



COUNCIL RETREAT
Action Minutes
February 19, 2020
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 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 Assistant City Manager/Community Dev. Director
Decius Aaron Public Works Director
Vanessa Holiday City Clerk
John Wiggins City Treasurer
Michael Williams City Attorney

- 1. Call to Order – Mayor Ford**
- 2. Invocation – Mayor Ford**
- 3. Pledge**
- 4. Roll Call - All members were present**
- 5. Adoption of the Agenda – Thomas/Blount – Passed 5-0.**



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DAY THREE AGENDA

Facilitated by Randy Knighton – City Manager

Recap of Day Two

Mr. Knighton recapped Day Two noting the significant number of rainy days that have delayed the Amphitheater construction project, the ancillary cost of furnishings and fixtures for the Amphitheater, TSW's report of the Cultural Arts Center and revision, Dr. Watkins' updated Police Feasibility report where the Council asked for more detailed numbers and further discussion; Falcon Design's North and South Lee Street realignment, the Alleyway Project, Country Club Drive analysis, and lowering the speed limit on Country Club Drive from 35 to 25, and adding a Flashing Light to slow down in the area of Atlanta Heart medical office.

Water/Sewer Infrastructure Projects

Mr. Aaron noted the Wastewater Treatment Plant was the City's first major Infrastructure project in a number of years; noted Stormwater repairs were being made and utilizing Stormwater Fund Balance; noted the new Public Works Facility construction was in progress; noted the City's Water Superintendent has 30 years of experience and is putting a Plan of Action in place for the City's water system; referenced the City's aggressive paving and resurfacing schedule; noted the need to add parking at Memorial Park; consensus of the Council to use SPLOST IV funds to make repairs to Reeves Creek Trail; and apply for CDBG Grant for sidewalks.

Railroad Crossing/Quiet Zone

Mr. Knighton referenced conversation with Connor Poe of Norfolk Southern regarding the Quiet Zone and the railroad is willing to work with the City; and discussed the scenario to the potential closing of the Nolan Street crossing - Community Town Hall set for March 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center to discuss.

Sanitation & Fee Schedules

Ms. Moore reviewed the Impact Fees noting the split between Residential Fees (for Parks) and Commercial Fees (for Roads). Mr. Aaron noted the Sanitation and Stormwater Fee Schedule would be placed on the April Agenda for Council Consideration.

Towing & Parking Update

Ms. Moore presented the Towing/Parking updated as previously discussed at a prior meeting and presented a timeline for implementation.

Councilwoman Gantt exited the meeting.

Motion to approve Swanson Towing for the City's Towing & Wrecker Services with postcards to notify the public via a postcard mailout and a 60-day warning notice time frame, with a six-month trial period to be followed up by a community town hall to evaluate the program:

Alexander/Thomas – passed 3-0-1 (Blount abstained).

SDS Update

Mr. Jack Wilson of Robert Jackson Wilson PC represents the City of Stockbridge with the SDS negotiations between the City of Stockbridge and Henry County and gave an overview of the process noting the City has not signed the agreement and noted those services not utilized by the City would receive millage rollbacks and noted the City of Stockbridge residents should receive the same services as unincorporated residents.

Strategic Planning

Mr. Knighton presented an overview of the 7 Elements of a Strategic Plan: Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Core Values, SWOT Analysis, Long-Term Goals, Yearly Objectives and Action Plans.

Executive Session – none.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Thomas/Alexander - Passed 4-0.