



Where Community Connects

ACTION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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** – Charles Marshall
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Roll Call** – All members were present
- V. **Motion to amend the Agenda to add Item#17 – Main Street use of the TSCC 11/1/2019 for Shop Small Saturday Workshop**
Motion to approve: Alexander/Robinson – Passed 5-0.
- VI. **Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
1. 6/27/2019 2. 9/9/2019
Motion to approve: Alexander/Robinson – Passed 5-0.

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. Coren Randazzo asked for the replacement of Speed Bumps vs Speed Humps along Bryant Street; noted the amphitheater construction noise; referenced current signage in their neighborhood and asked the City to not re-route of traffic through the Bryant Street subdivision; referenced a pending Open Records Request for Amphitheater information.

Mr. Robert Kolpak spoke in reference to the closing of Cochran Park and asked the City and residents to put pressure on District 5 Commissioner Holmes to repair the park (estimated \$598,000 price tag) and noted it to be a small amount compared to the proposed \$8 million dollar park from District 4 Commissioner Vivian Thomas; Mr. Kolpak also noted he does not believe the report to be accurate; noted the home on Flippen Rd. owned by Commissioner Thomas to be in disrepair with campaign signs posted on the property; asked the City to move forward with the Force Clean Up program; commended Councilman Alexander on the beautification efforts in the City; and asked that Code Enforcement be given more bite to enforce the City's code.

Mr. Kenneth Willison of K-Piano noted he had presented the program to the previous City Manager 10 years ago and today this is a more impactful program wrapped around the Stockbridge Youth Orchestra; noted the program would also include robotics which is beneficial to the community; noted the program is a not for profit organization that has donated over \$100,000 to Clayton and Henry County schools; provided copies of the program Executive Summary to be distributed to the governing body; noted he had spoken with the Mayor & members of Council about the program and is hopeful the City can provide a services by means of facilities.

Mayor Ford reviewed the following ceremonial presentations made prior to the meeting:

Back to School Kickoff Gold Sponsor Appreciation Award

Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Retired Educators Month Proclamation

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

2019 Citizens Academy Graduates

2019 BridgeFest Sponsor Recognitions

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING (Continued from 9/9/2019 meeting)

3. 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
Public Hearing Opened: Speakers in Favor: Dist. 4 Commissioner Vivian Thomas Speakers Opposed: None. Public Hearing Closed.
Motion to approve: Robinson/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING (Continued from 9/9/2019 meeting)

4. 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

Public Hearing Opened: Speakers in Favor: Dist. 4 Commissioner Vivian Thomas Speakers Opposed: None. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion to approve: Gantt/Blount – Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Council Consideration to approve Ordinance Amendment: Title 9 – Licensing and Regulation – to establish interim standards pertaining to certain businesses impacted by the current Moratorium with either numeral limitation or distance separation.

Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director

Public Hearing Opened: Speakers in Favor: Andrew Dixon Speakers Opposed: None. Public Hearing Closed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Council Consideration to approve amendment of zoning conditions of RZ-16-30-S, Jodeco Crossing, zoned Planned Town Development (PTD) to adopt Design Standards w/Amendment

Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director

Public Hearing Opened: Speakers in Favor: John Palmer of Falcon Engineering & Design Consultants and Jeff Grant, Property Owner. Speakers Opposed: None. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion to approve: Blount Robinson – Passed 4-0-1 (Alexander abstained).

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Amendment of Chapter 12.02.104, Highway Overlay District, to amend the boundaries to include the following: Patrick Henry Parkway, Country Club Drive, Flippen Road, Walt Stephens, Mt. Zion Parkway, and Campground Road Extension.

Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director

Public Hearing Opened: Speakers in Favor: None Speakers Opposed: None. Public Hearing Closed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Council Consideration to approve rezoning for case# RZ-2019-04 - Rezoning Request by TPA Residential, requesting the rezoning of their property from C-2 (General Commercial District) to MUND (Mixed-Use Neighborhood Residential District) for the purpose of constructing a mixed-use development projects with townhomes and commercial uses. Property is identified by its Parcel ID< 032-01026000 and is located to the rear of 1580 & 1590 Hudson Bridge Road and to the west of 1490-1548 Hudson Bridge Road. Property

consists of 20.367 acres within Land Lot 21 of the District 6 in the City of Stockbridge.

Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director

Public Hearing Opened: Speakers in Favor: Mr. John Palmer w/Falcon Engineering & Design Consultants stated the applicant had made a request for this item to be Tabled and was not present pending further information from GRTA and more information on the DRI.:

Speakers Opposed: Tim Callahan.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to Table; no second. Motion failed

During the Public Hearing, Mr. John Palmer of Falcon Design relayed a message to Ms. Moore that he had received a text message from the applicant to withdraw the request.

