



Where Community Connects

ACTION MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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, Community Dev Dir
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- Camilla Speech
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call – All member was present except for Councilwoman Gantt at the time of Roll Call.
- V. Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Item # 9 Henry County Animal Control Ordinance Update and Item #11 Council Consideration to approve the 2019 LMIG Program for Roadway Resurfacing; and to add as a Discussion Item ATL Transit and Hometown Connection:
Blount/Robinson 4-0.

Councilwoman Gantt attended at 6:08pm.

- VI. Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:
 - 1. 7/8/2019 2. 7/15/2019 3. 7/18/2019 4. 7/30/2019
 - 5. 8/12/2019 6. 8/14/2019 7. 8/15/2019 8. 8/16/2019
- Blount/Robinson 4-0-1 (Gantt abstained)

CEREMONIAL REVIEW

Mayor Ford reviewed and presented a Proclamation to Hearing Doctors of Georgia- Accepted by Dr. Colleen Baskett
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.- Award presented to Mayor Anthony S. Ford.

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.

- Mr. Andrew Dixon spoke on the Moratorium and his concerns with not being able to speak with Mayor and Council. Mr. Williams, City Attorney noted the Ordinance for the Moratorium will be presented and voted on at the September 24th Work Session Meeting.
- Armenta McCleese Jones spoke on the many clothing collections bins around the City and asked if they could be spread out or removed; and, the overgrown weeds at a vacant lot at Tahoe Trail and McCain Creek and asked if the City could help with unfinished sidewalks.

PRESENTATION

9. Henry County Animal Control Ordinance Update
Presented by Brad Johnson – Assistant County Manager and
Gerri Yoder – Animal Care & Control Director- **Removed from Agenda**

OLD BUSINESS

10. Council Consideration to approve selection of vendor for Towing & Wrecker Services for the City.
Presented by Camilla Moore- Community Development Director
Motion to Approve: Alexander/Robinson- Motion withdrawn
Motion to select Swanson Towing and Recovery: Alexander/Robinson- Motion withdrawn
No action taken. Will be presented at the September 24th Work Session Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Council Consideration to approve Bid Award Recommendation for Roadway Resurfacing in the amount of \$1,322,458.32 Funding Source: \$291,306.61 Grant Funding \$1,031,151.71 Fund Balance
Presented by Decius Aaron- Public Works Director- **Removed from Agenda**
12. Council Consideration to approve the new Public Works Facility Construction Bid Award to Pellicano Construction Company in the amount of \$2,120,00.00
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to Approve: Gantt/ Alexander Passed 5-0
13. Council Consideration to approve the amended 2019 Municipal

Election Voting Schedule.

Presented by Randi Rainey – Deputy City Clerk

Motion to Approve: Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0

Mayor Ford noted the Public Hearings will open and stay open until September 24th Work Session Meeting, due to technical matters regarding the posting of signage.

PUBLIC HEARING

14. Council Consideration to approve Rezoning Request for Case #RZ-2019-01: Georgia Health Care Association, Inc., Applicant; and YM Hospitality Group, Agent; requests the rezoning of their property from C-2 (General Commercial District) to C-3 (Heavy Commercial District) for the purpose of constructing a hotel. Property is identified by its Parcel ID, 051-01028038, and is located east of 160 Country Club Drive. Property consists of 1.268 acres within Land Lot 20 of District 6 in the City of Stockbridge.

Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director

Ms. Moore noted the rezoning item was presented before the Planning Commission on August 22, 2019; the applicant is requesting rezoning from a C-2 to a C-3 to allow for construction for a 77-room hotel with the primary purpose of serve its own needs of holding numerous educational seminars and training sessions for health care individuals in the adjacent medical office building. Staff recommends approval with the following conditions the owner agrees to: 1). To the site plan that was received by the Department of Community Development on June 28, 2019. Said site plan is conceptual only and must meet or exceed the requirements of the Zoning Resolution and these conditions prior to the approval of a Land Disturbance Permit. If the Recommended Conditions of Zoning cause the approved site plan to be substantially different, the applicant shall be required to complete the concept review procedure prior to application for a Land Disturbance Permit. Unless otherwise noted herein, compliance with all conditions shall be in place prior to the issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy; Submittal of an acceptable shared parking agreement that would meet the parking requirements for the hotel; 2). The use of the subject property shall be for a hotel use only; 3). No weekly or extended stay lodging rentals shall be allowed 4). Vehicular parking shall be limited to passenger cars/SUVs/pickup trucks, as well as vans and limousines which may provide transportation services to airports; 5). Any future development of the property which differs from the current proposal shall require the approval of the Community Development Director.

Councilman Alexander requested to see the renderings for the hotel.

Mayor Ford opened the Public Hearing.

No Speakers in favor- No Speakers Opposed.

No action taken. The Public Hearing will stay open until September 24th Work Session Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

15. Council Consideration to approve Rezoning Request for Case #RZ-2019-02: Robbie Moore of Palace Hospitality, LLC, Applicant; representing George P. Harper, III, P.E. of Paramount Engineering, LLC; request the rezoning of property from C-2 (General Commercial District) to C-3 (Heavy Commercial District) for the purpose of constructing a hotel. Property is identified by its Parcel ID, 051-01028005, and is located at 2725 Patrick Henry Parkway. Property consists of 3.545 acres within Land Lot 19 of District 6 in the City of Stockbridge.

Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director

Ms. Moore noted the rezoning item was presented before the Planning Commission on August 22, 2019; the applicant is requesting rezoning from a C-2 to a C-3 to allow for construction for a Tru-Hilton hotel. Ms. Moore noted Staff recommends approval with the following conditions the owner agrees to: 1). To the site plan that was received by the Department of Community Development on June 28, 2019. Said site plan is conceptual only and must meet or exceed the requirements of the Zoning Resolution and these conditions prior to the approval of a Land Disturbance Permit. If the Recommended Conditions of Zoning cause the approved site plan to be substantially different, the applicant shall be required to complete the concept review procedure prior to application for a Land Disturbance Permit. Unless otherwise noted herein, compliance with all conditions shall be in place prior to the issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy; Submittal of an acceptable shared parking agreement that would meet the parking requirements for the hotel; 2). The use of the subject property shall be for a hotel use only; 3). No weekly or extended stay lodging rentals shall be allowed 4). Vehicular parking shall be limited to passenger cars/SUVs/pickup trucks, as well as vans and limousines which may provide transportation services to airports; 5). Any future development of the property which differs from the current proposal shall require the approval of the Community Development Director.

Robbie Moore, agent representative noted it was submitted originally as a Holiday Inn and Tru-Hilton hotel, but decided to go with Tru-Hilton hotel instead.

Councilman Alexander inquired if the Patrick Henry Pkwy was covered

in the overlay. Ms. Moore noted it is not and can be added as a condition. Councilman Alexander requested to see a 10ft. path added to Jodeco South.

Mayor Ford opened the Public Hearing.

No Speakers in favor.

Speakers Opposed- Andrew Dixon.

No action taken. The Public Hearing will stay open until September 24th Work Session Meeting.

16. Council Consideration to approve Wetland Application for Jodeco South
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Motion to Approve: Alexander/Robinson Passed 5-0

DISCUSSION

17. Update on parking in subdivisions.
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Combined with Item # 10. No Action taken.
18. Council Consideration to approve use of the Merle Manders Conference Center on October 9, 2019 between 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for ATL Transit Meeting.
Motion to Approve: Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0
19. Council Consideration to approve use of the Merle Manders Conference Center on October 10, 2019 between 9 a.m.-11 a.m. to host the Hometown Connection and to change from a Council Initiative to City Event
Motion to Approve: Robinson/Alexander Passed 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Knighton noted he appreciates great support of staff and is looking forward to exciting things going on with the City what is in store for the City and will have announcements in the future.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

No comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas noted to the citizens they are entering the 4th quarter; City

Council is evaluating all Service Delivery programs and has met with all the Department Heads regarding their Budget, goals and objectives and noted great things were discussed. Councilman Thomas also noted Council is looking at themselves on how to better themselves and move the City forward and excited about 3 major projects: The Amphitheater, Cultural Arts Center and the Youth and Senior Faculty.

