



COUNCIL MEETING
ACTION MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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

Vacant, 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**
- II. Call to Order - Mayor Ford**
- III. Roll Call - All members except Councilwoman Gantt**
- IV. Invocation - Chief Trammer**
- V. Motion to amend the Agenda to Table Item #11, 12, 14 and 15 to allow for the vendors to present to project updates, status and timelines to the Mayor & Council at the November 30, 2021, Work Session meeting and amend the contract language to include this language to present to the quarterly updates and placed on the Consent Agenda 12/13/2021: Thomas/Barber passed 3-0-1 (Blount abstained).**
- VI. Motion to amend the Agenda to Table Item #16 & 17 to receive more information: Barber/Blount Failed**
- VII. Motion to amend the Agenda to add Item #21 Re-opening City Hall and Public Buildings and Item #22 Returning to In-Person Public Meetings: Barber/Alexander Passed 3-0-1 (Thomas Abstained).**
- VIII. Motion to adopt the Agenda: Alexander/Barber Passed 4-0.**
- IX. Motion to adopt the following Minutes: 1. 9/13/2021 2. 9/28/2021 Barber/Alexander Passed 4-0.**

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.

Mr. Charles Marshall commented on behalf of the Henry County Coalition Committee and congratulated the Mayor and Councilmembers on their recent re-election victories; noted they look forward to the continued efforts of moving the city forward; referenced the success of the Amphitheater, and bringing in the city's Police Force, more robust business growth and the plans for the Cultural Arts Center, a revitalized downtown, upgraded streets and trails and a premium development site at Bridges of Jodeco; noted the challenges and looks forward to partnering with the city officials to work together and make Stockbridge a great place to live, work and play for city residents and surrounding area residents as well.

CEREMONIAL

3. Proclamation - Retired Teachers

Ms. Wendy Hughes, President of the Henry County Retired Teachers Association thanked the city for the recognition and noted they continue to be engaged and providing support to the community.

4. Proclamation presented for Hospice and Palliative Care Month

5. Proclamation presented to National Trichology Training Institute

6. Proclamation presented for Small Business Saturday

Lisa Fareed, Main Street Program Coordinator, thanked the city and introduced the new Main Street initiative "Blitz" where everyone is encouraged to support Small Businesses throughout the entire month of November and especially on Saturday, November 27th.

Anika Potts, Main Street Advisory Board Chair thanked the city for supporting the Main Street Program and encouraged everyone to Shop Small!

Councilwoman Gantt joined the meeting.

PRESENTATION

7. Police Services Financial Presentation

Presented by Ed Wall, Financial Advisor and Chief Frank Trammer

Mr. Wall referenced the new release from the Department of Treasury in July 2021 and referenced page 21 & Page 22 noting if crime has increased in your area, you are allowed to use ARPA to hire, and purchase equipment; noted the Henry County statistics of 2019, 2020 and 2021 have risen significantly citing the increases in armed robbery, aggravated assault and homicide have all risen upwards of 500-600% vs, pre-pandemic.

Mr. Wall also noted he was unaware of this Treasury release when he issued his initial report.

Mr. Trammer noted the city can show a nexus between the pandemic and crime; and noted he spoke with Becky Taylor of GMA along with Councilwoman Yolanda Barber who confirmed his interpretation that the funds were allowable.

Mr. Wall agreed ARPA funds can be used for vehicles, equipment and hiring and asked the City's attorneys to weigh in.

Attorney Berry agreed, noting he too had spoken with Ms. Taylor of GMA.

Mr. Wall noted Court fines are estimated to be at the levels prior to removing them from Municipal Court, which was around \$1 million dollars annually, a 2.5 millage rate (2023 or thereafter), \$3 million in ARPA funding and \$3 million from bonds will account for the estimated \$5.5 million dollar police department budget.

Councilwoman Gantt asked for confirmation of the proposed millage and if it would be 2.5, 3.0 or 3.5; noted the city's budget has increased from \$12 million to \$17 million dollars.

Mr. Wall offered an estimate of sales tax in 2021 as \$5,704,000, 2022 as \$5,818,000 and 2023 \$5,900,000 and 3.3 mil vs. 2.5 with an increase in sales tax and court fines, noting the tax would be higher in the event of a recession.

Councilwoman Gantt noted the start-up of officers were 43 officers and is now 50 officers with a \$12 million dollar budget.

