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ACTION MINUTES

WORK SESSION MEETING (VIA ZOOM)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 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
John Wiggins, City Treasurer

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 – **Councilman Alexander**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call – **All members were present**
- V. Adoption of the Agenda - **Motion to amend the Agenda adding a Resolution for Council Consideration of a Juneteenth City Holiday; Resolution in support of HB1249, and to hear Item #5 for DDA Appointments following Executive Session: Thomas/Alexander – Passed 5-0.**
- VI. Review of the Minutes for the following meetings:
 1. 5/11/2020
 2. 5/25/2020 **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. **No Public Comments**

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Council Consideration/Discussion - Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) Agreement between the City of Stockbridge and Henry County
Presented by Randy Knighton City Manager and Attorney Jack Wilson
No Speakers in Favor – No Speakers Opposed
Public Hearing Continued to July 13, 2020 Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to award Landscaping contract – RFP No. 2020-00013.
Presented by Lindell Miller Procurement Manager and Decius Aaron Public Works Director
Motion to Reject and Re-bid the Landscaping bids and bring back to the Council in the next 45 days and include accounts serviced by bidders: Alexander/Barber – Passed 5-0.
5. Council Consideration to approve the City's recognition and celebration of June 19th (Juneteenth) as a City holiday beginning June 19, 2021.
Presented by Mayor Pro Tem Thomas
Motion to approve Thomas/Barber – Passed 5-0.
6. Council Consideration to support HB1249 an Act for Local Legislation – referendum to authorize redevelopment powers – establish Tax Allocation Districts.
Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve Alexander/Thomas – Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

7. Council Discussion of the Henry County TSPLOST Referendum on the November 3, 2020 Ballot
Presented by Randy Knighton City Manager
Joint Meeting with Henry County and cities of Hampton, McDonough, Locust Grove and Stockbridge on June 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Location: Henry Parkway McDonough, GA 30253.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford extended Happy Belated Father's Day wishes to all the fathers; noted there is still a pandemic with no vaccination yet, and asked everyone to continue to wear face coverings, continue the 6' social distancing, get tested, and contact the Department of Health at 1-800-847-4262, noting the Heritage Senior Center as a testing site, and also cautioning the young and millennial citizens that they can and are becoming ill with this virus; noted the City plans to re-open to the public on June 29, 2020 where face coverings will be required for city public facilities and 6' social distance requirement.

Mayor Ford read the City's proclamation that included the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in its entirety; noted Juneteenth is also referred to as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day and the Black Fourth of July noting the Emancipation Proclamation was read in Galveston, TX on June 19, 1865, two years after the end of slavery as had been presented by President Abraham Lincoln; and noted the states of Texas, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York are the only states that celebrate Juneteenth as a paid holiday; noted the states of Hawaii, North Dakota and South Dakota do not recognize Juneteenth at all whereas all other 47 states do.

Mayor Ford noted the recent protests and encouraged everyone who plans to protest against police brutality and racism, as this is wrong, to continue to do so peacefully, noting black lives do matter; asked that all continue to put the pressure on the legislatures to act.

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, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Council Meeting Monday July 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom

CITY EVENTS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

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

Councilwoman Gantt exited Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Alexander/Barber Passed 4-0.

- 8 Council Consideration to fill vacancies and appoint members to the Downtown Development Authority.
Motion to appoint Barbara Richardson and Maxwell Sears as members to the Downtown Development Authority – Passed 3-1 (Blount opposed).

Motion to adjourn Thomas/Barber Passed 3-0 (Blount was not present for the vote).

