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**Council Meeting
Agenda
February 23, 2021 6:00 PM**



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AGENDA COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 6:00 PM

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ZOOM INFORMATION-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84346270565?pwd=NjVVM01UdDdoR2Vsa3hmM2dNRjFEUT09>
Passcode: 302266

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FOR: 1/11/2021, 1/15/2021 AND 1/26/2021

- 1 Draft Minutes of 1/11/2021
- 2 Draft Minutes of SCM 1/15/2021
- 3 Draft Minutes of 1/26/2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

- 4 Council consideration to approve the FY2022 LMIG (Local Maintenance & Improvements Grant) list - Presented by: Decius Aaron

DISCUSSION

- 5 Proposed Aquatic Center

MAYOR'S COMMENTS (Mayor Anthony Ford)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Acts)

ADJOURNMENT



COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 6:00 P.M.

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Councilwoman Yolanda Barber
Councilman John Blount
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt
Councilman Alphonso Thomas

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Michael Williams, City Attorney

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford.

Invocation by Randy Knighton.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited all in unison.

City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday was asked to proceed with a verbal roll call. All members were present for the roll call.

Councilman Alexander motioned to amend the Agenda to reverse Item #5 & 6: Second by Mayor Pro Tem Thomas. The motion passed 4-1 (Councilman Blount opposed).

Councilman Blount motioned to hear all appointments following Executive Session; second by Councilwoman Gantt. The motion failed 2-3 (Councilman Alexander, Councilwoman Barber, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas opposed.)

Ceremonial:

Mayor Ford presented the following proclamations:

Martin Luther King, Sr. "Daddy King" Birthday

Proclamation - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Both proclamations were presented to Pastor Erik Vance of Floyd Baptist Church, Stockbridge, GA

Pastor Vance thanked the City for the proclamations noting ironically, he was the 2019 winner of the Martin Luther King Sr. Award, one of the highest honors given by the Morehouse School of Religion; referenced the history of the Church and looks forward to a great partnership here in the Stockbridge community.

DDA Service Awards

Mayor Ford thanked former Downtown Development Authority members for their volunteer service and presented service awards to Calvin Gleaton, Rodney Hornes, Aneta Lee and Renee Shaw (not present).

Ms. Lee noted it was an honor to serve in her capacity on the DDA and looks forward to other opportunities to serve as well.

Mr. Hornes thanked the City for the opportunity to serve and looks to become more involved in the future.

Councilman Alexander motioned to adopt of the Minutes for the following meeting: second by Councilwoman Barber. The motion passed 5-0.

1. 11/09/2020
2. 11/24/2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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NEW BUSINESS

3. Appointment and Oath of Municipal Court Judge
Councilman Blount motioned to appoint Matthew McCord as Municipal Court Judge: Second by Mayor Pro Tem Thomas. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Ford issued the Oath of Office to Judge Matthew McCord who stated it is a privilege to serve and welcomes anyone to visit the court, once re-opened, noting the closure due to the pandemic.
4. Appointment and Oath of Municipal Court Solicitor
Councilman Blount motioned to appoint Julie Kert as Municipal Court Solicitor: Second by Councilwoman Gannt. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Ford issued the Oath of Office to Solicitor Julie Kert who thanked the Mayor & Council for the appointment, noting she is available by email for any questions, policies, or matters pending before the Court.
5. Appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem and create a policy for rotation.
Councilman Alexander noted each member of the Council had served in the capacity of Mayor Pro Tem, with the Mayor serving twice, and the exception being Councilwoman Barber, and himself, and motioned to appoint Councilman Elton Alexander to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2021 and to create a policy to rotate the position allowing all members to serve.

Mayor Ford asked for a legal opinion if a member could self-appoint.

Attorney Williams confirmed there is no rule that prohibits the action.

Councilman Alexander motioned to appoint himself as Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2021: Second by Councilwoman Barber. The motion passed 3-0-2 (Councilman Blount, Councilwoman Gantt abstained).