Chief Trammer noted the budget will be around \$3,325,000 for 7 months of FY2022 and estimated at \$5.8 million dollars thereafter; and noted he did not want to use all the ARPA funds with there being latitude as how the funds can be used, and the city have more projects in Public Works as perhaps elsewhere to utilize the funds.

Councilwoman Gantt asked Mr. Wall what the interest rate is on the \$25 million dollar bond.

Mr. Wall noted he believed the rate was around 2.85%; and noted he projects the Fund Balance for the city will continue to increase, noting this is a projection, and you will need to monitor it month to month.

Councilwoman Barber noted it was her understanding the ARPA expenses must be expended by 2026 (to utilize the funds).

Chief Trammer confirmed noting Stockbridge uses of ARPA funds would go towards Public Safety and Public Works.

Councilman Thomas agreed, and noted revenues were up during the pandemic; noted Council has the leeway and authority to control the city's budget, and it is the Council's obligation to provide public safety and provide services to our citizens.

Councilwoman Barber asked Mr. Wiggins to provide an ARPA income/expenditure report to the Council.

Mr. Wiggins confirmed, noting \$70,000 of the \$5 million received thus far has been spent.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

8. 1. Rezoning Case #RZ-2021-01 Council Consideration to approve proposed Davidson Parkway Commerce Center - - Rezoning Request by East Group Properties, L.P., the Applicant to rezone certain property from 'C-3' (Heavy Commercial) to 'M-1' (Light Manufacturing) to allow for the development of business distribution center within five new buildings. The property is located in Land Lot 57 of the 12th District within the Stockbridge city limits. It contains three (3) parcels with 79.17 +/- acres as follows:
 - Parcel #030-01009000 -- Contains 73.88 acres. Located to the rear of the southwest corner of Davidson Parkway and Walter Way.
 - Parcel #030-01009006 -- Contains 1.66 acres. Located on the south side of Davidson Parkway, one lot west of Walter Way.
 - Parcel #030-01009005 -- Contains 3.63 acres. Located on the west side of Walter Way, two lots south of Davidson Parkway.

Presented by Linda Logan, Senior Planner

Ms. Logan presented Rezoning Case #RZ-2021-01 to the Mayor & Council followed by a presentation from the Applicant's Attorney Michele Battle and the Applicant John Coleman

Mayor Ford opened the Public Hearing. There were no speakers in favor or opposed. The Public Hearing closed.

Motion to deny the request Thomas/Alexander Passed 5-0

2. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case #CP-2021-01--The City of Stockbridge Planning Commission and the City of Stockbridge Mayor and City Council will hear a Comprehensive Plan Amendment Request by East Group Properties, L.P., the Applicant, to change the future land use designation of certain property from 'Low-Density Vertical Mixed-Use' to 'Light Industrial' to allow for the development of a business distribution center within five new buildings. The property is located in Land Lot 57 of District 12 within the Stockbridge City Limits. It contains three parcels with 79.17 +/- total acres, as follows:

Parcel #030-01009000 -- Contains 73.88 acres. Located to the rear of the southwest corner of Davidson Parkway and Walter Way.

Parcel #030-01009006 -- Contains 1.66 acres. Located on the south side of Davidson Parkway, one lot west of Walter Way.

Parcel #030-01009005 -- Contains 3.63 acres. Located on the west side of Walter Way, two lots south of Davidson Parkway.

Presented by Linda Logan, Senior Planner

Ms. Logan presented Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case #CP-2021-01 to the Mayor & Council.

Ms. Brecca Johnson, Community Development Director noted the items were presented to the Planning Commission on September 23, 2021, with a Public Hearing and the Planning Commission is recommending denial noting the proposed use does not meet the Comprehensive Plan and is not compatible.

Councilwoman Barber noted the idea of bringing jobs is great, however there is a greater concern with the traffic.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander noted he attended the Developer's Town Hall, and every resident is opposed to the development, and the community is in opposition of the project, noting the LCI is a concrete plan, and cannot in good conscious approve the request.

Councilman Thomas noted he has also had several conversations with the residents in the area who are not favorable to the development.

Mayor Ford opened the Public Hearing. There were no speakers in favor or opposed. The Public Hearing closed.