Councilwoman Gantt accepted the request to withdraw from Mr. Palmer on behalf of the applicant.

9. Council Consideration to approve purchase of Fire Marshal Vehicle & Equipment in the amount of \$55,243.00 Funding Source: General Fund
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.
10. Council Consideration to approve the job description, organizational chart and reclassification of the Utility Billing Clerk to Financial Services Technician.
Presented by Renee Wheeler - Human Resources Manager and John Wiggins - Treasurer
Motion to approve: Gantt/Robinson – Passed 5-0.
11. Council Consideration to amend Chapter 2.12 – Administration to formally assign Finance powers and duties to the City Treasurer position.
Presented by Renee Wheeler - Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve: Robinson/Gantt – Passed 5-0.
12. Council Consideration to approve Minimum Development Standards for Water, Sewer, Stormwater and Roads as prepared by City of Stockbridge Engineers: Carter & Sloope
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Gantt/Blount – Passed 5-0.
13. Council Consideration to approve Bid Award Recommendation for Roadway Resurfacing in the amount of \$1,322,458.32 Funding Sources: DOT Grant \$291,306.61, Fund Balance \$650,000.00 (previously approved) and Fund Balance and SPLOST \$381,151.71.
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Gantt/Alexander – Passed 5-0.
14. Council Consideration to approve the amendment of the City Gateway Beautification contract with CGL Facility Management, LLC and the City, under the State of GA Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000154-0001, Facility

Maintenance Solutions; City of Stockbridge Procurement Contract No. 2019-00022P, Groundskeeper/Landscaper, for the Public Works Department, modifying the scope of services (Walt Stephens Rd, Old Atlanta Rd, Flippen Rd, Davidson Parkway and East Atlanta Rd), and increasing the overall estimated contract amount to \$200,000.00 annually. Funding Source: General Fund - Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director and Lindell Miller - Purchasing Supervisor

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

15. Council Consideration to approve the Pond Company for Construction Program Management of the Public Works Administration Building in the amount of \$126,250.00. Funding Source: SPLOST.

Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director and Lindell Miller - Purchasing Supervisor

Motion to approve: Gantt/Thomas – Passed 4-0 (Alexander was not present for the vote).

16. Council Consideration to approve ranking of bidders and authorize negotiations of construction contracts for the Amphitheater. Awarded to H. J. Russell & Company.

Presented by Randy Knighton City Manager and Lindell Miller – Purchasing Supervisor.

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

17. Council Consideration to approve the Main Street Program's use of the TSOC November 1, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Small Business Saturday Workshop

Presented by Kira Harris-Braggs – Main Street Manager

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

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Randy Knighton noted staff will do better with presenting items to the Governing Body; referenced the approval of the Jodeco Design Guidelines and approval of the construction of the Amphitheater noting it took the vision and leadership of the Mayor & Council, a lot of time and people to make this happen noting the importance on getting it right; stated these two items are both historic and transformational and will change the face of the City of Stockbridge for many years to come that will make you all and the citizens of Stockbridge proud, and look forward to the groundbreaking coming very soon.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Vanessa Holiday offered congratulations to the City of Stockbridge, and hats off to the Council and staff for a job well done; thanked the Clerk's Office team for participating in some teambuilding activities with a special thank you to the Human Resources Manager for her leadership and guidance with the activities.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Thomas stated to staff and fellow councilmates that most everyone knows him pretty well and that he is pretty much even-keeled and when there is a spur under his collar, he may get a little upset, and does not apologize for earlier statements relating to a breakdown in communication and also acknowledged that perhaps staff is not given enough credit when due, and rather highlighting the errors noting you have to take the good with the bad; noted the City does have a great staff and knows the City is moving in the right direction; and noted he is big on the (3) three “P’s” Policy, Procedure and Protocol;

Mayor Pro Tem Blount thanked citizens for remaining throughout the meeting and echoed the sentiments of Councilman Thomas regarding staff noting the City has been blessed with a staff dedicated to working extended hours; hats off to the City Manager, Community Development Director and staff for a job well done; referenced his appreciation for staff and they work that they do, and noted he has thanked staff and prepared lunch to show his appreciation; and noted everyone has a heart for the City and getting things done, and hats off to all.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked everyone for coming out and being actively involved; noted the past (6) six years may have looked dormant from those on the outside looking in, however, tonight showed what has been in the making for years such as the hiring of the Economic Development Director, the Public Information Officer, and other new positions, and not knowing what our account balances were, and now with the City about to break ground on the Amphitheater that was talked about so much, it’s exciting and the entire Council is on 10, and that next year, we may be breaking ground on a Cultural Arts Center; thanked staff for their hard work and dedication and having to deal with councilmembers who have the pressure from the citizens is a heavy load to carry and it’s recognized; noted the City is moving right along and loves the way the puzzle pieces are fitting together; extended congratulations to the City Clerk for completion of the Clerk’s Master’s Certification Program; stated staff is doing a phenomenal job; thanked Ms. Moore for bringing Permitting and the Fire Marshal in-house to better serve the businesses of Stockbridge; asked citizens to keep the City in your prayers; and noted it is not an easy job and that everything that she does is in the best interest of Stockbridge.