6. Appointment of the City Attorney

Motion by consensus not to renew the City Attorney's contract, thanked Mr. Williams for his service to the City; noted the City was moving in a new direction and to issue a 30-day notice; tasked the City Manager with providing details to Mr. Williams and the overseeing the transition with the option to bring the position in-house.

Councilwoman Gantt noted she had not been consulted on the action as presented and referenced several actions all year where there was a 3-2 vote, calling the actions both unprofessional, and disrespectful, and needed to stop.

Councilman Blount echoed the comments from Councilwoman Gantt; noted for the record a statement made by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander where he had *consulted with his colleagues* did not include him and called the 3-2 votes a power move and lacking transparency.

Councilman Thomas noted he has had several discussions with all members of the Council noting the 3-2 votes of the Council are not new and while he will refrain from naming members, he reminded the Council of the history of past meetings over the years will confirm prior 3-2 votes.

Councilwoman Barber stated her decisions are based on facts and information; noted she has watched the 3-2 votes of the Council for years prior to her being in office; and noted there is no power move here, but rather her actions are always made in the best interest of the City.

Councilman Alexander called for the vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander motioned to not appoint and renew the contract with Michael Williams as the City Attorney: Second by Councilwoman Barber. The motion passed 3-1-1 (Councilwoman Gantt opposed, Councilman Blount abstained).

Attorney Williams stated it has been his honor to serve the City for seven years and thanked the Council for the opportunity and stated the City of Stockbridge has great potential; and noted he prefers a 5-0 confirmation and respects the City's decision to move in a new direction; is available for a smooth transition; and is available should the Council reconsider.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford congratulated Senator-Elect Jon Ossoff and Senator-Elect Raphael Warnock on their victories and joining the U. S. Senate and congratulated Lauren "Bubba" McDonald on his re-election as the Georgia Public Service Commissioner; noted free COVID testing was available from 10am -3pm five days per week at the Heritage Senior Center in

McDonough and to call the Department of Health (DPH) at 800-847-4262 to schedule testing; noted the County also has (3) mobile testing sites: Mondays at Hidden Valley Park in Stockbridge, Wednesdays at North Mount Carmel Park in Hampton, and Fridays at Warren Holder Park in McDonough; noted vaccinations were beginning tomorrow and would be issued in phases from 8:30am – 4pm at the Atlanta Motor Speedway by reservation only and Phase 1A = Healthcare Worker in a clinical setting, Nurses , Physicians or EMS workers, Technicians, Environmental Services, Staff and Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities, Law Enforcement, Fire Personnel, adults age 65 and over and their caregivers; noted tomorrow's vaccinations are already booked, and the next vaccination date is January 26th and you must contact the DPH for a reservation at 800-847-4262 or visit the website at www.district4health.org.

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- City Council Work Session Meeting & Public Hearing, at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – Last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC HEARING

January 26, 2021 6:00 p.m. - Council Consideration to approve the Adoption of the 2020-2025 Short-Term Work Program/Capital Improvement Element (STWP/CIE).

CITY EVENTS

None scheduled at this time.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Join Mayor Pro Tem Alexander for the annual King Holiday Service Day Project taking place January 16, 2021, a day of service on the Saturday prior to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday from 10am - noon. Please plan to meet at City Hall and contact Zenovia Pearson at (404) 565-5109 for more information.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander motioned not to convene Executive Session: Second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 3-2 (Councilman Blount and Councilwoman Gantt opposed).

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting: Second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor



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SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021 3:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

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Councilwoman Yolanda Barber
Councilman John Blount
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt
Councilman Alphonso Thomas**

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford.

Invocation by Mayor Ford.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited all in unison.

City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday was asked to proceed with a verbal roll call. All members were present for the roll call except Mayor Pro Tem Alexander.

Councilwoman Barber motioned to adopt the Agenda; second by Councilman Blount. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to convene Executive Session for Personnel; second by Councilman Blount. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander joined the meeting in Executive Session.