Motion to deny the request Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET HEARING - FIRST READING

9. Proposed FY2022 Operating Budget
Presented by John Wiggins Treasurer

Mr. Wiggins noted this was the First Reading and presented the proposed FY2022 Operating Budget at \$17.4 million dollars and \$24.9 million in Enterprise Funds and is up 4.7 percent from FY2021; referenced the 58 new positions in the Police Department, 3 new positions in Community Development, 1 position in Municipal Court and 1 position in Human Resources; noted the increases in budget are primarily the new police department, salaries and benefits; noted the New Police Department has a FY2022 Budget of \$2.6 million; and salaries and benefits for the citywide staff is \$390,000; and noted changes to the proposed budget could be

made up to the final hearing on December 13, 2021, and noted the documents were also available online for public view.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander asked if \$100,000 is in the budget for N. Henry Blvd. Beautification and improvements, noting inclusive of the downtown area and noting the Council approved the hiring of an additional Code Enforcement Officer to improve compliance, is adding a 2nd streetsweeper, has a litter team and also has contractors cutting the rights-of-way along the corridor, noting there needs to be more beautification in the area, as the citizens are calling form improvements and calls on the Council to include this in the budget.

Mr. Wiggins was unaware if the \$100,000 had been included in the proposed FY2022 budget.

Mr. Aaron, Public Works Director, stated the former City Manager, Randy Knighton had mentioned to him to include the \$100,000.

Councilwoman Barber noted she supports \$100,000 Beautification to be included in the FY2022 Budget.

Councilman Thomas noted he supports Mayor Pro Tem Alexander's \$100,000 request for \$100,000 for North Henry Blvd. Beautification.

Mayor Ford stated he would review with Mr. Wiggins to include and in the budget at the 2nd Reading.

Councilman Thomas noted that he does a through sweep and write up of the budget annually, noting he was favorable to tabling the police job description item, however, will read his statement into the record here.

Mayor Ford asked Councilman Thomas to share his information for review and adjust for the 2nd Reading.

Councilman Thomas confirmed that he would and read following statement of his concerns into the record: As it relates to the Police Department, the Proposed Budget for City Staff has the new job descriptions included, as it should be. All the police positions are new positions, but there are only two job descriptions attached. The Council needs to see and approve all job descriptions for the police department as well. We cannot approve the Pay & Class or Organizational Chart without knowing what the job descriptions are; and stated there are required protocols in Municipal Government, and this action would be one of them; and asked if there is a Salary Analysis to include McDonough and other comparable cities for the proposed Command Staff positions to make sure we are in line with salaries while also being competitive; Public Works Vehicles - There have been improvements in the City's rights-of-way, and I want to commend the Public Works Staff for their efforts. The parks are a great asset to our community, and I look forward to moving forward with the Parks Master

Plan, with consideration to bring a park into the Eagles Landing area to enhance the quality of life even more with the proposed improvements. Water, Sewer and Stormwater departments continue to make infrastructure improvements in the city and many of those projects are being reimbursed by ARPA funds, which is great. What I would like to see as it relates to city vehicles is a Vehicle Replacement Plan and Policy submitted and attached to the budget annually. Having this background information will assist us in making decisions on approving and funding vehicle requests in the budget. I would like to recommend all FY2022 requests be contingent upon receiving and approving the Vehicle Replacement Plan and Policy and ask for Council support on this recommendation; During one of the Budget Retreats, the HR Manager noted that the threshold in HR was around 100 employees. The Police Department will take us over that threshold and this position is going to be needed. So, because the great majority of staffing added will be in the police department, I am recommending this position to be an HR Manager position under Police Services, dedicated solely to public safety employees and not add that burden to our current HR Department; noted Chief Trammer referred to a position(s) within the police department regarding Human Resources and will speak to following this statement; noted Chief Trammer is going to need someone experienced and dedicated to the onboarding of Police Department personnel, having experience with Public Safety Policies, Procedures and Training. It is important that we hire someone with a minimum of 10 years of HR experience with public safety employees and have the job description and funding be amended to reflect this recommendation.

Councilman Thomas motioned to amend the HR Coordinator Position to HR Manager and place under the Police Department with a Minimum of 10 years of Public Safety HR Experience and all associated funding; second by Councilwoman Barber.

Councilwoman Gantt requested to hear from the HR Manager as to whether this is the normal regarding the structure, as she does not know what that should look like.

