

Stockbridge

Bringing People Together



ACTION MINUTES

WORK SESSION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 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 Terrance Gattis
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call-Present:**

Anthony Ford, Elton Alexander, John Blount, LaKeisha Gantt, Neat Robinson.

V. Adoption of the Agenda;

Motion to amend the Agenda to add as a discussion Item #10 - Council Discussion- Proposed Bed and Breakfast, presented by City Manager, Michael Harris; and to delete Item #10 - Boys and Girls Club item made by Councilman Alexander, second by Councilwoman Robinson. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

VI. Review of Minutes for 7/11/2016, 7/26/2016 to be approved 9/8/2016

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. **None**

CEREMONIAL

Proclamation – Presented to Rev. Dr. Terrance J. Gattis of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Georgia as the Official City Chaplain
Presented by: Mayor Pro Tem Ford (To be rescheduled)

PRESENTATION

ITEM #1 – Experience Works

Presented by: Wanda Walker (Did not present)

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #2 – Council Consideration - Façade Grant Application

Presented by: Raoul Clarke, DDA Chairman Kira Harris-Braggs, Main Street Mgr.
Motion to approve matching Façade Grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the DDA made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Alexander; passed 5-0.

ITEM #3 – Council Consideration – Branding Recommendations

Presented by: Kira Harris-Braggs, Main Street Manager
No Action - Item to be presented on the 9/12/2016 Agenda.

ITEM #4 – Council Consideration – City Historic Preservation Recommendations

Presented by: Kira Harris-Braggs, Main Street Manager
No Action - Item to be presented on the 9/12/2016 Agenda.

ITEM #5 – Council Consideration - Proposed 2017 Fee Schedule.

Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration & Community Development and Vanessa Holiday, Clerk's Office
Motion to approve the 2017 Occupational Tax Fee Schedule and Park/Pavilion Reservation Fee made by Councilman Blount; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 4-1 (Councilwoman Gantt opposed).

ITEM #6 – Council Consideration – City of Stockbridge becoming a Partner with Henry County Schools – Partners in Education Program

Presented by: Councilwoman Gantt
No Action - Item to be presented on the 9/12/2016 Agenda.

ITEM #7 – Council Consideration – Use of the Merle Manders Conference Center for a Holiday Job Fair, Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Presented by: Councilman Alexander
Motion to approve use of MMCC for the Seasonal Holiday Job Fair in Partnership with Goodwill Industries to be held on October 6 2016 from 10am – 2pm to include funds up to \$300 made by Councilman Alexander; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.

ITEM #8- Council Consideration – City of Stockbridge establish a Youth Council.

Presented by: Councilwoman Robinson

Members of the Community Relations Committee and Executive Asst. to Mayor & Council will attend Youth Council Workshop in Macon, GA on October 6 - 7, 2016.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

ITEM #9 – Council Discussion – Marketing Program Funding utilizing the Hotel/Motel Tax/Henry Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)

Presented by: Councilman Alexander

Council to schedule meeting(s) with CVB for Stockbridge tourism.

ITEM #10 – Council Discussion – Proposed Bed & Breakfast.

Presented by: City Manager, Michael Harris

Mr. Harris referenced the proposed location for a Bed & Breakfast.

Property Owner, Anita Harris described the proposed plan and features.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Michael Harris introduced newly hired Procurement Specialist, Don Riley. Council welcomed Mr. Riley to the City.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Councilman Alexander stated things are evolving in the City rather just talking; Council is working together as a team; Downtown Development is no just a dream; referenced DDA members Raoul Clark, Aneta Thomas Lee and Mildred in attendance; and that the Team is solid and looking to make Stockbridge a world-class city and wants to make you proud; looking for new businesses to come to the City of Stockbridge, we welcome you!.

Councilman Blount noted that he knows everyone on the Council is passionate about the City, which is an awesome thing; even through the clashes and disagreements, he can see an explosion of success for the City as passion and resources come together; asked citizens to stick with the Council and as they continue to work, and you continue to volunteer as that's what is going to provide the collaborative effort as it is a beautiful thing that will make this City great..

Councilwoman Gantt thank everyone for coming out; God Bless.

Councilwoman Robinson stated tonight was a good night, and this is a good team; as Council sits on the panel and has discussions, she is excited and looking forward to executing something for the youth; thanked staff and DDA members for coming out; and excited for the new Bed and Breakfast. Thanks to everyone.

MAYOR PRO TEM'S COMMENTS

Anthony S. Ford thanked citizens for coming out and asked everyone to remain engaged as we continue to move the City forward; keep a listening ear so the Council can take action on those items; and wished everyone a safe Labor Day holiday, the traditional end of summer. God Bless.

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
- September 11th Memorial Event on 9/11/2016 at the intersection of Hwy. 138 and North Henry Blvd. Remembering the events of September 11, 2011. Spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Ford along with the American Legion Post 516 – Service will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- City Council Meeting – Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Council Chamber
- Public Safety Committee Meeting/Town Hall – Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Red Oak UMC 3894 Walt Stephens Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281- Councilman Alexander, Chairperson.
- Free Movie – Friday, September 16, 2016 sponsored by Kiss 104.1 Location: lawn across from City Hall. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Food vendors will be on site.
- Henry County Elections Office Voter's Registration, Monday, September 19, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at City Hall – Patrick Henry Meeting Room
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Levi Meeting Room
- Building Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Patrick Henry Meeting Room – Mayor Pro Tem Ford, Chairperson
- Henry County Elections Office Voter's Registration, Monday, September 21, 2016 from 12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at City Hall – Patrick Henry Meeting Room
- Bridgefest – Saturday, September 24, 2016 on the Lawn Across from City Hall from Noon to 8pm.
- City Council Work Session Meeting – Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room - Councilwoman Gantt, Chairperson.
- Public Works Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at

City Hall in the Patrick Henry Meeting Room - Councilwoman Robinson, Chairperson.

- Main Street/DDA Meet & Greet – Thursday, September 29, 2016 at the Merle Manders Conference Center at 6:00 p.m. 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, GA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Blount; passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Alexander; passed 5-0.

Motion to reconvene Work Session made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Blount; passed 5-0.

Motion to approve Resolution to approve budgeted pay increases on anniversary hire date for City Manager, City Treasurer and City Clerk made by Councilwoman Robinson; second by Councilman Blount; passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Robinson; second by Councilman Alexander; passed 5-0.