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COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 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

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 - Mayor Ford

IV. Pledge of Allegiance - Recited by all in attendance

V. Roll Call - All members were present for roll call except Councilman Blount and Councilwoman Gantt (Mayor Ford noted Councilman Blount advised him of a personal family medical emergency). Councilman Blount joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.; Councilwoman Gantt joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

VI. Motion to adopt the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander inquired about amending the Agenda to add an Ordinance amending the formula for Small Box Retail Distance; Attorney Washington noted the action would require a vote of the Council to suspend the rules with a vote count, noting the Charter calls for the request to be made in writing, and further noting the required consensus of the Council to have any item placed the Agenda, and recommended following the process of obtaining a consensus of the Council prior to requesting an item for the Agenda.

Motion to place the Small Box Retail Distance Ordinance on the June 29, 2021, meeting Agenda and approve the Agenda as presented Alexander/Barber
Passed 3-0.

VII. Motion to adopt the Minutes for the following meetings:

1. 3/17/21 2. 3/18/21 3. 3/19/21 4. 4/12/2021 5. 4/27/2021
Alexander/Barber Passed 3-0.

CEREMONIAL - Proclamations presented by Mayor Ford

6. Caribbean Heritage Celebration - Presented to Samantha Samuels, President of the Caribbean Association of GA and Stockbridge resident who thanked the Mayor & Council on behalf of the group's Executive Team for recognizing the contributions of the Caribbean community locally and at-large.

7. Alzheimer's Awareness Month - Presented to Sylvia Dennis Wray who thanked the Mayor & Council for bringing attention to Alzheimer's; noted COVID-19 brought on more challenges for patients; asked that we keep everyone lifted in prayer; noted the annual Walk will take place in person on 9/18 at Alexander Park; and referenced the recent FDA approved medication while not a cure, does slow down the progression of the disease.

8. Juneteenth Celebration - Presented to Councilman Thomas who noted Juneteenth as a historical celebration and the first for the City of Stockbridge noted his goal was to educate, unify and celebrate citizens of all races and learn about each other's culture; Mayor Pro Tem Alexander thanked Councilman Thomas for his leadership and spearheading the Juneteenth celebration.

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.

Mr. Charles Marshall, President of the Henry County Coalition Committee noted his support of the upcoming TSPLOST Referendum and is encouraging others to support the item as well; thanked the Mayor & Council for their continued commitment and support of the beautification and infrastructure improvements around the city and surrounding areas.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Council Consideration to approve the Main Street Program 2021-2022 Classic Main Street MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)

Presented by Kira Harris-Braggs Main Street Program Manager

Motion to approve Thomas/Blount Passed 4-0 (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote).

10. Council Consideration to approve the renewal of RFP (Request for Proposal) 201508-02, Sanitation Collections Services Contract Renewal with GFL (formerly Waste Industries) in the amount of \$1,100,000.00. Funding Source: Sanitation Department Budget.

Presented by Lindell Miller - Procurement Manager and Decius Aaron – Public Works Director

Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained noting she did not have adequate information on the item).

11. Council Consideration to approve the Surplus Inventory List for MMCC (Merle Manders Conference Center) kitchen equipment.
Presented by Lindell Miller - Procurement Manager and Decius Aaron – Public Works Director and CieCie McGhee - Conference Center Mgr.
Motion to approve Surplus List and place items on Gov.Deals for the appropriate timeframe: Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.
12. Council Consideration to appoint the Stockbridge representation to the Henry County Council on Aging Board.
Presented by Quinton Washington - City Attorney
Item to be heard following Executive Session.
13. Council Consideration to approve the HB317 - Collecting Tax on Short-Term Rentals effective July 1, 2021.
Presented by Quinton Washington - City Attorney
Motion to approve Alexander/Blount Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

14. Council Discussion of the proposed TSPLOST Project List.
Presented by Randy Knighton - City Manager
Mr. Knighton presented the Council with a proposed TSPLOST Project List and referenced the County's proposed percentage formulas for certain City/County Joint Projects, and referenced the options:
 - 1) Council has no desire to make any changes**
 - 2) Council desires to contribute a partial amount for the proposed projects**
 - 3) Council desires to contribute the full amount for the proposed projects.****Mr. Knighton noted the TSPLOST formula, which the cities in Henry County favor are based on population at 70/30, unlike the SPLOST formula of 75/25; and further noted the list is due to the County at the end of this month, and the expectation is to have a finalized list for approval at the June 29th Council Work Session meeting.**