Ms. Wheeler noted it was not normal to have an HR Manager within the police department in a city of this size and referenced her experience at the City of Riverdale and working as the sole HR Manager with 125 employees including 25 - 28 police officers and fire personnel, and a commander who works with the Chief of Police with the hirings and the HR Manager would advertise for the position and police staff working within the police department with some HR functions and duties; and referenced the cities of Hampton, and McDonough and Morrow who handles the departments this way.

Councilwoman Gantt stated she is not in favor of spending additional funds on a new position.

Chief Trammer noted in his experience, the police department does not have its own HR Manager, however, the department does have an HR Coordinator person under the umbrella of the police department for recruiting, and onboarding, and background checks who would work closing with the HR Manager and this position is included in the police department proposed organizational chart, and noted the police department processes for hiring are more stringent than those of the city's hiring process.

Councilman Thomas amended his motion and made a motion to amend the HR Coordinator position with a minimum of 10 years of Public Safety experience and all associated funding; noting as Ms. Wheeler and Chief Trammer spoke to the Public Safety knowledge that would be needed; second by Councilwoman Barber.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander asked Chief Trammer if this action fits in to plans for the police department.

Chief Trammer stated that based on a department of around 60, an HR Manager position would not be needed within the police department, as there is staff that will be responsible for certain HR duties, however, it would be beneficial to the City's HR Team to have a HR Coordinator position on its team that would assist the police department.

Councilman Thomas asked to clarify the motion, noting he is not suggesting that the position be under the Police Department, and noted the HR Coordinator it is already being proposed under the HR structure and the motion is asking that the level of qualifications be a minimum of 10 years of Public Safety experience.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander further clarified that the position is already being proposed in the budget, and the request is to amend the public safety experience.

Councilman Thomas confirmed the request.

Councilwoman Gantt wanted to clarify that the position was not only for the police department; and noted the city was bursting at the seams and seeking workspace; and also advised Chief Trammer with all due respect that it is the responsibility of the Council to approve the job descriptions and positions and organizational chart for the police department; thanked Councilman Thomas for his due diligence to the budget annually and noted she would rely on the expertise of Ms. Wheeler with her many years of experience in HR and public safety personnel.

Councilman Blount referenced Ms. Wheeler's HR with public safety personnel experience, and further stating the Council should not place stipulations on the job description of her hire, and she be able to hire her own personnel.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander asked for confirmation that the position is already proposed in the FY2022 budget.

Treasurer John Wiggins confirmed the position is proposed and the criteria is what is being amended.

The motion passed 3-1-1 (Blount Opposed stating this would be HR's hire and experience required, not that of the Council) (Councilwoman Gantt abstained as she will rely on the experience of HR).

Councilman Blount proposed an infrastructure contingency fund for the year be placed in the Public Works budget for a study on sidewalks assessment, like the study done for the streets, and asked Mr. Aaron, the Public Works Director if there is something in the budget that can be put in the budget for sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Aaron noted there is \$150,000 proposed in the Public Works FY2022 budget for sidewalk maintenance and improvements; and has requested a solicitation for an on-call vendor to make those improvements that probably will not be similar to what the LMIG is, and they will put together a list and present to the vendor to make the repairs as required; and expects the Ms. Miller will be bringing forward the solicitation for the vendor at the next meeting.

Councilman Blount noted the request had previously been made for a sidewalk assessment that has not come back to the Council, and they see the aesthetics of sidewalks throughout the city, but more than that, wants Public Works to address the safety concerns, and noted the elected officials hear about the sidewalks that need repair from the citizens.

Mr. Aaron noted there is a process in place for assessing the sidewalks, they have been identified, it is just a matter of determining the list and bringing that to the Council to determine how much of sidewalks to repair based on the list and the funding.

Mr. Aaron stated he will forward the updated sidewalk and street assessment report to the Mayor for dissemination to the Council.

Councilman Thomas asked Mr. Aaron to respond to the Vehicle Replacement Plan and Policy.

Mr. Aaron noted he had distributed a proposal to the former City Manager, Randy Knighton, and will send it to Mayor Ford for dissemination to the Council.

