

Stockbridge

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ACTION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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

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 remove Item #10 made by Councilman Blount; second by Councilman Alexander; passed 5-0.

VI. Motion to adopt the Minutes for 8/8/2016 and 8/30/2016 made by Councilman Alexander; second by Councilman Blount; passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CEREMONIAL

1. Swearing In Ceremony – Zoning Advisory Board
 Judge Matthew McCord presented the oaths to the following appointees to the Stockbridge Zoning Advisory Board for two year terms:
 Askia Abdullah, Stanley Dumas, Louis Goglia, Quaneisha Green, and Dr. Renata Hannah

 Judge McCord gave an overview and explanation of the tolling write-off process.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Ford presented the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation to Breast Cancer Survivor, Cie Cie McGhee.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Ford presented the National Domestic Violence Month Proclamation and Letter of Commendation to Christy Tucker-Sims.
4. Proclamation – Red Oak United Methodist Church 150th Anniversary
 Presented by: Mayor Pro Tem Ford (Did not attend)
5. Mayor Pro Tem Ford presented– National Retired Educator’s Day Proclamation to retired teacher Kathy Hill.
6. Mayor Pro Tem Ford presented Dutchtown High School Principal Nicole Shaw, Assistant Principal Antonio Mattox and Athletic Director Jamal Basit with the Recreational Activities Partnership
7. Mayor Pro Tem Ford presented Eagle’s Landing High School Head Football Coach Dr. Shawn Jones with the Recreational Activities Partnership
8. Stockbridge High School Recreational Activities Partnership
 Presented by: Mayor Pro Tem Ford (Did not attend)
9. Letter of Commendation – Stockbridge High School College Tour
 Presented by: Mayor Pro Tem Ford (Did not attend)

OLD BUSINESS

10. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Resolution to approve the Short-Term Work Program and Capital Improvement Element Annual Update and Adoption and Amendment to the Henry County Comprehensive Plan. Public Hearing was held on 8/8/2016.
 Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration & Community Development (Removed)
11. Resolution to approve the City of Stockbridge becoming a Partner with Henry County Schools – Partners in Education Program
 Presented by: Councilwoman Gantt
 Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilwoman Robinson; passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Council Consideration to approve Automated Water Meters

Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager

No Action. Item will be presented at the October 25, 2016 meeting.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

13. Code of Conduct – Council Consideration for amendment(s).

Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney

No Action. Item will be presented at the October 25, 2016 meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Michael Harris informed the Council of an update of recent testing by the EPD for the City and they were all outside of the levels for copper and lead. Excellent report.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Councilman Alexander stated his opinion that the City's Official Spokesperson has the right to give their opinion on matters to the media and he also wants to exercise his right to free speech and offer his opinion as a Council person as well; thanked Ms. Christy Tucker Sims for coming out and noted her worldwide recognitions for speaking out against domestic violence in spite of her personal tragedy; wants to move forward with Enterprise Zones, Opportunity Zones, Branding, Cleaning and Beautification projects for the City; and congratulated the newly appointed Zoning Advisory Board members.

Councilman Blount reiterated the point that image and perception and were not petty and asked fellow council members to be cautious when speaking as a Councilperson; noted that as Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, recently attended GMA training in Macon regarding the establishment of a Youth Council with more information to follow; noted more volunteers are helping out in the City than ever before and wants to celebrate the volunteers for their efforts; noted his work with both Stockbridge Elementary and Smith Barnes Elementary schools promoting motivational speaking, and enhancing reading and rewarding the Top Readers with the Gaming Bus, and encouraging and motivating students that need additional assistance.

Councilwoman Gantt stated she was happy to be back; thanked everyone for their support and prayers; loves Stockbridge and thanked the staff and Council team.

Councilwoman Robinson noted Staff/Council meetings were being held and noted the City was taking the steps to move the City forward; commended the City Manager for his efforts; referenced the plans to move the Youth Council forward; excited about the Pretty in Pink event for Breast Cancer Survivors and noted information to nominate a breast cancer survivor candidate to attend the luncheon on October 20th by submitting entry to: Ereception@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov by October 14, 2016.

MAYOR PRO TEM'S COMMENTS

Anthony S. Ford noted the Zoning Advisory Board was a testament the City is moving forward; congratulated the proclamation and high school partnership recipients. Building Committee report noted the A/C repairs to City Hall and the Merle Manders Conference Center; receiving information on the Hambrick Ctr. (Multiplex) regarding demolition; noted

new Public Works facility project upcoming utilizing SPLOST funds; noted Inclusive playground equipment coming to Clark Park; and asked citizens to remain engaged w/ the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Ford read the following 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 LAWN
- Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room - Councilwoman Gantt, Chairperson.
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Early Voting begins Monday, October 17th and continues through Saturday, through November 4, 2016. Visit our website for more information. www.cityofstockbridge.com
- Mayoral Candidate Forum, Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber. Citizens Academy Graduation
- Zoning Advisory Board Meeting, Thursday, October 27, 2016 at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Community Relations Committee Meeting, Thursday, October 27, 2016 – Councilman John Blount, Chairperson.
- Tuesday, November 8, 2016 – Election Day.
- Veterans Day Parade – Friday, November 11, 2016 10am. Contact the Stockbridge Events Dept. to register to participate (770) 389-5982.
- Council Meeting – Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

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

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

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate made by Councilwoman Gantt; second by Councilman Blount; passed 5-0. 10:05 p.m.