



WORK SESSION MEETING ACTION MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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

Administration

Randy Knighton, City Manager
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
John Wiggins, City Treasurer
Quinton Washington, City Attorney
Jeremy Berry, 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/84346270565?pwd=NjVYM01UdDdoR2Vsa3hmM2dNRjFEUT09>
Passcode: 302266

II. Call to Order – Mayor Ford

III. Invocation – Councilman Blount

IV. Pledge of Allegiance – In Unison

V. Roll Call – All members were present.

VI. Motion to amend the Agenda: Convene Executive Session following Item #5 for the purpose of Litigation and Personnel matters pertaining to Litigation for BBQ Masters: Blount/Gantt Passed 4-0-1 (Alexander abstained).

VII. Review of the Minutes for the following meetings: No Action

1. 1/11/2021
2. 1/15/2021
3. 1/26/2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All public comments must be submitted to the Clerk no later than one hour prior to the meeting. The Public Comment Form can be found on the City's webpage on the City Clerk's page at: <https://stockbridge.seamlessdocs.com/f/20pkdz4mo7xb> and the form must include your name, phone, and email contact information. Comments are limited to (3) three minutes and will be read by the Clerk during the meeting, respecting all members of the elected body, officials, and staff. Comments including defamation, unruliness and/or swearing will not be accepted. **None**

Mr. Knighton called for a motion to approve the appointment of the City's new legal representation.

Motion to approve Bell & Washington LLP as the City's Legal Counsel - Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to approve FY2022 LMIG List.
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

5. Proposed Aquatic Center.
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager
Motion to approve Resolution in support of the Henry County Aquatic Center location at the Bridges of Jodeco with an IGA between the City and Henry County to be negotiated – Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to convene Executive Session - Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session – Gantt/Barber Passed 4-0
(Alexander was not present for the vote).

Motion to reconvene the meeting – Gantt/Thomas Passed 4-0
(Alexander was not present for the vote).

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander joined the meeting.

Motion to approve a \$7,000 3-month contract to retain former City Attorney Michael Williams for legal counsel as it relates to the BBQ Masters litigation – Blount/Gantt passed 3-0-1 (Barber opposed).
(Alexander did not participate in the vote).

Motion to confirm Brecca Johnson as the Community Development Director – Gantt/Thomas Passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford referenced the devastation in the State of Texas with regard to the tragedy from the loss of power and noted the Henry County Post 516, Henry County Government, and the Cities of Henry County have partnered to ship a truckload of bottled water in support of our fellow Texans; reminded everyone of your constitutional right to vote, and noted Early Voting is taking place right now at various locations including the Merle Manders Conference Center with an EPLOST referendum item on the ballot for Henry County Schools and calling for \$325 million dollars for capital school projects, technology improvements, transportation and fine arts; noted advanced voting underway (please visit the

City's website or the contact the Elections Office for dates, times and locations for voting); noted we are still in the midst of a pandemic and to continue with social distancing, wearing your masks and washing your hands and noted the focus is now being placed on vaccinations and urged citizens who are having problems getting through to please keep trying; noted Henry County began rotating locations throughout the County where 600+ First Doses were issued last week at the Merle Manders Conference Center and 600+ First Doses were issued at the J P Moseley Recreation Center today and next First Doses will be issued next Tuesday, March 2nd at the Locust Grove Senior Center beginning at 8:30am, and again at the same location on March 9th, then returning to the Merle Manders Conference Center on March 16th for Second Doses, JP Moseley on March 23rd and Locust Grove on March 30th; and asked that you call 762-888-8180 from 8am -5pm Wednesday - Friday to reserve your vaccination, and noted the vaccinations are still being issued in Phase1A: which includes Healthcare Providers, Long Term Care Providers, EMS or Police, Firefighter, Correction Facility Workers, Age 65+ or their Caregivers and noted vaccinations are also being issued by CVC and Walgreens; noted testing is still taking place daily at the Heritage Senior Center in McDonough and more COVID information can be found on the City's webpage.

Councilman Blount asked for prayers for Commissioner Gary Barham and his family who is in critical condition relating to COVID.

CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

As a COVID precaution, City offices are closed to the public until further notice. Staff is operating under telework protocol. Please contact the City's webpage cityofstockbridge.com to contact each department for service and information.

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.

- 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
- Planning Commission Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – 4th Thursday of each month
- City Council Work Session at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – Last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

UPCOMING COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Join Councilwoman Thomas on Saturday, February 27th at 4pm for the African American History Celebration Virtual Awards Ceremony. Please visit the City's Facebook Page and Website for the Virtual Link.

Join Councilwoman Barber for the Community Blood Drive Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 10am to 4pm at the Ted Strickland Community Center. For more information, please contact Zenovia Pearson at 404-565-5109.

Join Mayor Pro Tem Elton Alexander for the 5th Annual Women's History Month Celebration taking place virtually, March 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Zenovia Pearson at 404-565-5109.

Motion to adjourn - Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.