Mayor Ford opened the Public Hearing. There were no speakers in favor or opposed. The Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Ford announced the 2nd Reading of the proposed FY2022 Operating Budget would take place Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Council Consideration to approve the contract renewal. The Public Works Department is requesting approval to renew the competitive solicited contract pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) Number 16RFP101216-DRR, for American Tank Maintenance, LLC, Full-Service Tank Maintenance. Invitation To Bid (ITB) Number, 16RFP101216-DRR for Full-Service Tank Maintenance was approved by Council on April 9th, 2018, for estimated not to exceed amount, \$614,190.00, over a ten-year period. The initial contract term of the Agreement is for one (1) year, with ten (10), one (1) year renewal options.
Presented by Decius Aaron Public Works Dir./Lindell Miller Purchasing Mgr.
Motion to approve Gantt/Blount Passed 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained).
11. Council Consideration to approve continuation of contract.
The Public Works Department is requesting approval to continue utilizing Request for Proposal (RFP) 201608-05, Engineering Services for Falcon Design Consultant Services, Inc, because the City currently has nineteen (19) ongoing projects in various stages with Falcon Design Consultant Services, Inc.
Presented by Decius Aaron Public Works Dir./Lindell Miller Purchasing Mgr.
Item Tabled to be placed on the Consent Agenda 12/13/2021
12. Council Consideration to approve continuation of contract.
The Public Works Department is requesting approval to continue utilizing Request for Proposal (RFP) Number 18RFP021918-CSI, Engineering Services, Scada System Improvements contract with Carter and Sloope because the City currently has fifteen (15) ongoing projects in various stages with Carter and Sloope.
Presented by Decius Aaron Public Works Dir./Lindell Miller Purchasing Mgr.
Item Tabled to be placed on the Consent Agenda 12/13/2021
13. Council Consideration to approve Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 2021-0009, Burke Street Sewer Rehabilitation - RDJE, Inc.
The City of Stockbridge Procurement Division is requesting approval to award a fixed contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, RDJE, Inc., Invitation to Bid (ITB) Number 2021-0009, for the City of Stockbridge Burke Street Sewer Rehabilitation, in the total amount of \$759,307.00.
Presented by Lindell Miller Purchasing Mgr/Decius Aaron, Public Works Dir
Motion to approve Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0.

14. Council Consideration to approve contract renewal.
The City Manager's Office is requesting City Council's approval to renew the term contract pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP) Number 18RFP111918-DRR, Community Development Construction Project Manager, between Keck & Wood, Inc, and the City of Stockbridge, authorizing the Mayor to execute same; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all administrative and budgetary actions related to the Agreement.
Presented by John Wiggins Treasurer/Lindell Miller Purchasing Mgr.
Item Tabled to be placed on the Consent Agenda 12/13/2021
15. Council Consideration to approve continuation of contract.
The Finance Department is requesting approval to continue utilizing Request for Proposal (RFP) Number 17RFP112017-DRR, Information Technology Supportive Services contract with Interdev Technology, LLC, because Interdev Technology, LLC, currently maintains the City's daily operations. The City has seven (7) projects critical to the operations of the City's current network infrastructure.
Presented by John Wiggins Treasurer/Lindell Miller Purchasing Mgr.
Item Tabled to be placed on the Consent Agenda 12/13/2021
16. Council Consideration to approve Police Department Job Descriptions, Organizational Chart and Pay & Classifications and FY2021 Budget Amendment up to \$31,000.00
Presented by Chief Frank Trammer
Motion to approve (2) Job Descriptions, Pay & Class and Organizational Chart for (2) positions contingent upon the Attorney's Legal Opinion regarding the advertisement of the approved positions and FY2021 Budget Amendment up to \$31,000 from Fund Balance: Alexander/Thomas Passed 3-2 (Blount/Gantt Opposed).
17. Council Consideration to approve the purchase of Police Department Vehicles.
Presented by Chief Frank Trammer
Motion to approve Alexander/Thomas Passed 3-0-1 (Councilman Blount Abstained). (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote).
18. Council Consideration approve recommendation of second extended term per Section 4 of Client Services Health and Wellness Agreement for January 1, 2022, thru December 31, 2022.
Presented by Renee Wheeler Human Resources Mgr
Motion to approve Blount/Alexander Passed 3-0-1 (Councilwoman Barber Abstained noting she was not in favor of third extension on the contract) (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote).

