



ACTION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 13, 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 – Art Christian**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call – All members were present**
- V. Motion to amend the Agenda to change Item #6 to a Discussion Item:**
Motion to approve: Blount/Robinson – Passed 5-0.
- VI. Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
 - 1. 03/11/2019 2. 03/26/2019 SCM 3. 3/26/23019
 - Motion to approve: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.**

Mayor Ford reviewed the following Ceremonial events that took place prior to the meeting: National Public Works Week Proclamation – presented to Decius Aaron, Public Works Direction, Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation – presented to Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk and Public Service Appreciation Week Proclamation – presented to James Touchton – Economic Development Director

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. Cecilia Green spoke about the phrase “Unity in the Community” that had been recited at a previous Council Meeting; and spoke about her experience of plagiarism during a childhood event.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to approve the renewal of the City’s Liability Insurance policy.
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager
Motion to approve: Gantt/Blount – Passed 5-0.
5. Council Consideration to approve the City-Wide Project Manager position – Budgeted and under the direction of the City Manager.
Funding Source: Various -
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager
Motion to approve Keck & Wood: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to approve the Jodeco Development Standards and Site Plan.
Presented by Camilla Moore, Community Development Director
Design Standards to be presented at the 5/28/19 meeting following review with the Developer and Mayor & Council. No Action Taken.
7. Council Consideration to approve a Fire Hydrant Meter Policy and Application and Fee Schedule.
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Gantt/Thomas – Passed 5-0.
8. Council Consideration to approve Painting of the City’s (4) Four Water Towers with new branding in the amount of \$76,400.00 paid in (3) three installments in the amount of \$25,467.00– Funding Source: General Fund.
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Blount/Alexander – Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

9. Council discussion of Parking Lot Expansion at Reeves Creek Trailhead (Flippen Rd.) Engineering Preliminary Estimate of Probable Cost for construction= \$24,780.00. Funding Source: SPLOST
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Alexander/Robinson – Passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Randy Knighton commended staff on their great work; reminded everyone that Food Truck Tuesday has kicked off; referenced those who are doing the work behind the scenes; looking forward to an exciting time for the City.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

No Comments

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas thanked everyone who came out and participated in the Memorial Cemetery cleanup; thanked Ms. Jackson for her assistance; invited everyone to attend the 11th Annual Carrie Mae Hambrick Life & Legacy event on Saturday, May 18th at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC followed by the Historical Marker Preservation at the Green Front Café at 2:30 p.m.; noted May is Historic Preservation Month and it is fitting to recognize the Green Front Café and Mrs. Hambrick who was a true servant who served others.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount stated these are exciting times here in the City of Stockbridge; noting the City has come through several battles and on the horizon is the Amphitheater, Cultural Arts Center, and Senior/Youth Center; reiterating Stockbridge is an exciting place to live, work and play and that he is glad to be a part of it; and thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilwoman Gantt wished everyone a Happy Belated Mother's Day, wished Mayor Pro Tem Blount a Happy Birthday; stated Stockbridge is truly where community connects; and noted her door is always open.

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for tuning in and attending; asked the audience who came to hear about the Jodeco Project; stated our community deserves best in class, class A quality projects; thanked everyone for continuing to support the Jodeco Project; noted the City is moving in the right direction as we are looking to be a community sitting still and being left behind; referenced the concerns with the right-of-way grass cutting, and noted City is looking to remedy; noted the recent Keep Stockbridge Beautiful event where they cut grass, removed illegal signs for beautification.

Councilwoman Robinson noted citizens input is very important and asked that citizens participate at the meetings; noted she missed the City's "Why I Serve" videos and referenced her appointments on the GMA Committees where she represents Stockbridge along with 538 cities in Georgia; referenced the Teen Ambassadors Program and invited those with teens interested in learning about local government to sign up.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted the upcoming Memorial Day weekend and asked everyone to enjoy the summer; sent congratulations to all of the elementary school, middle school, high school and college graduates and asked that everyone continue to strive and get more education; noted the City continues to do great things and asked that everyone 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.

- Youth Council Advisory Committee, Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m./Levi Room
- Downtown Development Authority meeting, Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m./Levi Rm.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m./Council Chamber
- Work Session meeting, Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Food Truck Tuesday kickoff, Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Welcoming Stockbridge RoundTable – Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Levi Meeting Room - spearheaded by Councilwoman Gantt
- Historic Preservation – Green Front Café Plaque Dedication – Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.
- Food Truck Tuesday kickoff, Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Quarterly Town Hall – Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at J. W. Suites Event Center spearheaded by Councilman Alexander.
- Annual Memorial March – Monday, May 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Rd.– Registration is FREE and available online at www.cityofstockbridge.com under Events
- Monthly Bingo Bash Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Ted Strickland Community Center – spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Blount

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

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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. ***Meeting date Tuesday, May 28th due to the Memorial Day holiday.**
- 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 adjourn: Blount/Thomas – Passed 5-0.