



Where Community Connects

COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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. **Via Zoom**
- II. **Call to Order - Mayor Ford**
- III. **Invocation - Mayor Pro Tem Alexander**
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance - In Unison by all present**
- V. **Roll Call - All members were present**
- VI. **Motion to amend the Agenda add under Old Business - Stockbridge Precinct Maps: Alexander/Thomas Passed 5-0.**
- VII. **Motion to add item for Council Consideration to approve Stockbridge Precinct Maps: Alexander/Blount Passed 5-0.**
- VIII. **Adoption of the Minutes for the following meetings:**
 1. 7/6/21 2. 7/12/21 3. 7/27/21 Alexander/Thomas 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.

Ms. Bernice Peters submitted comments in favor of a Stockbridge Police Department.

Neroc Ozzardand submitted comments in favor of a Stockbridge Police Department.

Former Councilwoman Neat Robinson appealed to the Mayor & Council to place her name on the Amphitheater plaque.

Sunny Randazzo submitted comments suggesting noise mitigation at the Amphitheater, and noise issues dating back to 2019 with Food Truck Tuesdays; does not favor a city tax; referenced the cost of the Amphitheater; referenced Amphitheater parking, traffic and COVID concerns relating to the upcoming concert.

CEREMONIAL

Mayor Ford read the Pastor's Appreciation Celebration Letter for Pastor Belinda McCastle of Red Oak United Methodist Church.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Council Consideration to approve the Stockbridge City Municipal Map for the November 2, 2021 Election. Precinct 1 = The Merle Manders Conference Center - Precinct 2 = Stockbridge First United Methodist Church - Precinct 3 = Red Oak United Methodist Church.
Presented by Brecca Johnson, Community Development Director
Motion to approve Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to approve Task Order 28.1 with Carter & Sloope-Pine View Lift Station Rehabilitation and Waterway Force Main in the amount of \$48,100.00.
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director and Brad Holtsinger, Wastewater Superintendent
Motion to approve Barber/Gantt Passed 5-0.
6. Council Consideration to modify the Development Agreement for the 438 East Atlanta Road Condominium Community.
Presented by Brecca Johnson, Community Development Director
Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 3-2 (Alexander/Thomas Opposed).
7. Council Consideration to approve the updated Youth Council By-Laws.
Presented by Ericka Harvey, Youth Council Advisory Chair
Motion to approve Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted the City would respond publicly with clarification to some of the public comments made that were inaccurate; noted the City participated in an outstanding ceremony at City Hall commemorating the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attack on our country that we will *Never Forget*, noted 2,977 individuals were killed, 19 were hijackers that committed murder and suicide, 6000+ individuals were injured and that number continues to grow, 265 people were killed on the four planes combined, roughly 2606 individuals were killed at the World Trade Center with the two towers falling, 125 military and civilians were killed at the Pentagon, noted while the terrorist attack happened on U.S. soil, over 90 countries were affected in some way by this tragedy; referenced the heroes of New York City and across the nation, and those who crashed in the field in

Pennsylvania, and the heroes of New York's finest, police, fire, EMT, paramedics who tried to save lives; noted the City of Stockbridge will continue to host a 9/11 ceremony in remembrance of those who lost their lives and continue to suffer; noted COVID and the Delta Variant are still with us citing Piedmont Henry reported 151 COVID-19 patients with 82 patients in ICU and 20 patients on ventilators and 95% of the ICU patients are unvaccinated; noted the oxygen supply has stabilized, and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated; noted there were 2,118 new cases of COVID over the last weeks; noted vaccinations are key to getting this virus under control; noted drug stores in the Henry County area; noted you can also contact the Department of Health at 888-847-4262 to get tested at Red Hawk Field at 143 Henry Parkway in McDonough from 9am - 3pm every day of the week; not going to get rid of the virus until we get vaccinated; noted Pfizer is administering vaccinations to individuals age 12 and older and the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccinations are being administered to individuals age 18 and older; noted we are awaiting FDA approval for vaccinations for children under age 12 who are vulnerable; encouraged everyone to be careful, continue to wash your hands, wear a mask and use hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of the virus; noted there will be an election in Henry County on Tuesday, November 2nd with the TSPLOST Referendum on the ballot which could bring an estimated \$245 - \$250 million dollars to the county for transportation improvements such as the widening of Rock Quarry Rd. from Eagles Landing Parkway to Hwy. 138/N. Henry Blvd., curb & gutter improvements, and other projects along Davidson Pkwy., Country Club Dr., Love Street, Burke Street and Walt Stephens Rd., noting these projects need a yes vote of the TSPLOST to move forward.

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.

- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month (Sep 21)
- Youth Council & Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month (Sep 21)
- Planning Commission Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – 4th Thursday of each month (Sep 23)
- City Council Work Session at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom – Last Tuesday of each (Sep 28)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month 9:00 a.m. - Via Zoom - (Oct 8)
- City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom 2nd Monday of each month (Oct 11)
- Youth Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 2nd Wednesday of each month (Oct 13)

CITY EVENT/INITIATIVES

Please join Councilwoman Barber at the Merle Manders Conference Center for FREE Zumba (Fitness in the Park) this Saturday and every Saturday through September 25th at 8 a.m. at Clark Park 111 Davis Rd.

Here's your opportunity to *Meet the Mayor*, and voice your questions and/or concerns Monday, September 20, 2021 from 10 a.m. to noon. Call City Hall to schedule an appointment. 770-389-7900.

Stockbridge Amphitheater Grand Opening featuring Award-Winning Musical Giants Gladys Knight and Patti Labelle, Saturday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.