



Where Community Connects

ACTION MINUTES

WORK SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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 – Charles Marshall**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Roll Call – All members present**
- V. **Motion to adopt the Agenda: Blount/Alexander – Passed 5-0.**
- VI. **Review of the Minutes for the following meeting:**
 1. 1/28/2020 **No Action**

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. Charles Marshall thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak about a newly formed group called the Henry County Coalition Committee that has been established to better inform and educate elected officials to the residents' needs in order to effectively influence actions impacting the well-being of North/Central Henry County in making it a better place to live, work and play.

Mr. Marshall was extended additional time to speak about the desire for a full-service hotel, corporate and regional business offices, and upscale housing at Bridges of Jodeco.

Mr. Marshall thanked Councilman Alexander for his beautification efforts and noted there needed to be more involvement from the neighborhood HOA's; and referenced a recent visit to a smaller city with nice amenities and attractions, and stated the City could do that and more here as well.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Marshall if he had met with the City Manager to discuss these items noting, much of what is being stated is already on the City's radar.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas noted Public Comments was not the appropriate format for Mr. Marshall to make a presentation and asked that he reach out to the City Manager and City Clerk for guidance on meeting presentations.

Mr. Marshall noted he would be submitting information to the Clerk to be sent to the Mayor & Council about the group.

OLD BUSINESS

2. 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: SPLOST IV
Presented Decius Aaron – Public Works Director and
Lindell Miller – Procurement Supervisor.
Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.
3. Council Consideration to approve the Annual 2019-2024 (STWP) Short-Term Work Program & (CIE) Capital Improvement Element Update Final Approval.
Presented by Camilla Moore – Community Development Director
Gantt/Alexander – Passed 4-0-1 (Barber abstained)
4. Council Consideration to appoint members to the Planning Commission.
Presented by Michael Williams – City Attorney
Item to be heard following Executive Session.
5. Council Consideration to appoint members to the Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority.
Presented by Michael Williams – City Attorney
Item to be heard following Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to approve the purchase and installation of VM Air Watch Information Technology Mobile Device Security and Management Software in the amount of \$27,674.44. Funding Source: General Fund
Presented by Recardo Tucker – IT Project Manager
Blount/Gant – Passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford referenced the City's recent Retreat and noted it to be very productive and the City is making good progress; asked everyone to be safe for Mardi Gras; and noted the new polling location at the Merle Manders Conference Center where Early Voting will begin on Monday, March 2nd.

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.

- Planning Commission Meeting Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting *Saturday*, March 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Merle Manders Conference Center.
- Council Meeting Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. - Patrick Henry Meeting Room
- Town Hall – Topic: Norfolk Southern Railroad – Nolan Street Closing Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
- Youth Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. – Levi Meeting Room
- Planning Commission Meeting Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Work Session Meeting Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber

UPCOMING EVENT(S) & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- Women's History Month Annual Celebration, Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Center spearheaded by Councilman Alexander.

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.
- Quarterly Homeowners and Neighborhood Association RoundTable – spearheaded by Councilman Blount. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Motion to reconvene the meeting: Gantt/Alexander – Passed 5-0.

Motion to appoint David B. Planchon to the Planning Commission – Two-year term
Thomas/Alexander – Passed 5-0.

Motion to appoint Renee Shaw, Arthur Christian, LaSonya Cato and Seymour Reid to the Downtown Development Authority - Four-year term: Gantt/Thomas – Passed 5-0.

Motion to amend the Agenda to reconsider Resolution No. R20-1154 regarding Parking/Towing Services: Barber/Thomas – Passed 3-1-1 (Alexander Opposed, Blount Abstained).

Motion to reconsider Resolution No. R20-1154 regarding Parking/Towing Services for the City: Barber/Gantt – Passed 4-1 (Alexander Opposed).

Motion to approve Swanson Towing for the City's Wrecker & Towing Services: Passed 4-0-1 (Blount abstained).

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