



Where Community Connects

ACTION MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 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 – Arthur Christian
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call – All present except Councilwoman Gantt
- V. Motion to amend the Agenda to add a Resolution to Oppose HB937:
Blount/Thomas – Passed 4-0.
- VI. Adoption of the Minutes for the following meeting:
 1. 1/28/2020 Motion to approve Blount/Alexander – Passed 4-0.

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.

Ms. Mildred E. Reed raised concerns of a newly publicized Town Hall and the proposed closing of the Nolan Street railroad crossing by Norfolk Southern; noted the tremendous negative impact this would be on the community, and asked what would be the benefit? Ms. Reed also noted the RSVP plan that was approved 2 years ago with no action to date.

Mr. Bennett Bryan introduced himself and thanked the governing body and for the work of elected officials, and noted he was a candidate for a position on the Georgia Supreme Court.

Mayor Ford reviewed following ceremonial items:

Mayor Ford read the Women's History Month Proclamation and Women City Staff in attendance received replicas of the proclamation.

Swearing In – Planning Commission Member – David Planchon

Swearing In – Downtown Development Authority Members – Arthur Christian

Swearing In – Youth Council Advisory Committee Members – Bonita Adams, Jonathan Lee-Coley, Rosalynd Rawls, Joc'Quelyn Carter, Ericka Harvey and Canton Jones

Councilman Alexander thanked the Annual Women's History Month Steering Committee

for the hard work and dedication – and Mayor Ford presented the Annual Women's

History Month Proclamation to Dr. Amanda Phillips of Eagle's Landing OB GYN for her

generosity of paying off the past due lunch balances of 12 of 13 schools in Henry County.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Council Consideration to approve Change Order #1 for the Public Works Facility for additional excavation and subgrade stabilization in the amount of \$155,343.90 Funding Source SPLOST Presented Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Blount/Thomas – Passed 4-0.

Councilwoman Gantt joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Council Consideration to approve the Annual Back-to-School Initiative to a City Event in the amount of \$10,000.00 Funding Source: Contingency. Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager
Motion to approve in the amount of \$5,000 made by Barber; motion failed for lack of a 2nd.
Motion to approve in the amount of \$10,000 Blount/Alexander – Passed 5-0.
4. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution opposing HB937(formerly HB302). Presented by Michael Williams – City Attorney
Motion to approve Thomas/Alexander – Passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford referenced March as Women's History Month and noted women are influential in the community every day, every month and thanked all the women for all they do; noted his recent trip to Macon, GA where the Dutchtown Bulldogs Boys Basketball Team captured the school's first State 5AAAAA Championship and offered congratulations, noting he was especially proud as his daughter is an alumni; asked everyone to keep the faith as the City continues to move things forward; referenced the Coronavirus outbreak and asked everyone to be safe, wash your hands, stay home if you are sick and use hand sanitizer; and referenced a community meeting taking place at Sylvain's on Hwy. 42 on March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 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

- Bingo Bash March 25, 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.
- Quarterly Homeowners and Neighborhood Association RoundTable – spearheaded by Councilman Blount. Contact LaQuinda Jackson @ 678-833-3348 for more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION



EARLY VOTING AT THE MERLE MANDERS CONFERENCE CENTER

2-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
3-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
4-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
5-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
6-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
9-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
10-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
11-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
12-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
13-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 8am – 5pm
14-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL - SATURDAY 9AM -4PM
15-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL - SUNDAY 1PM - 5PM
16-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 7am – 7pm
17-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 7am – 7pm
18-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 7am – 7pm
19-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 7am – 7pm
20-Mar	EARLY VOTING- MMCC - LOWER LEVEL 7am – 7pm
24-Mar	ELECTION DAY 7AM - 7PM - MMCC - POLLING PRECINCT FOR STOCKBRIDGE CENTRAL