



ACTION MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 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/84975059505?pwd=N3M5YWUxMDVHU1gyZkJKU1F1dVY5QT09>
- II. **Call to Order – Mayor Ford**
- III. **Roll Call – All members were present (Councilwoman Gantt joined after roll call due to technical difficulties)**
- IV. **Invocation – Councilman Alexander**
- V. **Pledge of Allegiance – In Unison**
- VI. **Motion to amend the Agenda: To add the Crown Act Ordinance to New Business. Thomas/Alexander Passed 5-0.**
- VII. **Review of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
 1. 11/9/2020 2. 11/24/2020 **No Action**

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.**

PRESENTATION

3. Henry County Development Authority Update of Activities
Presented by Josh Fenn – Executive Director

Mr. Fenn reviewed the Development Authority's Vision and Mission, and presented 2019 and 2020 highlights of the Henry County Development Authority noting a win in Henry County means everybody wins where the goal is to recruit, retain and grow businesses here in Henry County; noted the Henry County Development Authority is lucky to be a Constitutional Authority, one of few, as this gives the board additional authority; noted Irv Culpepper, a member of the City's Public Facilities Authority is a member of the Development Authority Board; noted Manufacturing companies are looking to move closer to Supply Chains (warehouses) as customers are demanding quicker, faster deliveries; noted the importance of the commercial industry to the County's tax digest and balance as it is a key to future growth with the right mix being 60/40; referenced the City's partnership with the Development Authority with HEGLA locating it's International Headquarters to the City; noted the former Toys R Us Distribution Center was converted to Zinus and is the only facility of its kind in North America and referenced the many name brand operations here in Henry County; noted the County set all-time records for the number of companies, jobs created and capital investments in the year 2020; noted upcoming job fairs and is looking forward to the first anchor at the Jodeco Rd. project; noted he is looking forward to working with the City's new Economic Development Director.

OLD BUSINESS

4. 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 Ford Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies in the amount of \$406,922.00. Funding Source: Water & Sewer Fund Balance.
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt passed 5-0.
5. 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 – City Manager
Motion to approve to include Uber/Lyft station design Thomas/Barber failed 2-0-2 (Alexander/Blount abstained) Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote.

Motion to approve as presented Barber/Blount passed 3-0-1 (Alexander abstained). Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to approve the Health & Wellness Agreement with Corporate Health Partners in the amount of \$35,200.00. Funding Source: General Fund
Presented by Renee Wheeler – Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve Barber/Alexander Passed 4-0. Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote.
7. Council Consideration to approve the Worker's Compensation Renewal in the amount of \$85,568.00 J Smith Lanier (Brokers) Funding Source: General Fund.
Presented by Renee Wheeler – Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve Blount/Barber Passed 4-0. Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote.
8. Council Consideration to approve RFP No. 2020-0025P – Johnson Controls Fire Protection – Facility Security Equipment, Systems and Services with related equipment and supplies in the amount of 109,466.90. Funding Source: Govt Bldg. Maintenance
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Blount/Barber Passed 4-0. Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote.
9. Council Consideration to approve RFP No. 2019-0007P – State Contract No. 99999-001-SPD00000155 for Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies to purchase a Landscaping Truck in the amount of \$48,995.00. Funding Source: Public Works Budget.
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Barber/Alexander Passed 3-0-1(Blount abstained) Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote.
10. Council Consideration to re-appoint members to the Main Street Advisory Board.
Presented by Kira Harris-Braggs - Main Street Manager
Motion to re-appoint Shomari Furtch and Mildred E. Reed for two-year terms: Passed 4-0. Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote.
11. Council Consideration to fill a vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority Board.
Presented by Michael Williams – City Attorney
**Item to be heard following Executive Session.
No Action**
12. Council Consideration to approve an Ordinance for the Crown Act.
Presented by Michael Williams – City Attorney
Motion to approve Alexander/Barber Passed 3-1-1 (Blount opposed, Gantt abstained).

PUBLIC HEARING

13. Council Consideration to approve the Service Delivery Strategies (SDS) Agreement between the City of Stockbridge and Henry County Presented by Randy Knighton – City Manager and Michael Williams - City Attorney

Mr. Knighton gave an overview of the agreement noting the SDS Agreement is a process which takes place every 10 years and gives local governments and authorities the opportunity to reach agreement on the delivery of services in an effective and cost-efficient, avoiding duplication of services for its citizens.

Mr. Knighton noted Henry County and the four cities in the county have been negotiating services for 1 ½ years, with Special Services Districts being presented by the County that would have the County pay for road maintenance in the County and the Cities pay for road maintenance in the Cities; and for the City of Stockbridge to pay a certain millage and receive police services equal to those residents living in unincorporated Henry County with an Intergovernmental Agreement in place; noted that a vast majority of the services have been agreed upon by the Cities and the County, however, should the County and Cities not reach an agreement, sanctions could be levied affecting the City's ability to receive grants and noted the City of Locust Grove did sign their agreement at their most recent Council meeting, noted the Cities stand together, and the agreement must be agreed upon by all parties.

Mayor Ford opened the Public Hearing. There were no speakers in favor or opposed. The Public Hearing was closed.

Members of Council expressed concern over the road maintenance, police services and the enforcement of parking in the City.

The consensus of the Council was to hold a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 6 p.m. to further discuss the SDS Agreement and Downtown Development Authority Appointment.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford noted the runoff election with Early Voting ending on December 30th and referenced the locations of the Merle Manders Conference Center, Henry County Elections Office, Fairview Recreation Center, J P Moseley Recreation Center, Locust Grove Library, Hampton Fortson Library from 7am – 7pm (the Elections Board met and extended Early Voting to December 31st from 9am -4pm at the Elections Office in McDonough only) and voting on Election Day, January 5, 2021 at your regular polling location; reminded everyone that COVID is real and Henry County is a Red state, and not getting any better, testing Mon-Thu 9am - 3pm, Saturday 9am – 12pm and to call 800-847-4262 to scheduled an appointment for free testing; noted (3) three mobile sites this week and next week on Monday at Hidden Valley Senior Center, Wednesday at N. Mt. Carmel Park and Friday at Heritage Senior Center; noted Pfizer and Mederma vaccinations have been approved with the first phase going to Healthcare workers, First Responders, educational institutions, senior citizens over age 75, and people with

underlying health issues; and encourage everyone to continue to wash your hands and keep social distances; noted there would be additional CaresAct funding if the bill is signed by the President; wished everyone Happy Holidays and hopes the new year is a lot better and healthier.

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.

- City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – 2nd Monday of each month.
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, at 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom - 2nd Friday of each month
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Youth Council Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Youth Council Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Planning Commission Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – 4th Thursday of each month
- City Council Work Session Meeting, at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – Last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

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.

Councilman Alexander announced the annual Service Day Project taking place on January 16, 2021 and is a day of service on the Saturday prior to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and to please contact Zenovia Pearson at (404) 565-5109 for more information.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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.

Motion to convene Executive Session for Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate: Blount/Gantt failed 2-3 (Alexander, Barber, Thomas opposed).

Motion to adjourn Gantt/Alexander passed 5-0.