



ACTION MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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/89385599006?pwd=azFYNnMwd0dERDV0bDB6MXJqUEhwZz09>
Passcode: 262217
- II. **Call to Order – Mayor Ford**
- III. **Roll Call – All members were present**
- IV. **Invocation – Mayor Ford**
- V. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- VI. **Motion to amend the Agenda: Table Item#6 and Item #13 and Remove Item #14 and Add Item #16 to Confirm the Economic Development Director. Thomas/Alexander Passed 5-0.**
- VII. **Approval of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
 - 1. 07/13/2020 2. 07/28/2020 3. 09/29/2020 4. 10/12/2020 5. 10/27/2020
 - Motion to approve Blount/Alexander 4-0-1 (Gantt abstained noting her absence from a meeting).**

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.

CEREMONIAL – **Proclamation** – Henry School Heroes Day in Henry County Schools!
 Mayor Ford read the proclamation acknowledging the challenges and successes of the Henry County Schools administration, staff, and students during virtual learning due to COVID-19.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to approve the purchase of 2021 Kenworth VacCon Truck from MHC Kenworth of Atlanta. The GA Dept. of Administration Services awarded the Statewide contract to MHC Kenworth of Atlanta, contract no. 99999-001-SPD00000155 FOR Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies in the amount of \$406,922.00. Funding Source: Water & Sewer Fund Balance.
 Presented by Decius Aaron
 Item Tabled
7. Council Consideration to approve the Revised Council Initiatives Calendar for 2021.
 Presented by Zenovia Pearson
 Motion to approve Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Third Reading & Adoption of the Proposed FY2021 Operating Budget
 Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager and John Wiggins - City Treasurer
 Mr. Knighton noted this to be the Third Reading & Final Adoption of the Proposed FY2021 Operating Budget; noted there have been small revisions since the 2nd Reading and that the budget presented coincides with the City's Vision, Mission and Core Values; noted the added positions in Public Works, an additional Code Enforcement Officer, and the Juneteenth celebration with an allotment of \$12,500 and a 4th of July celebration of \$10,000 to be added to City Events.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas motioned to amend the proposed budget with the proposed 3rd Code Enforcement Officer be a Supervisor position, amending the Organizational Chart and Pay & Classification to reflect the position; second by Councilwoman Barber.

Councilman Blount opposed the change stating there had not be prior discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas noted the Code Enforcement Supervisor position had been discussed at the September Budget Retreat, and at the November 9th Council meeting, and with the City Manager. The motion passed 4-1 (Blount opposed).

Mr. Knighton noted \$10 - \$15,000 would be added to the budget to cover the additional salary for the position, as this was in line with other supervisor roles within the City.

Councilwoman Barber motion to approve a Procurement Director position and amending the Organizational Chart and Pay & Classification to reflect the position; second by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Blount disagreed with the proposed position noting there had not been discussions with the City Manager, the Mayor or with all members of the Council prior to the meeting.

Councilwoman Gantt agreed with Councilman Blount and suggested further discussions take place in Executive Session.

Councilman Alexander noted the Council meetings were for transparent discussions and brainstorming and noted the City needs to be staffed to protect the City.

Councilwoman Barber noted the importance of having key positions filled as the City moves progressively forward, and a Director is a role that we desperately need, referencing the Task Item on the Agenda that speaks to the request for the need to have a Procurement Director and noting the position of Procurement Specialist was approved in 2019 and not filled to date.

Councilwoman Gantt suggested there must be a reason the position has not been filled and asked that personnel matters be discussed in Executive Session.

Councilman Blount agreed, and noted Ms. Miller has been a professional in her role as Procurement Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas noted the Council's duty is to identify any shortcomings, have those addressed and corrected.

Councilman Alexander withdrew his 2nd on the motion and made a motion to task the City Manager and HR Manager to review a Procurement Director position and bring back data in 60 days to allow the Council to have a full discussion of the entire procurement process and staffing to include the Treasurer, John Wiggins; second by Mayor Pro Tem Thomas.

Councilwoman Barber rescinded her original motion and disagreed with the 60-day allowance and preferred 30 days to complete the task.

Councilman Alexander agreed with 30 days.

Councilwoman Gantt stated that she had not been made aware of the issues with Procurement; and asked that it be placed in the record that there were no problems with Procurement until this year.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas clarified that his statement was “if” there are issues, they need to be addressed.

The Clerk asked if the matter would be brought back to a specific meeting or 30 days.

Mr. Knighton noted that his understanding of the request is for the City Manager and HR Manager complete an assessment of Procurement, develop job descriptions for the department by January 11, 2021 Council meeting.

