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ACTION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Mayor & City Council

Mayor Pro Tem- Anthony S. Ford
Councilman Elton Alexander
Councilman John Blount
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt
Councilwoman Neat Robinson

Administration

Michael Harris, City Manager
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Williams, City Attorney

I. Call to Order

II. Invocation – **Pastor Robert Elam**

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Councilman Alexander

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Councilman Blount

___ **X** ___

Mayor Pro Tem Ford

___ **X** ___

Councilwoman Gantt

___ **X** ___

Councilwoman Robinson

___ **X** ___

V. **Motion to amend the Agenda to include a Memorandum of Understanding for GDOT Transportation Enhancement (Davis Road) Project #0010731 to become Item #5 on the Agenda made by Councilwoman Robinson; second by Councilman Alexander; Passed 4-0.**

Councilwoman Gantt arrived following the adoption of the Agenda.

VI. **Motion to approve the Minutes for 6/13/2016 and 6/28/2016 made by Councilman Blount; second by Councilwoman Robinson. Passed 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

Pastor Cecilia Green noted her work as a minister and her former substitute teaching duties in Rockdale County where she issued extra points to students for visiting the library. Ms. Green praised the City for sponsoring the extended Stockbridge Cochran library hours on Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – Resolution to approve recommendation of Allsouth Constructors, Inc. (Contract A) and Sol Construction, LLC (Contract B) to complete the Willow Springs & Southwinds Pump Station Rehabilitation. C & S Project No. S9100.004/RFP #201606-08 Engineer: Martin C. Boyd, P.E. Carter & Sloope, Inc. Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson. Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM #2 – Conditional Use – CU-16-05-S

Cobblestock Partners, LP of Dallas, TX requests a conditional use for the property located at 5365 North Henry Blvd, in Land Lot 59 of the 12th District. The property consists of 2.65 +/- acres, and the request is for a church in the C-2 (General Commercial) zoning district.

Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration & Community Development

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Alexander. Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM #3 – Resolution to request approval of the Short-Term Work Program and Capital Improvement Element Annual Update and Adoption and Amendment to the Henry County Comprehensive Plan.

Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration & Community Development

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Alexander. Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #4 – Resolution appointing a Chaplain for the City Council.

Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney

Motion to approve (Terrance Gattis of Mt. Olive Baptist Church) made by Councilwoman Robinson; second by Councilman Alexander. Passed 5-0.

ITEM #5 - Memorandum of Understanding for GDOT Transportation Enhancement (Davis Road) Project #0010731

Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager

Motion to approve made by Councilman Alexander; second by Councilwoman Robinson. Passed 5-0

DISCUSSION

ITEM #6 - Hambrick Cultural Arts Center (AKA Multiplex) Building Assessment

Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager

Consensus of the Council was to direct staff to move forward with obtaining quotes for building demolition.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Michael Harris addressed security concerns at Reeves Creek Trail and made note that the City was aware and was working with the Henry County Police Dept. to increase vehicle patrol, foot patrol and code enforcement including weekends to enhance visibility. Also meeting with surveillance firm and taking recommendations from HCPD in order to prosecute. Mr. Harris also noted lights have been installed by Georgia Power where statistics shows a 30% drop in crime where lighting is prevalent. Mr. Harris noted the trail has been a great asset to the City and noted crime was unfortunate and wanted to assure the public the safety concerns are being addressed. Additionally, the City is considering adding work-out equipment stations to the grassy area of the trail.

Mr. Harris also addressed concerns regarding the Zika Mosquito and noted he has obtained information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that cautions residents to remove all standing water. Mr. Harris also noted the City would issue Mosquito Dunks (non-toxic tablets) to City residents as a preventive measure.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for coming out and praised the Main Street Program, Executive Asst. to Mayor & Council and all who came out to the opening on the library on Saturday; thanked Pastor Green for her words and library learning experience; and noted the importance of keeping the mind of the youth from being idle.

Councilman Blount noted the success of the 2nd Annual Back to School giveaway; noted 1300 people attended with 650 supply-filled backpacks were given away along with supplies for teachers as well; and thanked those who continue to come out and support the City.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked everyone for coming out and asked for continued prayer.

Councilwoman Robinson referenced the great library event on Saturday and noted there was more work to do and asked everyone to reach out to the Commissioners to provide extended hours from January to December 2017 as the facility is needed; thanked Greater New Hope for the supply-filled backpacks that were distributed; thanked Pastor Gattis for volunteering his services of pastoring; and thanked Executive Assistant and members of City Staff for their efforts and assisting where needed.

MAYOR PRO TEM'S COMMENTS

Anthony S. Ford noted First Responders Month and asked everyone to thank the Local Police, and Sheriff of Henry County and they do a great job to protect and serve; asked everyone to continue to be engaged as the City continues to move forward. Mayor Pro Tem Ford asked Councilman Blount to lead with a special prayer of bereavement for the family of Councilwoman Gantt.

Mayor Pro Tem Ford read the following News & Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

All meetings 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.

- Food Truck Tasty Tuesdays – 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY – CITY HALL
- Ethics Board Meeting – August 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Patrick Henry Meeting Room – City Hall.
- Main Street “Date Night” Movie (for age 18 and older) any children present must be accompanied by an adult – August 13th on the City Hall lawn. Seating starts at 8 p.m. showing the movie X-Men Apocalypse. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Food vendors will be on site.
- Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting August 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Levi Meeting Room – City Hall.
- Women's Health Talk w/Northside Radiology Associates spearheaded by Councilwoman Robinson - August 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Ctr. 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, GA
- Housing Forum spearheaded by Councilwoman Robinson - August 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hambrick Cultural Arts Ctr. 146 Burke St. Stockbridge, GA
- Free Sounds of Summer Concert Series – August 20th on lawn across from City Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. featuring 85 South & the Soul Cartel Band. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Food vendors will be on site.

- City Council Retreat – August 25-26, 2016 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at 110 Meeting Place – Lafayette Room – Fayetteville, GA
- Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 6:00 p. m. City Hall Chamber

EXECUTIVE SESSION (A-F & H)

Motion to convene Executive Session for Items A-F & H made by Councilman Blount; second by Councilwoman Robinson. Passed 5-0.

Councilwoman Gantt exited the meeting during Executive Session 8:05 p.m.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session made by Councilwoman Robinson; second by Councilman Blount. Passed 4-0.

Motion to reconvene meeting made by Councilwoman Robinson; second by Councilman Alexander. Passed 4-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Blount; second by Councilman Alexander. Passed 4-0.