



ACTION MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 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
 John Wiggins, City Treasurer
 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. Zoom Meeting Information - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85802930045?>
- II. Call to Order - Mayor Ford
- III. Invocation - Councilman Blount
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance - All in unison
- V. Roll Call - All members present
- VI. Motion to amend the Agenda: To add Free Turkey Distribution & Food Drive Event at the MMCC on Nov. 21st from 10am - noon: Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.
- VII. Approval the Minutes for the following meetings: Barber/Alexander Passed 5-0.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS must be submitted no later than one hour prior to the meeting. Please Visit the City's website under the Clerk's Page to complete the Public Comment Form. <https://stockbridge.seamlessdocs.com/f/20pkdz4mo7xb>

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. **There were no Public Comments.**

PROJECT UPDATE

5. Amphitheater Construction Update

Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager, Carl Trevathan - Keck & Wood - Project Manager, and Kirk Voelkel, H J Russell Construction Co. Project Manager

Mr. Voelkel presented a video of the Amphitheater progress and gave an overview with an estimated completion date on the Amphitheater structure of February 2021; and landscaping, roads, ponds, and interior finishes of May 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. First Reading of the Proposed FY2021 Operating Budget

Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager and John Wiggins - City Treasurer

Mr. Knighton presented the Proposed FY2021 Budget noting this was the First Reading with the 2nd Reading scheduled for November 24th and the Final Reading and Adoption scheduled for December 14th; noted the Budget reflects the City's Vision and Mission Statements; presented the budget at \$12.8 million dollars, noting the budget had been reduced by \$2 million dollars from what was presented at the Retreat with a proposed additional Code Enforcement Officer and placeholder positions for Building Inspections, Building Permit Clerk and Civil Engineer (P/T) should the City choose to go in the direction of bringing the positions in-house; added (6) Additional Public Works Technicians, and (2) Stormwater Technicians from Stormwater; proposed \$12,500 for the inaugural Juneteenth Holiday celebration; and noted there were more modifications and reductions to the FY2021 budget to come.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas recommended the 3rd Code Enforcement Officer be a Supervisor Position for much needed oversight, and work in the field; Councilwoman Barber agreed.

Councilman Alexander reiterated the budget should reflect the needs of the City and asked Mr. Knighton if he had everything he needed.

Mr. Knighton stated the budget has everything needed to operate the City and noted additional cuts will be made prior to the adoption on December 14th.

Public Hearing Opened

Mr. Knighton read a comment from Facebook asking for more accountability regarding Code Enforcement.

No Speakers in Favor or Opposed

The Public Hearing was Closed.

Mayor Ford noted the next Public Hearing will take place on November 24th for the Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Council Consideration to approve Capital Projects Bonding
Presented by Randy Knighton- City Manager, Ed Wall – Financial Advisor
There was a consensus of the Council to bring the item back to the November 24th Work Session meeting with more information on the cost to complete the Amphitheater, the roads, ponds, landscaping, and fixtures to make a decision on bonding.
8. Council Consideration to approve Falcon Design Task Order No. 2020.11 the Smith-Barnes Sewer Main and Force Main Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$62,500.00. Funding Source: Sewer Dept. Fund Balance.
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.
9. Council Consideration to approve the request authorizing the use of \$120,000 from the Sanitation Division Fund Balance to cover Increased Landfill Disposal Costs. Funding Source: Sanitation Fund Balance
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.
10. Council Consideration to amend the Water, Sewer, Sanitation and Stormwater Fee Schedule. Effective November 9, 2020.
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Barber/Alexander Passed 5-0.
11. Council Consideration to approve RFP No. 2020-0007P for (14) Tractors and Mowers - State of Georgia Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000102 in the amount of \$111,212.28. Funding Source: Public Works, Water and Sewer Department Budgets.
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.
12. Council Consideration to approve the City's 2021 Holiday Calendar.
Presented by Renee Wheeler – Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.
13. Council Consideration to approve the free Turkey Giveaway, Food Drive, Masks & Hand Sanitizer distribution and free Flu Shots to take place on Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 10am - noon.
Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

14. Council Discussion of the PATH Foundation Master Agreement
Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager
Motion to approve Thomas/Gantt Passed 5-0.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford noted COVID cases have increased in Georgia and asked that everyone be careful and mindful, especially during the upcoming holidays; noted Pfizer has a potential vaccine on the horizon and would be set to distribute to the sickest individuals first; noted the Department of Health Free COVID testing phone number 800-847-4262 and hours this week: Mon - Fri 9am -2pm and next week 10am - 3pm; wished Happy Veterans Day to all the veterans and asked everyone to joined the City's virtual celebration on November 11th; congratulated all the winners of the November 3rd election cycle, and offered special congratulations to President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris; noted the date to register for the Special Election in Georgia for two senate seats is December 7th; Early Voting will take place between December 14th and the Special Election Day is January 5th for the Run-off election for two Senate seats here in Georgia.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

- 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
- Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday November 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom
- City Council Meeting – Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Via Zoom

Join Stockbridge Councilwoman Yolanda Barber on Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Ted Strickland Community Center for her Community Blood Drive. For more information, please call Zenovia Pearson at (404) 565-5109.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Public Hearing – Planning Commission Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:30 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
- Public Hearing – Rezoning Case No. RZ2020-02 Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Via Zoom

All City Offices will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Motion to adjourn Thomas/Alexander Passed 3-1-1 (Blount opposed, Gantt abstained).