



Where Community Connects

AGENDA COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 10, 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 T. Berry, City Attorney
Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Alan Peterson, Economic Dev. Dir.
Brecca Johnson, Community Dev. Dir.

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/82836070083?pwd=VzF5VVFUOWlUVnMrMi90STV1ZGxNdz09>
Passcode: 651320

II. Call to Order - Mayor Ford

III. Invocation - Councilman Blount

IV. Pledge of Allegiance - Recited in unison by all in attendance

V. Roll Call - All members were present

VI. Motion to adopt the Agenda: Blount/Alexander Passed 5-0

VII. Approval of the Minutes for the following meetings: Blount/Barber Passed 5-0

1. 3/8/2021
2. 3/30/2021

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.

- Dr. Chaleetra “CJ” Hornes noted the initiatives put forth by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and supports him remaining on the Stockbridge City Council.
- Ms. Zenoa Griffiths supports Mayor Pro Tem Alexander remaining on the Stockbridge City Council.
- Mr. Charles Marshall supports the elected body of Stockbridge and the positive efforts made by the City and supports Mayor Pro Tem remaining on the Stockbridge City Council.
- Mrs. Yvonne Marshall supports the Economic Development and Beautification efforts of Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and supports him remaining on the Stockbridge City Council.
- Mr. Maxwell Sears supports the support of businesses by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and support him remaining on the Stockbridge City Council.
- Resident “Smith” of Bryant Street asked the Mayor & Council to please investigate the equipment that was running for several hours on the night of April 29, 2021 at the Amphitheater construction site.

CEREMONIAL

Mayor Ford presented the following proclamations:

Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander encouraged diversity and noted the City of Stockbridge stands with the Asian-American Pacific Islander community, especially considering recent tragedies, stating all are welcome, noting Stockbridge celebrates and recognizes all members of the community noting everyone’s value and thanked Dr. Henson for being present to represent the Asian-American Pacific Islander community.

Dr. Lily Henson of Piedmont Henry thanked the City for presenting her with the proclamation and spoke of her family’s history and sacrifices that pave the way for her and her siblings to attend college and made her what she is and represents today; and thanked the City for recognizing the Asian-American Pacific Islander heritage and contributions to the community.

National Nurses Appreciation Week Proclamation

National Teacher’s Appreciation Week Proclamation

Annual Professional Municipal Clerk Week Proclamation

City Clerk Vanessa Holiday thanked the Mayor & Council for the proclamation and recognized the members of the Clerk’s Office Team, Randi Rainey, Sharee Lane, Kerri Stewart and Zenovia Pearson and gave a brief overview of their roles and thanked the Mayor & Council and City Manager for investing in the team with education, training and technology which prepared the Clerk’s Office to operate seamlessly during COVID-19.

National Day of Prayer Proclamation

NEW BUSINESS

3. Council Consideration to approve the Development Agreement to complete requirements for Rezoning Case #OR03-15 for property located at 438 East Atlanta Rd. Stockbridge, GA
Presented by Randy Knighton - City Manager and Brecca Johnson – Community Development Director
Motion to Table to be heard at the May 25, 2021 Work Session meeting: Thomas/Alexander Passed 5-0.

4. Council Consideration to approve the 2021-2022 renewal of the City's Liability Insurance Policy
Presented by Randy Knighton - City Manager and
Chris C. Walker, Sr. VP – Marsh & McLennan Agency
Motion to approve Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0.
5. Council to approve Change Order No. 3 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the amount of \$302,800.00.
Funding Source: Wastewater Fund Balance
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director and
Brad Holtsinger – Waster Water Superintendent
Motion to approve Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0.
6. Council Consideration to approve installation of Surveillance cameras at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$25,606.13 and Annual Monitoring Fee of \$3,249.29
Funding Source: Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget
Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director and
Brad Holtsinger – Waster Water Superintendent
Motion to approve Thomas/Barber Passed 5-0.
7. Council Consideration to approve the renewal of RFP (Request for Proposal) 2019-0002P for Office Furniture for the new Public Works facility utilizing State Contract No 99999-001-SPD0000100-002 (expires February 2, 2022); estimated at \$200,000.00. Funding Source: New Public Works Facility Account
Presented by Lindell Miller - Procurement Manager and
Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.
8. Council Consideration to approve ITB (Invitation to Bid) No. 2021-001 for the City's LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvements Grant) for Roads and Resurfacing awarded to East Coast Grading, Inc. Funding Source: SPLOST V \$1,002,387.88; GDOT \$260,854.32 for a total amount of \$1,263,242.20.
Presented by Lindell Miller – Procurement Manager and
Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.
9. Council Consideration to approve RFQ (Request for Quote) No. 2021-0001E for Link Media Outdoor for advertising City Events and Destination Facilities for (4) four billboards in the amount \$37,700.00
Funding Source: Tourism.
Presented by Lindell Miller – Procurement Manager and
CieCie McGhee – Events Manager
Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

10. Council Discussion – Cultural Arts Center

Presented by Randy Knighton - City Manager

Motion to approve moving forward with the Cultural Arts Center Project At the \$18 million dollar level Thomas/Alexander failed 2-1-2 (Blount Opposed/Barber and Gantt Abstained). Councilman Blount asked to rescind his vote; Mayor Ford called for a second vote. The motion failed 2-0-3 (Barber/Blount/Gantt Abstained).

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford reminded everyone that we are still in a pandemic and noted things are getting better with the number of sick people, hospitalizations, deaths all being down; noted Governor Kemp had opened the State and asked everyone to continue to be careful and wear your masks and get vaccinated; noted vaccination are the priority focus right now and you can make a reservation by calling 888-457-0186 Mon-Fri from 8am - 8pm, Sat & Sun 8am -5pm; noting vaccinations are being administered at the Atlanta Motor Speedway every Tuesday from 8:30am - 1pm; noted you can call for a reservation or make a reservation online and in either case you will be asked for your demographics, race, age, gender, medical history, Covid history, recent illness and contact information; noted while vaccinations are the priority, Covid testing is available through the Henry County Department of Health Dist. 4 location at the Henry County Senior Heritage Center in McDonough and to call for an appointment 800-847-4262 Mon - Thu 9am - 3pm and Sat 9am - noon noting both testing numbers and vaccination numbers have gone down; referenced a non-profit agency call CORE who is reaching out to underserved communities to educate and inform residents on testing and vaccinations, and also provide transportation to get tested and receive vaccinations; noted he was visited last week by the former pastor of Floyd Chapel Baptist Church, Erik Vance, who gave the City of Stockbridge a donation of his Martin Luther King, Sr. award received from the Morehouse School of Religion, along with his first sermon at Floyd Chapel Baptist Church as asked that it be placed in the City's archives.

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 31ST IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

CITY EVENT - Please join the City of Stockbridge for a Virtual Memorial Day Musical Tribute and Remembrance - Monday, May 31, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

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.

- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, at 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom - 2nd Friday of each month (May 14)

- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month (May 18)
- Youth Council & Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month (May 18)
- City Council Work Session at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – Last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. (May 25)
- Planning Commission Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – 4th Thursday of each month (May 27)
- City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – 2nd Monday of each month. (June 14)

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate: Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0.

Motion to End Executive Session Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.

Motion to Reconvene the Meeting Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.