1. To interview candidates to fill the vacant position of Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Council.

Councilwoman Gantt exited Executive Session.

Councilman Blount motioned to adjourn Executive Session; Second by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander motioned to reconvene the meeting; second by Councilman Blount. The motion passed 4-0.

No Action from the Council.

Councilman Blount motioned to adjourn; second by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor



WORK SESSION MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 6:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

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

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford.

Invocation by Councilman Thomas.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited all in unison.

City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday was asked to proceed with a verbal roll call. All members were present except Councilwoman Gantt.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander motioned to amend the Agenda to add a Ceremonial Proclamation for National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month and Item #8 – Moratorium on development of Single-Family homes for rental: Second by Councilwoman Barber. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilwoman Gantt joined the meeting.

Review of the Minutes for the following meetings: No Action

1. 12/14/2020
2. 12/22/2020
3. 12/29/2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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The Clerk read the Public Comment from Concerned Citizen in the Glynn Addy Subdivision who questioned why the City has not shored up the boundaries following the de-annexation efforts; requested a progress and cost update on the Amphitheater project; and expressed safety and health concerns with unmasked individuals playing basketball in the parks, and the City not passing a mask mandate.

CEREMONIAL

Mayor Ford read the proclamation for National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month and presented it to Debra Abernathy, President of the Henry County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

Ms. Abernathy thank the Mayor & Council for the proclamation and recognized Chapter officers and members; President Abernathy thanked the City for recognizing their work and service by bringing awareness to this issue, noting their efforts to educate and inform the Stockbridge and Henry County community by hosting forums, donating to various organizations who provide assistance, providing information in airports, bus stations and truck stops with a toll-free hotline that victims can call for help.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander noted the City of Stockbridge was the first city in Henry County to introduce a Proclamation in 2016, noting the importance and bringing awareness to Human Trafficking in our community.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to establish Voting Precincts.

Presented by Henry County Elections Director Ameika Pitts, Henry County Polling Manager, Brook Schreiner, Henry County Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter, Michael Williams, City Attorney, Randy Knighton, City Manager, Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to Table; second by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Council Consideration to approve the 2020-2025 Short-Term Work Program and Capital Improvement Element (STWP/CIE).

Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager

Mr. Knighton noted the Comprehensive Plan is updated every ten years, and in the interim, the State requires an update of the City's Short-Term Work Program/Capital Improvement Element noting this action to be a requirement of DCA (Department of Community Affairs) and upon approval by the City is then transmitted to ARC (Atlanta Regional Commission). Mr. Knighton noted the report includes projects, funding source and project status and once approved, the report will be returned to the City for final adoption, noting the referenced projects listed on the report are updated annually and are goals in which the City hopes to accomplish.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander asked Mr. Knighton to speak about some of the City's key projects that are in the works.

Mr. Knighton noted the Amphitheater is the City's major project with more updates and information to be presented at the next Council meeting in February, noting

the Amphitheater was included in the LCI and the leadership of the Council was able to bring the project to fruition; noted the proposed Cultural Arts Center which is proposed to include a 300+ seat ballroom and 300+ seat theater along with meeting rooms; ballet room and culinary arts space; and a proposed Youth and Senior Center, which is in the concept phase with a full gym, basketball court, pool and indoor track; noting these projects will enhance the quality of life for citizens here in the Stockbridge community and ensure the vision of the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander noted the City has a solid Comprehensive Plan and is in a strong financial position.

Mr. Knighton confirmed the comments from Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, noting the City utilizes Financial Advisors and will continue to be fiscally sound and seek other funding avenues such as Grants, SPLOST, and a TSPLOST scheduled for the November 2021 ballot.

Mayor Ford opened the Public Hearing.

No Speakers in Favor

No Speakers Opposed

The Public Hearing was closed.

