

# *Stockbridge*

## *Bringing People Together*



### **ACTION MINUTES**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Mayor & City Council**

**Mayor Judy Neal**  
**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 **Mayor Pro Tem Ford**

**II.** Invocation **Pastor Ed Galbreath**

**III.** Pledge of Allegiance

| <b>IV.</b> Roll Call  | Present | Absent |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|
| Councilman Alexander  | ___X___ | _____  |
| Councilman Blount     | ___X___ | _____  |
| Mayor Pro Tem Ford    | ___X___ | _____  |
| Councilwoman Gantt    | ___X___ | _____  |
| Councilwoman Robinson | ___X___ | _____  |

**V.** Adoption of the Agenda **Robinson/Alexander: Passed 5-0.**

**VI.** Adoption of Minutes for 10/10/2016, 10/25/2016 SCM, 10/25/2016  
**Gantt/Alexander: Passed 5-0.**

## **CEREMONIAL**

1. Swearing In of Mayor Judy Neal - Administered by: Judge Matthew McCord  
Followed by Mayor Neal's acceptance speech.
2. Letter of Commendation presented by Mayor Neal to Dr. Cathy Mauer of The Kids Specialist Pediatric Group, Stockbridge, GA for the Reach Out and Read Literacy Program.

## **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. Darlene Jackson – Question regarding billing for water services on County Property Tax Statement and billing monthly from the City. Question regarding Public Safety on Property Tax Statement – request details for services.

Mrs. Nancy Strickland – Welcomed new mayor; commended City Manager, Michael Harris; looks forward to the City settling down and getting back to the business of city; loves Stockbridge and is available to help in any way needed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

3. Final Reading and Adoption of Proposed FY2017 Operating Budget  
Motion to hold the Public Hearing and to Table the Adoption of the Proposed FY2017 Budget to be heard on December 27, 2016: Gantt/Alexander: Passed 5-0

Public Hearing:

Name Inaudible – urged the Council to pass a balanced budget.

Nancy Strickland – noted the importance of passing a balanced budget.

Louis Goglia – Questioned if proposed FY2017 Budget included police services.

Shirley Wallace Long – asked for transparency to review the proposed budget.

Clerk noted proposed FY2017 Budget was available in City Hall and online for viewing.

Richard Ordonez – urged the Council to pass a balanced budget.

Public Hearing Closed

4. Main Street Advisory Board Appointments  
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney & Kira Harris-Braggs, Main Street Program Manager  
Motion to extend the acceptance of applications to allow soon to be annexed residents of Carriage Lakes the opportunity to apply and to discuss the applicant appointments in Executive Session: Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.
5. Youth Council Advisory Committee Appointments  
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney

Motion to extend the acceptance of applications to allow soon to be annexed residents of Carriage Lakes and opportunity to apply: Blount/Gantt: Passed 5-0.

6. Ordinance – Banning Smoking in Vehicles Containing Minors  
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney  
Motion to approve: Blount/Gantt Failed: 2-3 (Alexander, Ford, Robinson Opposed)  
Motion to reconsider and bring this item back to the Council on January 9, 2017:  
Ford/Robinson: Passed 5-0.
7. Ordinance – Soil Erosion Control  
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney  
Motion to approve: Gantt/Ford: Passed 5-0.

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

8. Master Trail Plan for the City of Stockbridge  
Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager  
Mr. Harris presented a Draft Overview of the Master Trail Plan: Jaegar Company will come forward with a formal presentation on January 9, 2017.

### **CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

*Michael Harris introduced the new Public Works Director, Decius Aaron.*

### **COUNCIL'S COMMENTS**

*Councilman Alexander invited everyone to attend the Public Safety Town Hall meeting on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Floyd Chapel Baptist Church at 7pm – the thought is to bring meetings to the public rather than coming to City Hall; topics will cover public safety and have an opportunity to ask questions.*

*Councilman Blount noted the Council needs to work from the inside out; prefers to talk to people closest to the problem; thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Mayor Neal; noted Council will work to do the right thing and be good stewards.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Ford thanked the Council and citizens for their support as he served as acting Mayor over the last eleven months; asked everyone to make the effort to support the new Mayor.*

*Councilwoman Gantt wished every Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas; thanked everyone for attending and asked for continued prayers and support; and to be safe.*

*Councilwoman Robinson thanked everyone for coming out; thanked Mayor Pro Tem for his service over the last eleven months; referenced the Council Initiative of distributing coats and gently worn blankets in the Historic Downtown District with the next drop-off location on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Papi's on Rock Quarry Road from 5-7pm; Happy Holidays.*

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

*Mayor Judy Neal thanked everyone for coming out and asked citizens to return to the meetings to be a part of their community.*

*Mayor Neal read the following news and 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](http://www.cityofstockbridge.com), Facebook page or contact City Hall offices at 770.389-7900 for updates and detailed information.

- Public Works Committee Meeting – Thursday, December 15th at 5:00 p.m. in the Patrick Henry Meeting Room – Councilwoman Robinson, Committee Chair.
- Town Hall (Public Safety Committee) – Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Floyd Chapel Baptist Church 104 First St. Stockbridge Councilman Alexander, Committee Chair.
- Special Called Council Meeting – Friday, December 16th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting – Monday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Council Work Session Meeting – Tuesday, December 27th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Community Relations Committee Meeting – Thursday, December 29th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.

**Motion to convene Executive Session for Real Estate: Gantt/Blount: Passed 5-0.**

**Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Robinson/Alexander: Passed 5-0**

**Motion to reconvene Council Meeting: Gantt/Alexander: Passed 5-0**

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