



ACTION MINUTES **COUNCIL MEETING**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 6:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

Mayor Anthony S. Ford
Mayor Pro Tem Alphonso Thomas
Councilman Elton Alexander
Councilwoman Yolanda Barber
Councilman John Blount
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt

Administration

Randy Knighton, City Manager
Camilla Moore Asst. City Mgr./
Community Dev. Director
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 – Mr. Otis Brooks**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call – All members were in attendance**
- V. Motion to adopt the Agenda: Blount/Thomas – Passed 5-0.**
- VI. Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
 1. 1/13/2020 (SCM) 2. 1/13/2020 Gantt/Alexander – 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. **None**

CEREMONIAL REVIEW

- Mayor Ford referenced the City's Finance Team for receiving the GFOA (Georgia Finance Officers Association) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR for FY2018)

- Mayor Ford referenced Cochran Library Branch Manager Jacqueline Johnson and staff who received the Annual Black History Month Proclamation which will be displayed during Black History month.
- Mayor Ford referenced the National Heart Health Month proclamation received by Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Chapter President Debra Abernathy.
- Mayor Ford referenced the Oaths issued to the newly sworn in Youth Council members: Kaycie Bell, Bryce Brown, Aaliyah Lott and Mikyla McCowan

PRESENTATIONS

3. District IV Board of Health Update
Presented by Glenda Scott, Environmental Health Manager
Ms. Scott gave an overview of the role of the County's Environmental Health Department and specifics relating to District IV and distributed Emergency Preparedness Packets to the Mayor & Council.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution appointing the City's Auditors for FY2019 – Mauldin & Jenkins
Presented by John Wiggins -City Treasurer
Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0
5. Council Consideration to approve the City's Street Light Policy.
Presented Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Gantt/Alexander – Passed 4-1 (Barber opposed).
6. Council Consideration to approve the City's revised Municipal Utilities Ordinance – Title 6 of the City's Code of Ordinances
Presented Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.
7. Council Consideration to approve the City's Cross Connection Control Program (Back Flow Prevention)
Presented Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Gantt/Blount – Passed 5-0.
8. Council Consideration to approve the award of the bid for the replacement of the Reeves Creek Trail Bridge to Steele & Associates, ITB 2019-00030 in the amount of \$1,242,094.45
Funding Source: TBD.
Presented Decius Aaron – Public Works Director and Lindell Miller – Procurement Supervisor.
Motion to Table for Retreat: Gantt/Blount – Passed 4-1(Alexander opposed).

9. Council Consideration to approve use of the Merle Manders Conference Center by the Stockbridge High School JROTC on March 20, 2020.
Presented by Mayor Pro Tem Thomas
Motion to approve Thomas/Blount – Passed 5-0.
Lt. Commander Gino Rice of the Stockbridge High School ROTC thanked the Mayor & Council and noted the group's commitment to community service.
10. Council Consideration to approve Key Amendments to the Restated Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement
Presented by City Attorney Michael Williams
Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 4-0-1 (Barber abstained).
11. Council Consideration to support allowing citizens to vote on Casino Gambling.
Presented by City Attorney Michael Williams
Motion to approve Gantt/Alexander – Passed 5-0.
12. Council Consideration to appoint members to the Youth Council Advisory Committee.
Motion to appoint the following members to a two-year term: Pamela Warner, Rosalynd Rawls, Ericka Harvey, Joc'Quelyn Carter, Canton Jones, Bonita Adams and Jonathan Lee-Coley: Gantt/Thomas – Passed 5-0.
13. Council Consideration to appoint members to the Planning Commission.
Motion to Table Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.
- Consensus of the Council to hear Item #16 prior to presumed Executive Session.
- Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Potential Litigation and Real Estate Gantt/Alexander – Passed 5-0.
- Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Gantt/Barber – Passed 5-0.
- Motion to reconvene meeting Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.
14. Council Consideration to appoint members to the Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority.
Motion to Table Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

15. Council Consideration to Reclassify the Procurement Supervisor position, Pay & Reclassification and Organization Chart.
Presented by Renee Wheeler – Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve Barber/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

16. Council opposition of HB302.
Presented by Michael Williams - City Attorney
Attorney Williams referenced previously approved Resolution No. R19-1032 passed by the Council opposing legislation HB302 and the City Clerk was tasked with forwarding copies of the Resolution to the Henry County Legislative Delegation.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford congratulated the ELCA Chargers on the 5th consecutive state championship; congratulated the Kansas City Chiefs for the Superbowl victory; congratulated Eagles Landing High School Track Alumni Devin Dixon on his 800m #3 U.S. History; referenced the upcoming worldwide remembrance on February 24th of Kobe Bryant and all others who recently perished in the helicopter tragedy; wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

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, February 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. - Patrick Henry Meeting Room
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Tuesday, February 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Youth Council Meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. – Levi Meeting Room
- Work Session Meeting Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Planning Commission Meeting Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Let's Paint Social at the Ted Strickland Community Center – Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. – spearheaded by Councilwoman Gantt.

- Annual African American Exhibit – Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Cochran Library– spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomas in partnership with the Henry County Library System.
- Economic Development Business Breakfast Meet & Greet – Wednesday, February 26, 2020 from 7a.m. – 10a.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center. Free to City of Stockbridge Business Owners and/or Operators. Contact
- Bingo Bash February 26, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Merle Manders Center spearheaded by Councilman Blount. Visit the City’s website or Facebook page for dates and information.

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 Mayor Pro Tem Thomas. Contact: LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Monthly Bingo Bash from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Merle Manders Center spearheaded by Councilman 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.
- 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 Councilman Blount. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

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