Motion to approve Gantt/Thomas Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to approve participation in the Graybar OMNIA Partners Program – OMNIA Contract #EV2370 for the installation of a new phone system via Spectrum VOIP in the amount of \$2,207.37 per month. Funding Source: Information Technology
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager and Jonathan Van Horn and Laura Mathwig of Spectrum VOIP.
Mr. Knighton noted OMNIA would be able to modify and enhance overall phone system and introduced Jonathan Van Horn of Spectrum VOIP who noted the new system would have IP phones, VOIP systems and will be able to transfer calls.

Mayor Ford inquired if more buildings are added would they be included.

Mr. Van Horn noted they would be included at no additional cost to the City and noted it would cost \$2,000/month which includes all expenses, system support, installation, unlimited training, and all equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander inquired what the new system will bring vs. the current system.

Mr. Van Horn noted the new system would be a host system that has over 100 features such as: transfer of calls, record calls, monitor call and each employee would have a 2–6-digit extension.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander inquired on calls being transferred when employees are off site.

Mr. Van Horn noted staff would have the ability to take the phones anywhere and would have the ability to transfer calls.

Councilwoman Gantt inquired if there were issues with the current system and is it cost efficient.

Mr. Knighton noted the current system is outdated and the new system would be more modernized and is cost efficient.

Mr. Wiggins noted the City currently pays three (3) vendors: Aire Spring- \$57,000/year for long distance calling, Milner Support Services \$5,2000/year and AT&T Club Service for all lines and \$172/monthly for faxing services.

Councilwoman Barber inquired if this would be an agreement and what would happen to the older phones.

Attorney Williams noted it was a proposed unsolicited agreement and proposes using a cooperative agreement through their partner organization Graybar.

Mr. Wiggins noted the older phones may be inventoried and surplus on GovDeals.

Councilwoman Gantt motioned to approve participation in the Graybar OMNIA Partners Program – OMNIA Contract #EV2370 for the installation of a new shone system via Spectrum VOIP in the amount of \$2,207.37 per month; second by Councilwoman Barber. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Council Consideration to approve Falcon Design Consultants Task Order No. 2021.01 to review the Amphitheater Master Plan for a Ridesharing Area in the amount of \$1500.00. Funding Source: Amphitheater Project.
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager
Mr. Knighton noted staff has had further discussion with Falcon Design to review all Amphitheater plans to determine the most appropriate location for a Ridesharing location.

Councilman Thomas thanked Mr. Knighton for bringing the requested item back to the Council for discussion and noted he knows traffic and parking will be an issue and believes the Rideshare location would alleviate traffic and help patrons to enjoy any festivities without worrying about parking. Councilman Thomas also noted the Federal Administration Climate Environment are proposing to eliminate combustion vehicles with companies such as GM, Ford and labor unions being involved.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander thanked Councilman Thomas for bringing the item forward and for having the leadership and foresight to include the option of implementing a Ridesharing Location for the Amphitheater.

Councilman Thomas motioned to approve Falcon Design Consultants Task Order No. 2021.01 to review the Amphitheater Master Plan for a Ridesharing Area in the amount of \$1500.00; second by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Motion to approve establishing a Moratorium on the acceptance of any applications related to the development of any buildings for residential rental purposes.

Presented by Michael Williams, City Attorney

Attorney Williams noted there is a proposal for the City to adopt a Resolution for a 180-day moratorium on the acceptance of any applications of any kind for any development involving residential renting properties which includes building permits land and disturbance permits. Attorney Williams further noted there has been a development in the City that has been acquired for the purpose of all remaining empty lots to develop single-family homes to be built and made available for rent opposed to purchase of owner occupancy.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander noted once Pineview Subdivision was approved, he noticed most of the neighborhood remains vacant, and the developer changed the sign from a \$200K sale to rent for \$1,600/month, with over 30-35 lots that are vacant lots.

Councilwoman Gantt noted this was a trend in other areas as well.

Councilman Thomas noted this should be addressed with the UDC (Unified Development Code).

Mr. Knighton confirmed and noted it would be addressed along with other issues regarding the City's codes.

Councilwoman Barber expressed she does not see how the developer was able to circumvent the original proposal.

