

Stockbridge

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ACTION MINUTES WORK SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Mayor & City Council

**Mayor Judy Neal
Mayor Pro Tem Anthony S. Ford
Councilman Elton Alexander
Councilman John Blount
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt
Councilwoman Neat Robinson**

Administration

**Michael Harris, City Manager
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Williams, City Attorney**

- | <p>I. Call to Order</p> <p>II. Invocation - Mayor Neal</p> <p>III. Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Georgia flag</p> <p>IV. Roll Call</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;"></th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Present</th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Absent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Councilman Alexander</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___X___</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councilman Blount</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___X___</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mayor Neal</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___X___</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mayor Pro Tem Ford</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___X___</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councilwoman Gantt</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___X___</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councilwoman Robinson</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___X___</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>V. Adoption of the Agenda- Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0</p> <p>VI. Review of Minutes for 11/14/2016, 11/29/2016 - No action taken</p> | | Present | Absent | Councilman Alexander | ___X___ | _____ | Councilman Blount | ___X___ | _____ | Mayor Neal | ___X___ | _____ | Mayor Pro Tem Ford | ___X___ | _____ | Councilwoman Gantt | ___X___ | _____ | Councilwoman Robinson | ___X___ | _____ | |
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| | Present | Absent | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Councilman Alexander | ___X___ | _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Councilman Blount | ___X___ | _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mayor Neal | ___X___ | _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mayor Pro Tem Ford | ___X___ | _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Councilwoman Gantt | ___X___ | _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Councilwoman Robinson | ___X___ | _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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.

Robert West-congratulated Mayor Neal on her win; expressed his dissatisfaction with how Food Truck Tuesday was handled with his ice cream business "French Quarters Ice Cream"; and mentioned he was told his business is not welcomed in the City.

Melinda West- also expressed her dissatisfaction with Food Truck Tuesday and explained how her and her husband was escorted out of Food Truck Tuesday by police officers due to not having a food truck. Mrs. West also included her and her husband where treated like "thugs" after getting necessary documents to be a part of Food Truck Tuesday.

Mayor Neal thanked the West's for coming and expressing their concerns and mentioned their comments will go before the committee for Food Truck Tuesday.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

Final Reading and Adoption of Proposed FY2017 Operating Budget

Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager & Linda Nabers

No Public Hearing was held

Motion to allow Mayor Pro Tem Ford to have additional speaking time:
Alexander/Blount; Passed 5-0

Motion to approve FY2017 budget without including Land Acquisition in the amount of \$904,500: Alexander/No Second; Motion Failed

Motion to accept the recommendations and revisit the items that will be removed:
Blount/Gantt Passed 3-1-1 (Alexander Opposed) (Ford abstained)

1. Main Street Advisory Board Appointments

Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager & Lisa Fareed-Muhammad,
Main Street Program Assistant

Appointments made during Executive Session

NEW BUSINESS

2. Main Street Advisory Board By-Laws Update

Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager & Lisa Fareed-Muhammad,
Main Street Program Assistant

Motion to approve revised Main Street Board By-Laws: Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Michael Harris congratulated Sargent Webster on receiving a Chief Award for Henry County from the Henry County Police Department.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for coming out and expressed there is still time to apply to Boards and Commission positions; wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Councilman Blount thanked everyone for attending and wishes everyone a safe holiday; 2017 will be an awesome year for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ford thanked everyone for being engaged; wishes everyone a happy New Year and stated 2017 will be a prosperous year; will also see improvements with the Downtown area and Economic Development with the intent in making the City the best City in the State.

Councilwoman Gantt explained citizens can access forms and look at the criteria in regards to food truck, with the main criteria having to own a food truck with a specialized item; residents of Stockbridge or Henry County are priorities with food truck; also thanked everyone for their continued support and prayers and expressed to citizens to reach out with any questions they may have; also excited with having a new team.

Councilwoman Robinson thanked colleagues for the great dialogue and wishes everyone a merry Christmas and happy new years.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Neal welcomed everyone and encourages citizens to bring one person with them the next time they attend a Council Meeting to fill up the room.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

All meetings 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.

- All City offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of New Year's Day. City services will resume at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.
- Council Meeting – Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting - Friday, January 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- All City offices will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. City services will resume at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

- Stockbridge Zoning Advisory Board Meeting – Thursday, January 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting – Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Council Work Session – Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

Motion to consider appointments in Executive Session: Alexander/ Mayor Pro Tem Ford Passed 3-2

Motion to end Executive Session: Robinson/Gantt Passed 5-0

Motion to reconvene back into regular meeting: Robinson/Blount Passed 5-0

Motion to recommend appointing Anika Potts (2 yr. term), Ebony Gurndy (2 yr. term), Lea Sanders (2 yr. term) and Donald Gordon (2 yr. term) to the Main Street Board:

Mayor Pro Tem Ford/ Gantt Passed 5-0

Adjourn