The motion passed 3-2 (Blount/Gantt opposed).

The Public Hearing was opened.
No Speakers in Favor/No Speakers Opposed.
The Public Hearing was closed.

Motion to adopt the FY2021 Operating Budget for the City: Blount/Gantt Passed 4-0-1 (Barber abstained).

NEW BUSINESS

9. Council Consideration to approve the FY2020 Utility Billing Write-Off's in the amount of \$16,603.88.
Presented by John Wiggins
Motion to approve Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0.
10. Council Consideration to approve RFP No. 2020-0027P to piggyback and award a contract to 72 Hour LLC, dba National Auto Fleet Group, under the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) now known as Source Well, contract no. 120716-NAF; to purchase (4) vehicles in the amount of \$138,429.36. (1) Public Works (1) Govt Bldg. Maintenance (1) Sewer (1) Events. Funding Source: Public Works \$34,996.98; Govt Bldg. Maintenance \$34,452.30; Sewer \$33,983.10; Events \$34,996.98.
Presented by Decius Aaron, Cie Cie McGhee, Lindell Miller
Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.
11. Council Consideration to approve RFP No. 2019-00022P – State Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000154-001, Right-of-Way Maintenance in the amount of \$150,000. Funding Source: Public Works Budget.
Presented by Lindell Miller and Decius Aaron
Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.
12. Council Consideration to approve ITB (Invitation to Bid) No. 17ITB082817-DRR American Tank Maintenance, LLC – Full-Service Tank Maintenance Program in the amount of \$60,419.00. Funding Source: FY2021 Water Dept. Budget
Presented by Lindell Miller and Decius Aaron
Motion to approve Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.

13. Council Consideration to approve Task Order No. 2020.10 – Falcon Design Consultants for East Atlanta, North & South Lee Street Roadway and Intersection Modifications in the amount of \$70,000. Funding source: SPLOST IV
Presented by Randy Knighton
Item Tabled
14. Council Consideration to approve the use of the Merle Manders Conference Center parking Lot for a Drive-In Movie and Drive-Thru Toy Drive to be held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Presented by Ericka Harvey
Item Removed

PRESENTATION

15. City App Demonstration.
Presented by IT Simple
Demonstration noted the App was Free, No Registration, No Personal Information would be stored.
16. Council Consideration to confirm the nomination of Alan Peterson as the City's Economic Development Director, Alan Peterson.
Presented by Randy Knighton
Motion to approve Gantt/Thomas Passed 5-0.

Mr. Knighton gave a brief role of the Economic Development Director at the request of Councilman Alexander, noting the position is a vital component of the City and would be working with staff and the Council, and comprising market studies to chart the course for a Strategic Plan to attract new businesses and companies to the City and to work in collaboration with the City's DDA, the Henry County Chamber and the Henry County Development Authority and others to bring new businesses and properly position the City for greatness; and to work with existing businesses to remain strong and vibrant, noting the City is bring an excellent candidate onboard.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford noted we are still in the midst of a pandemic noting the state of Georgia is red and Henry County has 88 COVID patients at Piedmont Henry and are of various ages and race; reminded everyone of Free COVID testing at Heritage Senior Center in McDonough, contact 1-800-847-64262 to schedule testing Mon-Fri 10am -3pm, with additional testing to be added on Saturday coming soon; noted drive through testing at Hidden Valley Park Senior Center in Stockbridge Mon 9am -3pm; Mt. Carmel Park in Hampton Wed 10am -3pm; Warren Holder Park in Locust Grove 10am -3pm; noted locations for vaccinations were coming soon with healthcare workers, nurses and first responders on the priority list with others coming perhaps in April; noted Early Voting began today, December 14th for the Special Election Senate Race and noted the locations and times (please visit the City's website or the Henry County Elections website for details).

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 for the meeting invitation link, Facebook page or contact City Hall offices at 770-389-7900 for updates and detailed information

- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Youth Council Advisory Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Youth Council Meeting, Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Thursday of each month
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, Friday, January 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom - 2nd Friday of each month
- City Council Meeting – Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Via Zoom

Join Stockbridge Councilwoman Yolanda Barber on Saturday, January 9, 2020 from 10am to 4pm at the Ted Strickland Community Center for her Community Blood Drive. For more information, please contact Zenovia Pearson at (404) 565-5109.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Public Hearing – Rezoning Case No. RZ2020-02
- Public Hearing – Zoning Modification Case No. ZM-2020-01
Monday, January 11, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Via Zoom

All City Offices will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

All City Offices will be closed Friday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas commended staff for a great virtual Christmas program.

Motion to adjourn Gantt/Blount passed 5-0.