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ACTION MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING (Via Zoom)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 20 6:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

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

Administration

Randy Knighton, City Manager
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk
John Wiggins, City Treasurer
Michael Williams, City Attorney
Decius Aaron, Public Works Dir.

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 - Randy Knighton**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call - All members in attendance for roll call except Councilman Alexander.**
- V. Motion to amend the Agenda to discuss the City's Organizational Chart: Gantt/Blount - The motion failed.**

Motion adopt the Agenda: Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.
- VI. Review of the Minutes for the following meetings - No Action**

1. 09/09/2020 2. 09/15/2020 3. 09/17/2020 4. 09/18/2020

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. Eileen Thorne, 17-year Business Owner of SPN Herbs Health and Wellness, Stockbridge, GA submitted a comment regarding like businesses such as hers being in close proximity of each other.

Mayor Ford asked the City Manager to follow up with Ms. Thorne's concerns.

MAYOR'S VETO

5. a. Mayor's Veto of Ordinance No. OR20-481: Proposed amendment to the Procurement Ordinance.
Presented by Mayor Anthony S. Ford

Mayor Ford referenced the veto of Ordinance No. OR20-481 read the veto message into the record:

October 16, 2020

To: Mayor Pro Tem Alphonso Thomas
Councilman Elton Alexander
Councilwomen Yolanda Barber
Councilman John Blount
Councilwomen LaKeisha Gantt
Via: Ms. Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Stockbridge City Hall
4640 North Henry Boulevard
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281

Re: Veto Message

Dear Council Members:

I hereby exercise my Veto authority pursuant to Section 3.23 of our City Charter. I am applying the Veto to the Procurement Ordinance that was passed during our monthly City Council Meeting October 12, 2020, which was requiring an extension of time in procurement matters where less than three bids or proposals are required.

I truly support the procurement goal of obtaining at least three bids for all our City solicitations, but I am extremely concerned about the proposed changes in the previous mentioned Procurement Ordinance unnecessarily complicates our procurement process where potential contractors will be reluctant to submit bids once we make a change to extend the bid process after the bidding process opens.

I also believe the three Sections in question imposes an unnecessary requirement that could result in increased costs to our City.

Please feel to contact me; if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Anthony S. Ford
Mayor

b. Council Consideration to approve a Resolution amending the Procurement Policy requiring a minimum of (3) three bids submitted to the Council and extending if (3) bids are not received; and after due diligence, resubmitting to the Council all bids received showing due diligence for approval. .

Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney

Motion to approve: Barber/Alexander - Passed 3-0 (Blount/Gantt opposed).

OLD BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration appoint members and activate the City's Development Authority Board.

Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney

Item to be heard following Executive Session. No Action.

7. Council Consideration to approve the ranking of the qualified firms for RFP 2020-0019, Landscape Maintenance Services; High Grove Partners LLC @ \$88,732.00 and Woods Total Lawn Care @ \$51,495.00
Funding Source: General Fund

Presented by Lindell Miller, Purchasing Manager and Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Motion to Table: Alexander/Barber Pass3d 3-1-1 (Gantt opposed, Blount abstained).

NEW BUSINESS

8. Council Consideration to award a bid selection for Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) services in the amount of \$1,199,263.27 to Blount Construction Co., LLC. Funding Source: GDOT Grant in the amount of \$291,306.61 and Fund Balance in the amount of \$907,956.66
Presented by Lindell Miller, Purchasing Manager and Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Motion to approve: Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.

9. Council Consideration to approve Pond Company Change Order#2 for the New Public Works Facility in the amount of \$57,576.91. Funding Source: SPLOST

Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Motion to approve: Gantt/Barber Passed 4-0-1 (Alexander abstained).

10. Council Consideration to approve Stockbridge Youth Council Rebranding Proposal.

Presented by Ericka Harvey, Youth Council Advisory Committee Chair

Motion to approve Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.

11. Council Consideration to amend the Youth Council application to include students who attend Dutchtown, Eagle's Landing, Stockbridge, Union Grove, Woodland and Henry County Private schools as members of the Stockbridge Youth Council.

Presented by Ericka Harvey, Youth Council Advisory Committee Chair

Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.

12. Council Consideration to approve use of the Merle Manders on November 21, 2020 for a Drive-By Turkey Give-Away in partnership with State Representative Demetrius Douglas.
Presented by Mayor Ford
Motion to Table: Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.
13. Council Consideration to amend the City's Proclamation Policy.
Presented by City Attorney, Michael Williams
Motion to Table: Alexander/Thomas Passed 3-2 (Blount/Gantt opposed).
14. Council Consideration to approve the FY2021 Insurance and Benefits Renewal with Cigna in the amount of \$1,891,523.00. Funding Source: General Fund
Presented by Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve Gantt/Thomas Passed 5-0.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

15. Council Discussion to include the Juneteenth Holiday with the list of paid holidays beginning FY2021.
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager
Motion to approve Juneteenth as a paid holiday for the City beginning June 2021: Thomas/Alexander Passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford reminded everyone that we are living in a pandemic and encouraged everyone to wear mask, use hand sanitizer, wash your hands and social distance; noted the Department of Health, District 4 Free COVID testing days and hours have been revised as follows: Monday - Friday 9am - 2pm and on Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 9am - noon, due to the change in weather; noted the inaugural Breast Cancer Awareness Convoy was a huge success and encouraged everyone to get their mammogram for early detection; noted this week is the last week for Early Voting taking place at the Merle Manders Conference Center, the Henry County Elections Office, J P Moseley, and the Fairview Recreation Center, along with other locations in the county from 7am - 7pm, with Election Day on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Motion to Reconsider Item #13: Alexander/Barber Passed 3-2 (Blount/Gantt opposed).

Motion to approve amendment of the policy allowing Council to appeal proclamations denied by the Mayor: Alexander/Barber Passed 3-2 (Blount/Gantt opposed).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meeting will be held via Zoom until further notice. 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.

- City Council Meeting – Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Via Zoom
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, Friday, November 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom
- Youth Council Advisory Meeting, Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Public Hearing – First Reading of the Proposed FY2021 Operating Budget
Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Via Zoom
- Public Hearing – Second Reading of the Proposed FY2021 Operating Budget
Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Via Zoom
- Public Hearing – Adoption of Proposed FY2021 Operating Budget
Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Via Zoom

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session: Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.

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

Motion to Adjourn: Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.

ZOOM INVITATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. PRIOR TO THE MEETING: <https://stockbridge.seamlessdocs.com/f/20pkdz4mo7xb>

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Nov 9, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Stockbridge City Council Meeting & Public Hearing 11-9-2020

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85802930045?pwd=VG9iTm9SeE1sLzZhQTBRYXB6TXR5QT09>

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