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for coming out and tuning in, noting that he was told that people may not be in attendance, however, they are tuning in and watching the meetings; echoed the City Manager’s comments that tonight’s decision were both historical and transformational and will go down in history for the City of Stockbridge and stand the test of time; noted this Council started by hiring an exceptional leader in the City Manager, and compensates staff following a salary evaluation to compete for the top talent; noted no matter what happens with the upcoming election, the foundation has been set by this Council; noted the City completed its first Comprehensive Plan independent of the County and dictates the

City's Path through 2038; referenced the hiring of a certified Fire Marshal, Planning & Zoning and Permitting to alleviate the wait time for inspections for business licenses allowing businesses to open more timely; referenced the first international company to call Stockbridge home, the Hegla Corporation, who has moved its headquarters to Stockbridge; noted it has been an outstanding year for the City; noted the City's focus on beautification efforts; referenced Early Voting has started and asked everyone to vote, and no matter who you vote for, Stockbridge is going to be in good shape because there is a solid foundation and asked everyone to support the community to make sure noting Stockbridge will be the shining star of South Metro.

Councilwoman Robinson echoed colleagues and thanked staff for an outstanding job; noted the City has waited a long time to get here noting 2016 feels like a lifetime ago, City made, went through a lot of ups and downs, even within our community; thanked the citizens for being continuously engaged as this helps them to be better leaders; acknowledged State Senator Emanuel Jones to be present in the Chamber tonight and was instrumental in the City's process; referenced the recently held a successful Hometown Connection, hosted by the City of Stockbridge took place where State, City, County and other officials, along with legislators were in one room to discuss achievements and challenges to the delegation who were in attendance; noted it was fitting for Senator Jones to be present tonight for the City's historic decisions and asked Senator Jones to take that information back that the City of Stockbridge is progressive and moving forward, noted this to be a great day in Stockbridge; and asked the businesses to come and grow with us as we open for business here in Stockbridge.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford expressed his excitement about the City moving forward; referenced the Design Guidelines for Jodeco project and that the citizens will be very proud of the development noting everyone will be able to live work and play right here in Stockbridge, Henry County and not have to travel downtown, as it was proved tonight, it's coming; and the Amphitheater will be the anchor for downtown; and noted that as the City goes through this process, asked that everyone in their own time be prayerful that the Amphitheater will be completed by August 6, 2020 as the City celebrates its 100-year anniversary and imagines the south metro area to be quite celebratory; and asked everyone to keep the faith.

Mayor Ford read the following news & events:

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.

- Youth Council Meeting, Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. - Council Chamber
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m./Levi Meeting Room
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m./Levi Meeting Room
- Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m./Council Chamber
- Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon – Thursday, October 17, 2019 11:00 a.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center, Stockbridge – Registration required. Please contact events@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov
- Breast Cancer Love Walk – Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:00 a.m. Clark Park, Stockbridge. – Registration required. Contact events@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov
- Monthly Bingo Bash Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Ted Strickland Community Center – spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Blount

EARLY VOTING BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 THROUGH FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2019 AT THE STOCKBRIDGE MUNICIPAL COURT 4602 NORTH HENRY BLVD. STOCKBRIDGE AND HENRY COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE 40 ATLANTA ST. MCDONOUGH, GA WHERE VOTERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE BRUNCH BILL REFERENDUM AND THE HENRY COUNTY SPLOST V REFERENDUM.

NOTE: If you choose to vote on Election Day (November 5th), you will be required to vote at your county local polling location to vote on SPLOST V **and** the city polling location at the Municipal Court to vote on City Council candidates and the Brunch Bill.

PLEASE CHECK THE CITY'S WEBSITE cityofstockbridge.com **FOR HOURS AND ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS; FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY HERE AT CITY HALL**

CHECK YOUR VOTING STATUS AND POLLING LOCATION AT:

<https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

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 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.

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

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Robinson/Alexander: Passed 3-0. (Blount/Thomas were not present for the vote).

Motion to reconvene meeting: Robinson/Gantt: Passed 3-0. (Blount/Thomas were not present for the vote).

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Robinson/Thomas: Passed 4-0. (Blount was not present for the vote).