

Stockbridge

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ACTION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Mayor & City Council

Mayor Judy Neal
Mayor Pro Tem Anthony S. Ford
Councilman Elton Alexander
Councilman John Blount
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt
Councilwoman Neat Robinson

Administration

Michael Harris, City Manager
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Williams, City Attorney

- I. Call to Order – **Mayor Neal**
- II. Invocation – **Pastor Steve Murell (First Baptist Church of Stockbridge)**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Councilman Alexander	___X___	_____
Councilman Blount	___X___	_____
Mayor Neal	___X___	_____
Mayor Pro Tem Ford	___X___	_____
Councilwoman Gantt	___X___	_____
Councilwoman Robinson	___X___	_____

Adoption of the Agenda **Gantt/Alexander: Passed 5-0.**
- V. Adoption of Minutes for 12/12/2016, 12/14/2016, 12/16/2016, 12/27/2016
Ford/Alexander: Passed 5-0.

Mayor Neal recognized ceremonial items presented prior to the meeting: Black History Month Proclamation, Letter of Commendation for Commissioner Bruce Holmes and Letter of Commendation for Naval Academy Candidate Karina Patel.

- VI. Organizational Appointment: Mayor Pro Tem – Anthony S. Ford
Motion to approve: Alexander/Robinson – Passed 4-0-1 (Ford abstained)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All persons wishing to speak for public comment must sign in with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. You must sign your name, address, and phone number. You will be able to address the Mayor and Council for three (3) minutes. Speakers must respect all members of the elected body, officials, and staff. Defamation, unruliness and/or swearing will not be tolerated while meetings are in session.

Ms. Mildred E. Reed asked for City sponsorship and citizen support of Council on Aging – Miles for Meals event taking place on Saturday, May 1, 2017.

PRESENTATION

1. 2017 Paint Henry Blue – Raising Awareness for the Prevention of Child Abuse Kick-Off Month in Stockbridge Thursday, March 30, 2017. Request Use of Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Road 5pm -9pm
Presented by: Susan Crutchfield
Motion to Table to be heard on 2/28/2017 Gantt/Ford – Passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

All appointments approved by Slate: Robinson/Alexander Passed 5-0.

2. Appointment of Council Representative on Main Street Advisory Board

ANTHONY S. FORD	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017
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3. Appointments to the Main Street Advisory Board

WILLIE E. HOPKINS	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2018
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GREG HORTON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2018
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4. Appointment of Council on Aging Representative

TYRONE C. ANDERSON, SR.	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017
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5. Appointment to the Zoning Advisory Board

SHIRLEY WALLACE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017
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6. Appointment of Youth Council Advisory Committee

EMMA LEWIS	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017
KENNETH MCFARLAND	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017
DIANE D. MILLER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017
JOC'QUELYN E. CARTER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017
XAVIER ROSS	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017
PAMELA WARNER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017
KALI ROBINSON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2017

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Variance Request – VR-16-14-S – **PUBLIC HEARING**

Waffle House Inc., of Norcross GA requests a variance from development regulations for the property located at the Southeast Corner of the intersection of Eagles Landing Parkway and Parkside Lane, Land Lot 1 of the 11th District. Parcel ID no. 069-01-008-009. The property consists of 0.898+/- acres, and the request is for wall and ground signs. Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager

Public Hearing:

Applicant Sanford McAllister spoke in favor.

Ms. Janet Beuchler noted her questions were answered by the applicant.

Ms. Sandra Reichert spoke in opposition.

Public Hearing was closed.

Motion to approve Wall and Ground Sign variance made by Ford. Failed for lack of a second.

Motion to approve Ground Sign variance made by Gantt/Second. Failed 2-3. (Alexander, Blount and Robinson opposed).

8. Annexation Request – AX17-51– **PUBLIC HEARING**

City-Initiated annexation request consisting of 2.87+/- acres of parcel no. 030-01002000 415 Flippen Rd. in Land Lot 38 of the 12 District.

Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager

Public Hearing: No speakers in favor – No speakers opposed

Public Hearing was closed.

Motion to approve annexation: Alexander/Ford – Passed 5-0.

9. Update of the City's Official Zoning Map – **PUBLIC HEARING**

Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager

Public Hearing: No speakers in favor – No speakers opposed

Public Hearing was closed.

Motion to approve Official Zoning Map: Gantt/Blount – Passed 5-0.

10. Request for Amendment of the City's Zoning Code – **PUBLIC HEARING**

In regards to brick facade.

Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney

Public Hearing: No speakers in favor – No speakers opposed

Public Hearing was recessed until March 13, 2017 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Council Consideration to approve the 2017 voting schedule for the City.

Presented by: Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Motion to approve Option 1 with an estimated cost of \$23,500 and estimated budget amendment in the amount of \$7,500: Ford/Robinson – Passed 4-1 (Gantt opposed)

12. Council Consideration to approve use of the Merle Manders Conference Center for Non-Profit Mixer to be held on April 19, 2017.

Presented by: Councilwoman Gantt

Motion to approve annexation: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

13. Council Consideration – Proposed Budget Amendment for Fiber Optics Connection \$350,000.00

Presented by: Councilman Alexander

Motion to Table for up to 60 days or date closest to the March 25, 2017 meeting: Alexander/Ford – Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

14. CID (Community Improvement District) Consultant

Presented by: Councilwoman Robinson

Presentation by: Vivian Thomas – One Henry CID meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at Heritage Bank 830 Eagles Landing Pkwy #100, Stockbridge, GA 30281 at 3:00 p.m. 2nd Floor.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

No Comments

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Alexander thanked citizens for coming out and taking part of the democratic process; noted Council was embarking on monumental tasks and need to avoid the pitfalls of destruction; and to put water under the bridge to move the City forward.

Councilman Blount stated the importance of his character, noted that prior to being an elected official, he was in his church and community every day; and thanked Mr. Willie Hopkins for volunteering for the Main Street Advisory Board;

Mayor Pro Tem Ford thanked everyone for being engaged; referenced the recent Council Retreat where goals and objectives were set by the Council; referenced a recent award to the City of Stockbridge from Goodwill Industries for the 2016 Job Fairs spearheaded by Councilman Alexander; noted he was hurt behind the Falcons' Super Bowl loss; and wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked everyone for attending; asked for continued prayers; noted tough decisions are being made by the Council, and that it is not an easy task and City is headed in the right direction; noted the City recently held a wonderful Retreat; and reminded citizens that she is accessible, and to reach out to her with your questions and/or concerns referencing contact information on the City's website.

Councilwoman Robinson congratulated Commissioner Holmes and Karina Patel for their ceremonial commendations; congratulated everyone appointed to the Youth Council Advisory Committee and noted the City Attorney would be in contact with each of them.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Neal noted the City of Stockbridge would host (4) four official Town Hall meetings at City Hall quarterly and include finance updates along with any additional updates regarding City business; and individual council members would host Community Meetings as their individual initiatives off-site referencing a Community Meeting to be hosted by Councilman Alexander at Red Oak UMC on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7pm.

Mayor Neal read the following News and Events referencing City Events and Council Initiatives:

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

All meetings will be held at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the city's website www.cityofstockbridge.com, Facebook page or contact City Hall offices at 770.389-7900 for updates and detailed information.

- Community Meeting – Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Red Oak United Methodist Church 3894 Walt Stephens Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281 Spearheaded by Councilman Alexander (Council Initiative)
- Stockbridge Zoning Advisory Board Meeting – Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Coffee with a Cop – Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Bridgeview Country Cooking 4727 N. Henry Blvd. Stockbridge from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Ford. (Council Initiative)
- Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Council Work Session – Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

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

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Neal/Ford – Passed: 4-0. (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote).

Motion to reconvene meeting: Ford/Blount – Passed 4-0.

Motion to adjourn: Ford/Blount – Passed 4-0.