

Stockbridge

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ACTION MINUTES WORK SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 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

II. Invocation

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Councilman Alexander

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Councilman Blount

___X___

Mayor Neal

___X___

Mayor Pro Tem Ford

___X___

Councilwoman Gantt

___X___

Councilwoman Robinson

___X___

V. Adoption of the Agenda: Robinson/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

VI. Review of Minutes for 12/12/2016, 12/14/2016, 12/16/2016, and 12/27/2016 for adoption on February 13, 2017. No Action – Items to be placed on Agenda February 13, 2017.

- VII. Organizational Appointments: Municipal Court Judge & CPA/Auditor**
Motion to appoint Judge Matthew McCord and Mauldin & Jenkins,
CPA/Auditor: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.

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. Beverly Ragland expressed her concerns regarding parking on the streets Ordinance Section 10.12.020. The City Manager's office will follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Consideration to approve recommendation for Engineering Services for the City - Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager
Motion to approve Falcon Design and Carter & Sloope Engineering Firms: Ford/Alexander – Passed 5-0.
2. Council Consideration to approve use of MMCC for Back to School Event July 29, 2017 - Presented by: Councilman John Blount
Motion to approve: Blount/Gantt – Passed 5-0.
3. Council Consideration to approve the 2017 voting schedule.
 Presented by: Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Motion to Table Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Consideration adding a Sunday and updating the cost: Gantt/Robinson - Passed 5-0.
4. Council Consideration to approve Safety Committee Guidelines for the City
 Presented by: Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve: Alexander/Blount – Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION

5. Council Consideration to amend Travel Policy the City
 Presented by: Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager and Michael Williams, City Attorney
Motion to approve amended Travel Policy and to ratify to include Mayor's Day 2017 expenses: Alexander/Ford – Passed 5-0.

6. Branding Services for the City
Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager
No Action
7. Social Media Policy for the City
Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager
Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Consideration.
8. Variance Request – VR-16-14-S
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
Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Consideration and to include Eagle's Landing Community Signage Information.
9. Annexation Request – AX17-51
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
Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Consideration.
10. Update of the City's Official Zoning Map
Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager
Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Consideration.
11. Request for Amendment of the City's Zoning Code
In regards to brick facade.
Presented by: Michael Williams, City Attorney
Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Consideration.
12. Fiber Optics Connection
Presented by: Councilman Elton Alexander
No Action
13. Public Safety
Presented by: Councilman Alexander
No Action

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Harris noted the new structure of Quarterly Town Hall Meetings with Finance, Public Works, Community and Economic Development updates to be held in conjunction with Work Session meetings; introduced the North Precinct Captain – Phillip Bratton; and noted the City was in partnership with the Henry County sister cities, Hampton, Locust Grove and McDonough with humanitarian efforts to assist Albany residents affected by recent tornados.

Mayor Neal thanked everyone for attending.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Alexander thanked everyone for coming out, noted his desire to build a quality community as he has heard the citizens and their concerns and loves to hear and talk with citizens one-on-one, and also welcomed citizens to come or call, the door is always open.

Councilman Blount noted he is here to serve the citizens and the community, doesn't play politics, and stated what you see is what you get referencing his passion for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ford thanked everyone for attending; thanked everyone for being engaged; noted 2017 is just getting started, there are more good things to follow in the City in this year; and noted his support for the Atlanta Falcons (even as a Saints fan).

Councilwoman Robinson thanked everyone for attending; welcomed Captain Bratton, and noted he had big shoes to fill behind Captain Gray; noted the success of the recent ribbon cutting for I-75 and encouraged everyone to get their Peach Pass.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Neal encouraged everyone to sign up to receive notifications and then read the following upcoming items:

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.

- Council Retreat – Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. -6pm and Friday, February 10, 2017 9am – 5pm Newnan, GA
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting - Friday, February 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.

- Council Meeting – Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Joint Town Hall – Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Red Oak UMC 3894 Walt Stephens Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281
- Stockbridge Zoning Advisory Board Meeting – Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- 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 Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate: Gantt/Ford – Passed 5-0.

14.Appointment of Council Representative on the Downtown Development Authority Board

Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Appointment.

15.Appointment of Council Representative on Main Street Advisory Board

Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Appointment.

16.Appointments to the Main Street Advisory Board

Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Appointment.

17.Appointment of Council on Aging Representative

Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Appointment.

18.Appointment of Youth Council Advisory Committee

Item to be placed on the February 13, 2017 Agenda for Council Appointment.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Robinson/Alexander – Passed 5-0.

Motion to reconvene Work Session: Gantt/Ford – Passed 5-0.

Motion to approve the sale of 135 North Park Trail via the Henry County Development Authority in the amount of \$2.7 million dollars: Gantt/Robinson – Passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn: Ford/Gantt – Passed 5-0.