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ACTION MINUTES
WORK SESSION
COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 6:00 P.M. (VIA ZOOM)

Mayor & City Council

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

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 – Randy Knighton**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call – All members were present**
- V. Motion to adopt the Agenda: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0**
- VI. Approval of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
 - 1. 2/10/2020 2. 2/17/2020 3. 2/18/2020 4. 2/19/2020 5. 2/25/2020
 - 6. 3/24/2020 **Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0**

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. Sunny Randazzo submitted a Public Comment expressing concerns over the construction noise and cost of the Amphitheater project.

New Business

7. Council Consideration to approve Re-certification as a Georgia Municipal Association City of Ethics.
Presented by Michael Williams – City Attorney
Motion to approve: Thomas/Alexander – Passed 5-0.
8. Council Consideration to support H.R. 6467, the Coronavirus Community Relief Act.
Presented by Michael Williams – City Attorney
Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

Discussion

9. Amphitheater Construction Update.
Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager & Camilla Moore – Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director
There was a review of the Amphitheater project meeting notes; pictures of the construction site; and an aerial view of the project; Phase I of Ground Penetration complete without findings on the former Hightower property, Phase II to follow; noted consensus approval of the tear-down and rebuild of the E. Atlanta Rd. property; noted consensus approval of selling pavers for the Amphitheater; Community Development to provide the Clerk's office with documentation and approval of the tear down and rebuild of the E. Atlanta Rd. property and documentation and approval of the pavers to be sold, noting Mayor Ford was given a confirmation from Attorney Williams that the request was in order. Mayor Pro Tem Thomas requested an electronic and printed copy of the report.

Comments from the Mayor

Mayor Ford referenced the NFL Draft and congratulated Antonio Gibson, a graduate of Eagle's Landing School on being drafted to the Washington Redskins; noted Henry County had 483 confirmed coronavirus cases and 11 deaths; noted the symptoms and stated that if you feel ill, you should not go to the ER but to rather contact your physician or the county Health Department and to call 844-442-2681 or 866-782-4584 to be assigned a PUI # to get tested; noted it is anticipated that the Henry County numbers may go up; noted the City of Stockbridge recently passed a Resolution opposing Governor's Kemp's order to re-open non-essential businesses and asked everyone to be safe, recommending everyone wear masks and continue social distancing, and referenced contact tracing investigations going into effect.

Mayor Ford noted upcoming meetings and/or cancellations; noted the next scheduled City Council meeting date is May 11, 2020; and referenced the upcoming voting schedule with early voting dates and locations.

Motion to adjourn

Thomas/Blount – Passed 5-0.