Mr. Knighton noted the zoning was approved as a single-family home; the issue is how the builder designed a mechanism to deal with owners vs. rental occupancy.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander motioned to approve the Resolution for the Moratorium; second by Councilwoman Gantt. The motion passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted the recent passing of Pastor Spencer T. O'Neal of Global Impact Christian Ministries and Pastor Phillip Kouns of The Bridge First Christian Church of Stockbridge, noting the tremendous loss to the Stockbridge community offered condolences to their families and church families and asked for continued prayers; noted the passing the Hammering Henry "Hank" Aaron as a baseball legend, Homerun King, Civil Rights activist, great man and a class act who was well respected; noted the pandemic remains with us and if you show any symptoms to call 800-847-4262 to make an appointment to get tested; noted testing will take place this week on Wednesday and Thursday with the Henry County and Department of Public Health mobile testing sites at

No. Mt. Carmel Park in Hampton from 10am – 3pm and Friday at Warren Holder Park in Locust Grove from 10am – 3pm; noted mobile testing sites will eventually cease with testing by appointment taking place Monday – Thursday at the Heritage Senior Center in McDonough from 9am – 3pm and Saturday, 9am – noon, noting there would be a reduction in testing as there will be an emphasis on vaccinations, which for Henry County are taking place at the Atlanta Motor Speedway by reservation, Tuesday, February 2nd and February 9th from 9am – noon for 2nd vaccination and to please check with local pharmacies for vaccinations as well, noting the vaccinations are being given to Phase 1A: healthcare providers, seniors age 65 and older or their caregivers, long-term care facilities, first responder, police, fire and high-risk categories; noting the Moderna vaccination is given to those age 18+; Pfizer vaccination is given to those age 16+. Mayor Ford encouraged everyone to continue to wear masks, wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, and stay out of crowded spaces; keep the faith as we will get through this; and hopefully the virus will be under control to have a grand opening of the Amphitheater as we embark upon 80-90% herd immunity.

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UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

None scheduled at this time.

UPCOMING COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Join Councilman Alphonso Thomas for the 10th Annual African American Heritage Celebration taking place virtually, February 6, 2021. For more information, please contact Zenovia Pearson at 404-565-5109

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem motioned not to convene and Executive Session.

Mr. Knighton asked to introduce the City's new Economic Development Director, Alan Peterson, who came on board the first week of January and noted he has hit the ground running and looks forward to the wealth of knowledge he will bring to the City.

Mr. Peterson stated he looks forward to working with everyone to advance the City forward as far as economic development is concerned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander motioned not to convene and Executive Session.

Councilwoman Gantt noted she did not 2nd the motion, but rather had a comment for the record: "For over a month now, we have an HR independent 3rd party study and I feel that it is being negligent and being done on purpose not attending Executive Sessions".

Councilwoman Barber noted this report as well as other issues such as the Procurement Policy can be discussed at the upcoming Retreat.

Councilwoman Gantt noted the report and other legal matters need to be discussed in Executive Session to address the concerns of staff and the administration.

Councilman Blount noted the HR report needed to be discussed in Executive Session and that cannot be done at the Retreat, with staff in attendance and there were other pending litigation updates that were needed to be heard in Executive Session with a member of the governing body whom it concerns motioning not to convene Executive Session.

Councilwoman Barber noted original email from the consultant had an incorrect email address where she noted the correction and sent to the governing body; noted the report was reviewed with the Mayor and every member of Council and there was nothing urgent that could not wait until the Council convenes at the Retreat where Executive Session matters could be discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander stated that every member of the Council can speak to and meet with the City Attorney and/or City Manager, or any official at any time as he has done and will continue to do, noting items have often been referred to be presented at the Retreat and agrees that would be the proper time.

Mayor Ford noted there are legal matters that are reserved for Executive Session.

Councilman Thomas noted that he made a request for a Special Called Meeting with an Executive Session last week and while it is not the policy, the Mayor asked for a unanimous consent to hold the meeting, and trying to oblige requests, there were members who failed to respond to the Mayor's call for the meeting.

