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ACTION MINUTES

WORK SESSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 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 – Randy Knighton
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call – All members were in attendance
- V. Motion to amend the Agenda: Add Downtown Parking Issue as an Agenda Item: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 4-0-1 (Blount abstained)
- VI. Review of the Minutes for the following meetings:
 1. 05/13/2019
 2. 05/28/2019 No Action

Prior to Public Comments being made, Mayor Ford noted today's meeting is a City Council Work Session meeting and not a Pine Grove HOA meeting.

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. Kimberly Collins, Francine Lyken, Rod Jackson, Barry Nelson, George Shine, Orion Webb, spoke regarding the update of the HOA issues and site visit by staff at the Pine View/Pine Grove subdivision.

AGENDA REQUEST

2b) Parking Issues in the Downtown Area

Presenter(s): Roger Custin/Greg Horton – BarnBeautiful - Owners

Nature of Request: Address Parking Issues

Location: Burke Street / M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail

Mr. Custin and Mr. Horton gave an overview and presentation of parking issues along M. L. King, Sr. Heritage Trail and offered recommendations to improve parking problems; noted unsightly areas behind the Ted Strickland Community Center and alleyway along Burke Street; and asked the City to move forward demolition of the Old Police Precinct building; replace signage and move forward with the RSVP plan as approved by the City, the Carl Vinson Institute for Government and the Stockbridge community; and asked who is responsible and the timeline.

Mayor Ford noted the City is responsible.

Mr. Knighton noted permits have been acquired for the demolition and is scheduled to be completed over the next 3 weeks (weather permitting); noted Breezeway is estimated to cost \$10,000 and the Alleyway Project is estimated to cost \$350,000.00 noting the Breezeway is under his authority to proceed, and the Council would need to authorize the Alleyway expenditure, further noting, staff would seek the appropriate funding source and would also provide an update and solutions to the signage and parking issues to be presented at the July 8, 2019 Council meeting.

Councilman Alexander and Councilwoman Robinson were agreed with moving forward with the proposed projects.

Councilman Thomas noted he is the Council Liaison on the Main Street Advisory Board and supports the RSVP plan and Alleyway project.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount expressed concerns of being fiscally responsible and approving projects on the fly.

Councilwoman Gantt noted staff has not had an opportunity to identify the funding source and suggested the input of the City's recently hired Financial Advisor.

Motion to approve up to \$350,000 to move forward and complete the Alleyway project with appropriate funding: Alexander/Robinson – Passed 3-1-1 (Blount opposed/Gantt abstained).

OLD BUSINESS

3. Pine View/Pine Grove Subdivision

Update to Mayor & Council from Site Visit of June 11, 2019

Presented by Camilla Moore, Community Development Director

Ms. Moore presented the Pine Grove Property Maintenance Report comprised following a site visit on June 11, 2019 and noted 53 Code Violations and that 60% were corrected and the remaining 40% would be corrected by July 1, 2019. Final Report to be presented at the July 8, 2019 Council meeting.

AGENDA REQUEST

4. Appeal Hearing

Applicant: Geraldine Biggs – Warriors Against the Devil Ministries -

Nature of Request: Appeal the Denial of Business Permit

Location: 5365 North Henry Blvd. - Proposed Use: Church

Reason for Denial: Moratorium Restriction

Presented by Camilla Moore, Community Development Director

Motion to uphold denial: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 4-0-1 (Blount abstained).

5. Appeal Hearing

Applicant: Andrew James Dixon

Nature of Request: Appeal the Denial of Business Permit

Location: 31 Hwy. 138 Suite 240 - Proposed Use: Tattoo Studio

Reason for Denial: Moratorium Restriction

Presented by Camilla Moore, Community Development Director

Motion to uphold denial: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

Ms. Moore stated the RFP for the Zoning Ordinance would be put out by the end of July, or by the first of August.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to approve S.P.L.O.S.T. V List

Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager

Mr. Knighton referenced the upcoming 6/27/2019 Joint meeting with the County; noted the current SPLOST split is 70/25 County/Cities; the Cities are proposing a 70/30 split based on population and will present a modified copy at the joint meeting.

