared roadways; thanked staff for their hard work and efforts.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Mrs. Holiday offered condolences to Mayor Ford for the loss of his father; also congratulated the 2019 graduates.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas commended the Main Street Program on the unveiling of the Historic Green Front Café marker and thanked all who attended along with those who attended the Annual Carrie Mae Hambrick celebration; thanked Mr. Knighton and Mayor Ford for their assistance with the Memorial March and honoring the men and women of the Armed Services, noted this was his 10th year participating in this annual event and thanked all who were involved in making it happen.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount thanked everyone for participating in the Memorial March noting it was well attended; offered his condolences to Mayor Ford for the loss of his father; invited everyone out to the Bingo Bash on Wednesday; thanked staff for their hard work and efforts; noted his growth and knowledge over the last few years; thanked his colleagues that even when they may disagree, his mindset is always for the betterment of the City of Stockbridge.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked everyone for coming out and tuning in; noted that at the next Food Truck Tuesday on June 11th, the City will team up with Fresh Produce who will have a Pop Up with organic fresh produce with at the event offering produce between \$6 and \$40 based on income and noted you can sign up ahead of time on the City's website and thanked Diane Miller for bringing the item forward; thanked everyone for their continued prayers; thanked staff for their efforts and stated that while sometimes their comments may be harsh, their ideas are always to do what is in the best interest of the City.

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for coming out and tuning in; noted tonight's vote was not about the legislation, but it was about personalities, noting the proposed ordinance was a good idea that would benefit the community; asked for a timetable to bring an ordinance forward to limit businesses as there is public support for these moratoriums that prevent the deterioration of the community; noted the Council can hear appeals of those who fall in the moratoriums; asked colleagues to do what is in the best interest of the citizens.

Councilwoman Robinson offered her condolences to Mayor Ford for the loss of his father and to the Lemon family for the loss Bobby Lemon, former Henry County Chief Deputy and asked to keep both families in prayer; referenced the upkeep of the monuments that are being placed in the City (Green Front Café and Floyd Chapel Baptist Church); noted the Teen Ambassadors will be introduced at the June 10th Council meeting and sponsors who contributed to last year's National League of Cities trip would also be recognized; thanked staff for their efforts and noted last week was Public Works recognition week; asked that staff and the legal team get together prior to the meeting to discuss Agenda items and stand strong on their recommendations.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford thanked everyone who sent cards, flowers, condolences and all of the kind words on the passing of his father, who lived to be age 95, was a WWI and Korean War Veteran, and he only hopes to live a long and fruitful life as his father did; noted there are great things upcoming in the City in 2020 and the officials and staff are all doing things for the betterment of the City to make Stockbridge a model City.

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
- Stockbridge Youth Council meeting, Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m./Levi Room
- Youth Council Advisory Committee, Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.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, June 4, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Main Street Movie, Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. City Hall Lawn; bring your chairs and blankets
- 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
- 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

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.