



WORK SESSION MEETING ACTION MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 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/82606489114?pwd=TVdubE9BYy9EVnFhQmNQRRHtbEVqdz09>
Passcode: 518693

II. Call to Order - Mayor Ford

III. Invocation - Randy Knighton

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

V. Roll Call - All members were present.

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

VII. Review of the Minutes for the following meetings:

1. 4/15/21
2. 5/10/21
3. 5/25/21 No Action

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. Rashid Rowe asked how the city holds investors and owners accountable for code violations.

PRESENTATION

4. Projects Update

Presented by Falcon Design Consultants John Palmer and Skip Layton
Mr. Palmer gave an update on the Downtown Alleyway Project, noting documents were recently submitted to the City's Permitting office for processing and construction is estimated to begin between September - October; noted the Lee Street/E. Atlanta Rd. Project pre-bid meeting has taken place, and bids are due July 8th and estimates the project to take 9 months for completion following the Notice to Proceed; the Recommendation to Award was confirmed by the August Council Meeting or sooner, working around the Agenda schedule; Mr. Palmer noted the black mast arms were not approved by GDOT, however, they are working with the contractor; Wayfinding design selections were presented noting plans were ready to turn in on Thursday of this week; ready to meet with the City's Procurement to get bid done for cost; may need to acquire easements and add electricity; mid-to late July confirmed to put bid out, if not sooner; request for mileage signs along Reeves Creek Trail (not included in the scope), but not a problem to add in; Mr. Knighton and Carl Trevathan of Keck and Wood were tasked with putting together a timeline of City projects.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Council Consideration to approve TSPLOST Project List

Presented by Randy Knighton - City Manager

Project List reviewed; discussion of potential joint city/county projects; potential TSPLOST \$245 million dollars, with an estimated \$30,642,625 million dollars for the City of Stockbridge with an IGA and \$14,599,260 million dollars without an IGA; Project List to be brought back to the Council at a Special Call Meeting before the County's vote on June 7, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to approve Task Order No. 28 with Carter & Sloope - Walter Way Lift Station and Memorial Park Lift Station

Rehabilitation in the amount of \$124,900.00. Funding Source - Wastewater Department Fund Balance

Presented by Decius Aaron - Public Works Director and Brad Holtsinger, Wastewater Superintendent

Motion to approve Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0.

7. Council Consideration to approve Task Order No. 29 with Carter & Sloope - Water Service Line Replacement in the amount of \$62,700.00

Funding Source - Water Department Fund Balance.

Presented by Decius Aaron - Public Works Director

Motion to approve Blount/Barber Passed 5-0.

8. Council Consideration to approve Task Order No. 30 with Carter & Sloope - Water System Improvements in the amount of \$85,800.00. Funding Source - Water Department Fund Balance. Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.
9. Council consideration to approve Task Order No. 31 with Carter & Sloope - Northbridge Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation in the amount of \$176,900.0. Funding Source - Wastewater Fund Balance. Presented by Decius Aaron – Public Works Director
Motion to approve Blount/Alexander Passed 5-0.
10. Council Consideration to approve the amendment of the City's Ordinance to provide for the regulation of Small Box Discount Stores Distance Requirements. Presented by Quinton Washington - City Attorney
Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.
11. Council Consideration to approve the amendment of the City's Personnel Policy. Presented by Renee Wheeler - Human Resources Manager
Mayor Ford stated he was not in favor of changing the current process of Performance Evaluations at anniversary hire date.
Motion to approve Barber/Alexander Passed 5-0.
12. Council Consideration to approve Amphitheater Change Order No. 77 & 78 in the amount of \$142,269.00 Funding Source - Fund Balance Presented by Randy Knighton - City Manager and Carl Trevathan - Project Manager
Motion to approve Barber/Alexander Passed 4-0-1 (Blount Abstained).
13. Council Consideration to approve Amphitheater Change Order No. 74 in the amount of \$210,661.00 Funding Source - Bond Presented by Randy Knighton - City Manager and Carl Trevathan - Project Manager
Motion to approve Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

14. Council Discussion- Amphitheater Status Update and Operation Presented by Randy Knighton - City Manager & Carl Trevathan - Project Manager
Parking Lot Grading was discussed for Phase II along with a Retaining Wall, Light Poles, Internet, Wi-Fi, and the Security System; noted the Punch List for Phase I was being reviewed and noted there were additional items to be done and will not be completed until August 15th, although the parking lot and green space is scheduled to be completed by July 15th, noting the risks are behind us.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford asked everyone to cheer on the hometown Atlanta Hawks in Game 4 and wish them well in their quest for the NBA championship; wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and to be safe; and extended belated Happy Father's Day Greetings to all the dads; noted we are still in a pandemic even though things are getting better and the COVID-19 numbers are going down; noted there have been no COVID deaths in Henry County during the last two weeks; noted the Heritage Senior Center is no longer testing for COVID and testing is now being offered at the Red Hawk Field located at 143 Henry Pkwy Tuesday and Thursday only from 9am - 3pm and to call 800-847-4262 to make an appointment; noted you must contact the Public Health Department at 888-457-0186 for COVID vaccination appointments Monday - Friday from 8am - 8pm and Saturday & Sunday from 8am - 5pm where you will be asked about your demographics, health history, age, past infections, COVID testing, COVID vaccination status, and contact information; noted District 4 Public Health Department was working with the non-profit agency CORE, commissioned by Sean Penn to educate and inform underserved communities about COVID testing and vaccinations.

Councilman Thomas thanked the 15-20 volunteers who assisted with Phase I of his Annual First Responders Luncheon initiative where 200 lunches were prepared for local Fire, Police, Sheriff, EMA and EMT workers and thanked them for their service; and noted Phase II is scheduled to be a virtual tribute coming soon.

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY.

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.

- Virtual Town Hall Meeting on the Quiet Zone and Railroad Crossing Thursday, July 1st at 6 p.m. Via Zoom
- 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 22)

- City Council Work Session at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – Last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted (July 27).

CITY EVENT/INITIATIVES

Food Truck Tasty Tuesday returns to Clark Park 111 Davis Rd. Dates: July 20th, July 27th, August 3rd, and August 10th 5pm - 8pm.

Please join Mayor Anthony S. Ford on Friday, July 9th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Divine 9 Food Truck Rally at Clark Park.

Please join Councilwoman Gantt for the “Let’s Get Back to Normal” Food Truck Council Initiative on Tuesday, July 13th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Clark Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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