No Action.

7. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution limiting the acceptance of sponsorship funds from vendors to City Events only.

Presented by Michael Williams – City Attorney

Motion to approve: Gantt/Thomas – Passed 3-2 (Alexander/Robinson opposed).

8. Council Consideration to approve the Amphitheater Pre-Qualification Bid.

Presented by Lindell Miller – Purchasing Supervisor

Motion to approve: Alexander/Robinson – Passed 5-0.

9. Council Consideration to fill vacancies and appoint member(s) to the Youth Council Advisory Committee

Presented by Ericka Harvey - Chairperson

Motion to appoint Jodie Alexander and Gabriel Armstead for a two-year term: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

Motion to re-appoint Ericka Harvey, Diane Miller, O. Elizabeth Martin, Pamela Warner, Joc'Quelyn Carter and Rosalynd Rawls for a two-year term: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

10. Council Discussion Vicious Dog Ordinance

Presented by Councilman Alexander

Emir Williams referenced the dog attack in subdivision that resulted in his family dog being attacked and killed.

Ordinance and update to be presented at the August 12, 2019 meeting.

11. Council Discussion of the Sunday Brunch Bill

Presented by Councilman Alexander

Resolution to be presented at the July 8, 2019 meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

No Comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Mrs. Holiday noted she was thankful for the opportunity to attend the Georgia Municipal Association and Carl Vinson Institute for Governments training, networking with fellow clerks and elected officials, and looks forward to putting the training to use.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilwoman Robinson recognized the Stockbridge Youth Council for their hosting the GMA Symposium, the first in the region and noted the City will house the trophy until the next city to host is announced at the Mayor's Day Conference in 2020; noted she feels as though things are put in place for her to not be successful, noting God has other plans; stated there is no conflict between the Youth Council and Teen Ambassadors programs noting the Ambassadors include students from unincorporated Henry County and is diverse and is looking forward to doing great things with the teens who will be shadowing her in her capacity as a council member; noted she received her Certificate of Distinction award during the recent GMA Conference, and accomplished this feat during her first term in office.

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for tuning in; asked for support of sidewalks and lighting along the Campground Extension, noting while this was a 100% County project many of the residents who live in the subdivisions in the area are City of Stockbridge residents and asked the City to take a position and look out for its residents to make this a safe road.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford thanked everyone for attending the meeting; noted the City is working to move things forward and will make everyone proud; noted the GMA Conference was outstanding and hi-lighted that all 538 cities are members of GMA; referenced the great turnout at the City's recent Career Fair and wished the jobseekers well; asked everyone to keep the faith.

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.

- Joint SPLOST V meeting, Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry County Administration Bldg. 140 Henry Pkwy. McDonough, GA
- City Council meeting, Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Youth Council Advisory Committee, Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m./Levi Room
- Main Street Advisory Board meeting, Friday, July 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m./Levi Room
- Downtown Development Authority meeting, Monday, July 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m./Levi Rm.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m./Council Chamber
- Work Session meeting, Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Stockbridge Active – *Morning on the Range*, Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Rum Creek Golf Range 107 St. Ives Crossing, Stockbridge, GA – spearheaded by Councilman Alexander
- Food Truck Tuesday, Tuesday, July 2, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Food Truck Tuesday, Tuesday, July 9, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Food Truck Tuesday, Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge

- FREE Sounds of Summer Concert, Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. on the City Hall Lawn; bring your chairs and blankets
- Food Truck Tuesday, Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Back to School Kickoff, Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Merle Manders Conference Center – spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Blount
- Food Truck Tuesday, Tuesday, July 30, 2019 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge
- Monthly Bingo Bash Wednesday, July 31, 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.
- Welcoming Stockbridge RoundTable **2nd Thursday** in July at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room – spearheaded by Councilwoman Gantt. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information. (Schedule will change after the last Food Truck Tuesday event).
- Quarterly Homeowners and Neighborhood Association RoundTable – spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Blount. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

Motion to adjourn: Gantt/Thomas – Passed 5-0.