Mayor Pro Tem Blount thanked the staff and noted there will be the monthly Senior Bingo Bash on September 25th; also, would like the citizens to be more involved with City events and to continue visiting the City's website.

Councilwoman Gantt thank all for coming and noted a lot of events are coming soon; Councilwoman Gantt recently attended a Downtown Development Convention and looks forward with developing downtown. Councilwoman Gantt thanked those for continued support and noted her door is always open.

Councilman Alexander thanked all for tuning in and participating in the Democratic process and noted that is what makes a City strong. Councilman Alexander noted the Municipal Election is approaching and although he cannot say who to vote for, he wants citizens to ask something for their vote. Councilman Alexander noted this weekend "Keep Stockbridge Beautiful" will be along Hudson Bridge to clean up and place pine straw; the City has done a wonderful job with maintaining the beautification. Councilman Alexander noted there will be a Town Hall meeting on September 19th at Red Oak United Methodist Church.

Councilwoman Robinson thanked staffed for doing an outstanding job, as well as the Deputy City Clerk in place for the City Clerk; and, also thanked her colleagues for the unanimous vote for the Hometown Connection to have a front seat at the table. Councilwoman Robinson noted there is so much to do for the citizens and encourages them to meet with Randy Knighton, City Manager to give their thoughts

and ideas on how to use federal and state money; noted Teen Ambassadors attended the school board meeting tonight to take notes so they can bring their ideas and thoughts on what they see and the things needed for the community. Councilwoman Robinson asked citizens to keep praying and noted her door is always open.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted he had an opportunity to socialize with his teammates and was notified Donald Lee Knowles, once the Mayor of Stockbridge in the 1960's passed and send his condolences; noted he is looking forward to groundbreaking project and moving forward as a team. Mayor Ford noted the City will turn 100 years old next year in 2020 along with the census in 2020; and asked to keep the faith.

Mayor Ford read the following announcements:

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.

- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, Friday, September 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m./Levi Room
- Planning Commission Special Called Meeting, Friday, September 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m./Council Chamber
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m./Levi Meeting Room
- Special Called Council Meeting, Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Youth Council Meeting, Wednesday, September ,18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Levi Meeting Room
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m./Patrick Henry Meeting Room
- Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m./Council Chamber

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Stockbridge City Hall. FREE to attend and FREE parking. Open to everyone.

- Keep Stockbridge Beautiful – Saturday, September 14th at 10:00 a.m. Hudson Bridge Road – spearheaded by Councilman Alexander. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Quarterly Town Hall – Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Red Oak UMC 3894 Walt Stephens Rd. Stockbridge – spearheaded by Councilman Alexander.
- Ex-Offenders Job Fair – Friday, September 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, in collaboration with the Henry County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Contact JOBSHACAC@GMAIL.COM for more information and to register.
- Monthly Bingo Bash Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Ted Strickland Community Center – spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Blount
- BridgeFest – Friday, September 27th 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 28th 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the lawn across from City Hall. FREE to attend and FREE parking. Open to everyone.

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.
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- Quarterly Clergy RoundTable – spearheaded by Councilwoman Robinson. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Welcoming Stockbridge RoundTable **every 2nd Tuesday** of each month 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.
- Quarterly Homeowners and Neighborhood Association RoundTable – spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Blount. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

- Teen Ambassadors Meetings, November 14th and December 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Levi Meeting Room – spearheaded by Councilwoman Robinson. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate: Gantt/Alexander: Passed 5-0.

Motion to end Executive Session: Robinson/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Robinson/Gantt: Passed 5-0.