19. Council Consideration approve Sister City relationship with the Afigya Kwabre South District of Ghana. A Sister City relationship is a formal, long-term agreement that involves the commitment of resources to achieve specific goals. Sister City Agreements promote cultural, educational, and economic exchanges to generate development between the two communities. The primary aim in establishing a Sister City relationship with the Afigya Kwabre South District of Ghana is to foster mutually beneficial connections that will bring new businesses, tourism, and expand the cultural footprint on both sides of the world. MOU Agreement to be approved in the amount \$5,500.00.
Presented by Alan Peterson Economic Development Director
Motion to approve Alexander/Thomas Passed 3-0-1 (Councilman Blount Abstained). (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote.)
20. Council Consideration to fill a vacancy and appoint a member to the Planning Commission.
Presented by Brecca Johnson Community Development Director
Motion to appoint Rodney Hornes to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term through December 31, 2022, Blount/Alexander Passed 4-0. (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote)
21. Council Consideration to approve re-opening City Hall and public buildings.
Presented by Mayor Ford, Acting City Manager
Motion to approve effective November 15, 2021, Alexander/Blount Passed 4-0. (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote)
22. Council Consideration to approve returning to in-person meetings for public meetings. City Council in-person meeting beginning December 13, 2021.
Presented by Mayor Ford, Acting City Manager
Motion to approve Alexander/Blount Passed 4-0. (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote)

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted COVID is still among us; noted the city approved moving forward with opening city hall; noted we are approaching the holiday season and Pfizer has an approved vaccination for ages 5-11; and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated or tested; noted we are approaching Veterans Day and asked everyone to Thank a Veteran and do all that you can do acknowledge our veterans; asked everyone to be thankful for who is in your life and share good stories; noted TSPLOST passed in the recent election which is fantastic and will allow projects to connect communities.

Councilman Thomas thanked all the citizens for their belief in him and support on being re-elected to the City Council and believing in his truth and thanked his team for their hard work and looks forward to continuing moving the city forward; noted he is excited about the police department, the Cultural Arts Center, trails and improving the quality of life for the everyone in and around Stockbridge; and thanked the voters for believing in him.

Mayor Ford thanked everyone for his re-election as Mayor; looks forward to another fantastic four years; thanked everyone who voted in favor of TSPLOST and looks forward to the Cultural Arts Center and is sure this will be another facility that you will be proud of; and thanked everyone for allowing him to continue to serve.

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.

- Youth Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 2nd Wednesday of each month Via Zoom (Nov 10)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom (Nov 12)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (Nov 16)
- Youth Council & Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (Nov 16)
- City Council Work Session/Budget Hearing - 2nd Reading at 6:00 p.m. – Last Tuesday of each Via Zoom (Nov 30)
- Planning Commission Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – **REVISED** Meeting Date Via Zoom (Dec 2)
- Youth Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 2nd Wednesday of each month Via Zoom (Dec 8)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom (Dec 10)
- City Council Meeting/Budget Hearing - Final Adoption at 6:00 p.m. 2nd Monday of each month Via Zoom (Dec 13)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (Dec 21)
- Youth Council & Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (Dec 21)
- Planning Commission Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – **REVISED** Meeting Date Via Zoom (Dec 16)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

Please join Councilwoman Barber at the Merle Manders Conference Center for FREE Zumba (Fitness in the Park) Saturdays at 8 a.m. at Clark Park Pavilions A, B & C.

Stockbridge *Annual Veterans Day Virtual Event*, Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. via Facebook Live and YouTube.com - Please check the city's Events page for more information: www.cityofstockbridge.com

A Salute to Veterans: Please forward pictures of Veterans including name, branch, rank, and years of service as Councilman Thomas presents a special tribute to our local veterans. Pictures should be submitted to: zpearson@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov Thank you for your service!

Connecting Henry's Annual Noel in November Toy Drive in partnership with Councilman Blount will take place Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 5 pm to 7 pm at Clark Community Park located at 111 Davis Road in Stockbridge, Georgia. Please bring unwrapped toys for children in need. Santa will be there as well.

Here's your opportunity to *Meet the Mayor*, and voice your questions and/or concerns Monday, November 22, 2021, from 10 a.m. to noon. Call City Hall to schedule an appointment. 770-389-7900.

Please support our small local businesses during the entire month of November with special emphasis on *Shop Small Saturday*, November 27th! Stockbridge Small Businesses owners can register to participate in the Stockbridge Small Business Blitz and Small Business Saturday by contacting the Main Street Program Office at mainstreet@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov or contacting Lisa Fareed at 678-833-3325.

Annual Holiday Festival - Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 5pm - 9pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, GA

Motion to adjourn Barber/Alexander Passed 4-0 (Councilwoman Gantt was not present for the vote).