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## COUNCIL MEETING

### ACTION MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 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**
- II. **Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford**
- III. **Invocation - Councilwoman Gantt**
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance - In unison by all in attendance**
- V. **Roll Call - All members were present**
- VI. **Motion to adopt the Agenda Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0.**
- VII. **Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
  1. 6/14/21
  2. 6/29/21 Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0

#### **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.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

3. Council Consideration to approve the amendment of job descriptions for the Executive Assistant to Mayor & Council, and Administrative Asst. to Mayor & Council positions.  
Presented by Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager

Motion to approve Executive Assistant position noting majority of duties following up on Action Items: Barber/Failed for Lack of a Second.

Motion to approve Executive Assistant to Mayor & Council and Administrative Assistant to Mayor & Council as presented.  
Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

4. Council Consideration to approve the November 2021 Municipal Election Early Voting Schedule.  
Presented by Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk  
Motion to approve a revised Early Voting schedule for the Merle Manders Conference Center from 7am - 7pm Monday-Friday of each Early Voting Week - Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.  
  
City Attorney will schedule a follow up meeting with City and County officials regarding additional polling locations.
5. Council Consideration to approve the emergency purchase of the generator for the Glynn Addy Pump Station in the amount of \$44,314.00. Funding Source: Department Budget.  
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director  
Motion to approve Barber/Gantt Passed 5-0.
6. Council Consideration to approve Information Technology Network Equipment for the Public Works Administration Building in the amount of \$47,478.80. Funding Source: SPLOST.  
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director  
Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.
7. Council Consideration to approve Task Order No. 33 with Carter & Sloope - GIS Mapping Program for Water and Sewer in the amount of \$32,020.00. Funding Source: Department Budget.  
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director  
Motion to approve Barber/Alexander Passed 5-0.
8. Council Consideration to approve Task Order No. 23 with TSW, Inc. - Renovations of the Wastewater Treatment Plant offices and laboratory in the amount of \$66,590.00. Funding Source: Sewer Fund Balance  
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director  
Motion to approve Barber/Gantt Passed 5-0.
9. Council Consideration to approve a Contract with Georgia Alliance Stockbridge, LLC. For Management Services of the Amphitheater as a Professional Service  
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager  
Motion to approve with the following revisions and conditions:  
Attorneys to negotiate the vendor adding Liability Insurance Coverage;

The City of Stockbridge will have final approval of the Naming Rights Sponsor; Modification of the contract with 10% of gross sales of Food/Beverage/Alcohol with the City of Stockbridge receiving 85% and Georgia Alliance receiving 15% (same as ticket sales); and Modification to the contract revising page one regarding the verbiage relating to Exclusive Control of Venue Management as noted in paragraph 1. Barber/Alexander Passed 5-0.

10. Council Consideration to approve COVID-19 State of Emergency for the City of Stockbridge  
Presented by Quinton Washington, City Attorney  
Motion to approve and adopt the Henry County Emergency Order  
Alexander/Blount Passed 5-0.

## **DISCUSSION**

11. Council Update- Police Chief/Department  
Presented by Randy Knighton, City Manager  
Update only, no action.
12. Council Discussion - Procurement Manual  
Presented by Jeremy Berry, City Attorney  
No Discussion.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Ford noted Piedmont Henry had reported 323 COVID deaths and 22,000 collective COVID cases and 131 COVID patients currently hospitalized, 49 in ICU and 82 non-ICU and 18 in the emergency room; noted the entire Piedmont Henry network has halted all elective surgeries and will require all personnel to become vaccinated by October 1, 2021; noted testing is important and Mako Medical is offering Free testing at Red Hawk Field located Henry Pkwy Monday - Friday from 9am - 3pm; noted testing has increased due to the uptick in the virus and therefore the expanded hours allotted, and encouraged anyone who wants to get free testing to contact the Department of Health at 800-847-4262 to schedule an appointment; noted Free vaccinations were available by contacting the Department of Health on Henry Pkwy where walk-in's are welcome, although appointments are preferred and you can contact the Henry County Department of Health at 800-847-4262 or the State Department of Health at 888-457-0186 or visit to website [district4health.org](https://district4health.org) to schedule an appointment, noting the Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations have been approved for children ages 12-17; noted the CDC the Delta Variant is much more contagious and getting vaccinated prevents the spread of the virus along with wearing face masks/covering, social distancing and washing your hands; noted those individuals who are hospitalized and have died were not vaccinated; and noted those who are fully vaccinated can still get the virus and is why it is important to continue to wear masks, social distance and wash your hands particularly in indoor settings, and doing so will protect you and others; noted when students return to the classrooms in the fall, teachers, students and staff will wear masks; and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

**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](http://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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month 9:00 a.m. - Via Zoom - (Sept 10)
- City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (Sep 14)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (Aug 17)
- Youth Council & Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (Aug 17)
- Planning Commission Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (Aug 26)
- City Council Work Session at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – Last Tuesday of each (Aug 31).

#### **CITY EVENT/INITIATIVES**

Please join Councilwoman Barber at the Merle Manders Conference Center for the Blood Drive Council Initiative, Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please donate.

**Councilwoman Barber noted the event has been canceled.**

Here's your opportunity to *Meet the Mayor*, and voice your questions and/or concerns Monday August 23, 2021, from 10 a.m. to noon. Call City Hall for an appt. 770-389-7900.

**Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Potential Litigation a Real Estate Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0.**

**Motion to adjourn Executive Session Alexander/Thomas Passed 3-0 (Blount and Gantt were not present for the vote).**

**Motion to reconvene the meeting Thomas/Alexander Passed 3-0 (Blount and Gantt were not present for the vote).**

**Mayor Ford read a Resolution of Censure into the Record regarding Councilman John Blount: Alexander/Thomas Passed 3-0. (Blount and Gantt were not present for the vote).**

**Motion to adjourn Alexander/Barber Passed 3-0. (Blount and Gantt were not present for the vote).**