Mayor Ford noted his request for unanimous consent of the Special Called Meeting

Councilwoman Gantt noted it is her understanding that the information has been shared with all members of the Council individually, however, it is important to hear the information with all members present to discuss and share information and ideas; and to avoid discussing the report could be deemed negligent.

Councilman Blount noted he did not hear the information separately, but rather with Councilwoman Gantt and Mayor Ford.

Councilman Thomas he has been a member of the Council for a while noting when the Council has these back and forth exchanges makes us all losers; there are no winners here; noted the meeting up to this point had been productive; and stated this has to stop; noted the citizens have made the Council aware they do not like these exchanges, and that there are better ways for the Council to agree to disagree and noted that he would be signing off from the meeting as he did not want to be a part of losing. Councilman Thomas exited the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and Councilwoman Barber exited the meeting.

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor



City of Stockbridge

AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE

February 8, 2021

FUNDING SOURCE

- ☐ RESOLUTION
- ☐ ORDINANCE
- ☐ CONTRACT APPROVAL/RENEWAL
- ☐ PUBLIC HEARING
- ☐ PRESENTATION
- ☐ BID SELECTION/AWARD
- ☐ TASK ORDER
- ☐ CHANGE ORDER
- ☐ BUDGET AMENDMENT
- ☐ BUDGET TRANSFER
- ☐ PAYMENT APPROVAL
- ☒ OTHER

- ☐ GENERAL FUND
- ☐ FUND BALANCE
- ☒ SPLOST
- ☐ TSPLOST
- ☐ CDBG
- ☒ GRANT FUNDING
- ☐ COUNCIL INITIATIVE
- ☐ PARTNER/SPONSOR
- ☐ DEPARTMENT BUDGET
- ☐ BONDING

ACCOUNT TRANSFER FROM:

ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO:

PRESENTER: Decius T. Aaron

DEPARTMENT: Public Works.

ITEM/PROJECT/EVENT:

FY2022 LMIG List.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Council approval of FY2022 LMIG list.

SIGNATURES:

CITY MANAGER _____

CITY TREASURER _____

CITY ATTORNEY _____

☐ FINANCIAL IMPACT ☐ N/A

AMOUNT _____

ATTACHMENTS:

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FY2022 LMIG LIST

Location	From Road	To Road	Subdivision	Miles	Scaled Total Score
DAVIDSON PKWY. S.	HENRY COUNTY LINE	NORTH HENRY BLVD		0.6	54.0
OLD ATLANTA RD	FLIPPEN ROAD	Dead End		1.1	61.0
MEADOW RIDGE DR.	DAVIS ROAD	Cul-De-Sac		0.3	47.0
WILLOW SPRINGS LANE	OLD ATLANTA RD	Cul-De-Sac	Willow Springs	0.7	66.0
SAGE COURT	SPRING CREEK DR.	Cul-De-Sac	Willow Springs	0.1	46.0
MEMORY LANE	Cul-De-Sac	Cul-De-Sac	Legends	0.5	51.0
OLD LEGENDS BLVD.	WALT STEPHENS	MEMORY LANE	Legends	0.05	50.0
TIMELESS WALK	MEMORY LANE	Cul-De-Sac	Legends	0.1	73.0
HOMEPLACE DR.	SPEER RD	Cul-De-Sac	Legends	0.2	60.0
BRIDLE COVE	CARRIAGE LAKE DR	Cul-De-Sac	Carriage Lake	0.1	48.0
LAKEVIEW PLACE	CARRIAGE LAKE DR	Cul-De-Sac	Carriage Lake	0.3	49.0
FAIRGREEN TRAIL	MONARCH VILLAGE WAY	WALT STEPHENS	Monarch Village	0.4	50.0
WINTER VIEW WAY	MONARCH VILLAGE WAY	Cul-De-Sac	Monarch Village	0.4	50.0

TOTAL= 4.85