

Stockbridge

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ACTION MINUTES **COUNCIL MEETING**

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 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

- I. Call to Order **Mayor Neal**
- II. Invocation **Bishop Michael Strickland, Victory Tabernacle**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Councilman Alexander	___X___	_____
Councilman Blount	___X___	_____
Mayor Neal	___X___	_____
Mayor Pro Tem Ford	___X___	_____
Councilwoman Gantt	___X___	_____
Councilwoman Robinson	___X___	_____
- V. **Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Item #9: Ford/Alexander – Passed 5-0.**
- VI. **Motion to adopt the Minutes of 11/14/2016, 11/29/2016: Gantt/Ford – Passed 5-0.**

VII. Organization Appointment of City Attorney:

Pursuant the City Charter, Section 2.12.040, the City Attorney shall be appointed at the first meeting of the Mayor and Council in January of each year

Motion to appoint Michael Williams City Attorney: Ford/Robinson – Passed 5-0.

CEREMONIAL

1. Proclamation for 2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday presented to: Eugene Edwards, President of the Henry County NAACP
Presented by: Mayor Neal
2. Proclamation – 2017 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day – January 11, 2017 presented to: Bishop Michael Strickland of Victory
Presented by: Mayor Neal
3. Letter of Commendation presented to Stockbridge High School Football Team – 2016 4AAAAA Region Champions.
Presented by: Mayor Neal
4. Letter of Commendation presented to Eagle's Landing Christian Academy Football Team – 2016 4A Private State Champions.
Presented by: Mayor Neal

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.

- Pastor Cecilia L. Green in support of Smoking Ban w/minors in vehicles ordinance.
- Steven W. Guettler – In support of Smoking Ban w/minors in vehicles ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Presentation - Stockbridge Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trail Plan
Presented by: Madie Fischetti, ASLA of WLA Studio
Motion to approve Resolution authorizing Stockbridge Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trail Plan: Ford/Alexander – Passed 5-0.
6. Ordinance – Banning Smoking in Vehicles Containing Minors
Presented by: Councilman Blount
Motion to approve: Blount/Gantt – Passed 3-2 (Alexander & Robinson opposed).

NEW BUSINESS

7. Resolution – Banning Smoking in Vehicles Containing Minors
Presented by: Councilman Alexander
Motion to remove from the Agenda: Blount/Alexander – Passed 5-0.

8. Resolution - Main Street Memorandum of Understanding
Presented by: Kira Harris Braggs – Main Street Manager
Motion to approve: Ford/Robinson – Passed 5-0.
9. Resolution – Engineering Services
Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager
Item Removed from the Agenda.
10. Resolution – To Introduce at the Regular 2017 Session of the General Assembly of Georgia local legislation providing for the revision of the Corporate City Limits of the City of Stockbridge.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve: Gantt/Blount – Passed 5-0.
Proposed annexation map to be placed on the City's website.

DISCUSSION

11. Scheduling Ceremonial Presentations
Presented by: Mayor Neal
Motion to approve presentation of ceremonial items between 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. (time to be determined at Mayor's discretion): Robinson/Ford – passed 5-0.
12. Amending the 2017 Council Meeting Schedule
Presented by: Mayor Neal
No Action.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Michael Harris – *No Comments.*

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

- *Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for coming out; wanted citizens to know the Council and staff are working to make Stockbridge better every day; noted City is moving forward and embracing the policies that will make Stockbridge the best City.*
- *Councilman Blount thanked everyone for coming out; noted his passion for the City; thanked everyone for the passing of the Smoking Ban with Minors in Vehicles Ordinance; and is looking forward to a successful 2017.*
- *Mayor Pro Tem Ford thanked everyone for coming out and tuning in; asked that everyone remain engaged; gave an update of several projects from the Building Committee's 4th quarter report; stated that even as a Saints fan, he wishes the Atlanta Falcons all the best in the playoffs and "Roll Tide Roll!"*

- *Councilwoman Gantt noted she was hopeful that Council Comments would be limited; thanked everyone for coming out; and looks forward to the New Year.*
- *Councilwoman Robinson thanked everyone for coming out; congratulated Stockbridge H.S. and Eagle's Landing Christian Academy on their triumphant 2016 football season; called on colleagues to support Representative Sandra Scott on Smoking Ban w/Minors in cars to help the measure pass statewide noting her support of the Council.*

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Neal informed citizens that meeting dates and announcements are available online, and invited citizens to sign up to receive e-notifications of city news and updates.

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.

- *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.*
- *Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting – Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.*
- *Stockbridge Zoning Advisory Board Meeting – Thursday, January 26, 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.*

Motion to convene Executive Session for personnel: Gantt/Robinson – Passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Robinson/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

Motion to reconvene meeting: Gantt/Ford – Passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn: Gantt/Alexander – Passed 5-0.