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted June 14th is Flag Day which was established by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777 and is 244 years old today; noted he attended the Stockbridge Youth Council's Senior Banquet where Youth Council seniors, Brittney Browne, Caidyn Carr and Jayden Williams were presented with Certificates of Completion and Jayden received a Letter of Commendation for his efforts in the community during his tenure, and noted all three would be attending college in the fall, and noted the program has received 15 applications for the upcoming year; noted we are still in a pandemic and COVID-19 is still with us, although getting better with hospitalizations and death numbers going down, the virus is still here, noting if you still need to get tested you will be able to do so at the Henry County Heritage Center only until June 30th and to call for an appointment 800-847-4262 from 9am - 3pm Mon - Fri and 9am - noon on Saturday, after June 30th you should contact the National Health Department line at 888-457-0186; noted vaccinations ended at the Atlanta Motor Speedway last Tuesday, and to find a location to administer the

vaccines to call the National Health Department line at 888-457-0186 or contact your local CVS, Walgreens, Walmart or other clinics for vaccine information, noted you will be asked for your demographics, race, medical history, past ailments, COVID testing and vaccinations; asked everyone to be vigilant and we will conquer this virus; noted the upcoming Juneteenth celebration also known as Jubilee Day and Emancipation Day where Union General Gordon Grainger declared went to Texas on Monday, June 19, 1865, 2 ½ years after the Presidential Emancipation Proclamation had been signed by President Abraham Lincoln that freed all slaves, and noted the City would celebrate with a drive-thru giveaway on Thursday, June 17th at the Merle Manders Conference Center from 5:30 pm - 8:00 p.m. and noted local restaurants *This is It BBQ & Seafood* - *El Granero* - *Tony's @ Brentwood* - *Jen's Fish Fry* - *Mrs. Winners* - *Silver Bay Seafood* - *Country Cooking Depot* - *Sarah's Country Cooking* who would be participating in the Juneteenth celebration for the week of June 14th - June 19th and asked that you take pictures when visiting these restaurants and send to the City's Public Information Officer, Shana Thornton at sthornton@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov as she will be posting pictures submitted at these participating restaurants on the City's social media during the week of June 20 - June 27th and to also check the City's social media outlets for additional education and information regarding the history of Juneteenth.

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JUNETEEN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION.

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 Work Session at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – Last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted (June 29).
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month 9:00 a.m. - Via Zoom - (Jul 9)
- City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – 2nd Monday of each month. (Jul 12)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month (Jul 20)
- Youth Council & Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month (Jul 20)
- Planning Commission Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – 4th Thursday of each month (Jul 27)

CITY EVENT - Please join the City of Stockbridge for a Juneteenth Celebration - Various Activities June 14 - June 19 (see the City's website for details www.cityofstockbridge.com) and referenced the restaurants who will be participating in the Juneteenth celebrations: This is It - El Granero - Tony's Pizza - Jen's Fish Fry - Mrs. Winners - Silver Bay Seafood - Country Cooking Depot - Sarah's Country Cooking; and noted the City's Public Information Officer would be posting pictures submitted at these participating restaurants on the City's social media during the week of June 20 - June 2th.

Councilwoman Gantt noted is spearheading a "Let's Get Back to Normal" Food Truck Council Initiative on Tuesday, June 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Clark Park and thanked sponsors Dr. Sylvain and the Eagles Landing Longevity Center and the Mercy Group who will be administering free COVID vaccinations and signing kids up for free healthcare along with other giveaways and free ice cream.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander announced Walgreens will be administering the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccinations free to everyone age 12+ at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Stockbridge from 10am - 2pm on tomorrow, June 15th.

Mayor Ford noted the group CORE was working with churches and other organizations in the community to assist with educating and administering and underserved communities to get the word out on vaccinations.

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

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

Motion to appoint DeRitha Barber as the City's Council on Aging Representative to fill an unexpired term Alexander/Gantt Passed 3-0-1 (Councilwoman Barber Abstained, noting she is not related to the applicant, and due to the last name being the same, she prefers not to vote; Councilman Blount was not present for the vote).

Motion to adjourn Alexander/Gantt Passed 4-0 (Councilman Blount was not present for the vote).